

**ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 19th, 2023**

Present: Heather Saunders, Jane Billings, Greg Brown, Perri Evanson, Carr Everbach, Dave Firn, Betty Ann Flynn, Patrick Gunnin, Bill Hale, Hillard Pouncy, Ken Wright, Jeannine Osayande, George Whitfield, and Barbara Whitaker-Shimko

Excused: Brian Casey, Anne Hansen, Kathryn Jones, and Josh Twersky

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Heather Saunders, Club President.

1. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes for October were approved by the Board as presented.

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2. **President's Report** - The Gundaker Foundation Grant for First Place Swarthmore has been approved in the amount of \$1000.00. This is a matching grant, so the club will donate \$1000.00 to the organization as well.

RYLA is not going to happen this year due to lack of interested students.

3. **Treasurer's Report** - As of 12/31/2022 the checking account balance was 29,122.00. The Board approved the report as presented.

The Club's 990 IRS filing was approved by the Board as presented.

4. **Committee Reports**

Service Projects - David reported the following: Members of the Club have been asked to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes (a food bank in Delaware County) on February 14th. He has had a meeting with Caring for Friends with the possibility of making approximately 250 care bags. The cost to the club would equal a \$1000.00 donation. David is waiting for ERC's spring schedule to see how the club can partner with them. Barbara Whitaker-Shimko is interested in the club to make shopping bags out of T-shirts for the Co-Op. Maybe this can be a project completed during a regular meeting time.

Speakers – Hillard reported that he was thinking of establishing a "Friends of the Speakers Committee" committee. He also reported that Classification Talks will take place on February 1st and maybe one meeting in April.

Membership – Carr reported that he is “still picking away at things.” He is also following up on Kathy Sibley.

Rotary Arts Project (RAP) – Ken reported that things are going pretty well. He has four artist/speakers for the five slots already. Twelve people were signed up for the first event.

Youth Engagement – Jane & Jeannine reported: Jane got the ball rolling with the SRS Home & School Association. Connection has been made with the Young Activist Coalition. They have met with Third Grade Teacher, Jennifer Kennedy, who is part of the Big Ideas Group. The Rotary Reads Program is ready to launch. A sign-up will be sent out to club members. Planning a clean-up day with the Environmental Group. Trying to modernize World of Work. Joy has some suggestions.

Sergeant-at-Arms – No report

C-TEP – The first cohort is down to six participants. Karen at DCCC is a good resource. DCCC may be willing to adopt the program as their own in the future. Four of the nine participants in the second cohort are female.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 10, 4:30-5:30

Respectfully Submitted
George Whitfield, Secretary