

## **ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**Present:** Lori Markusfeld, Heather Saunders, George Whitfield, Jane Billings, Carr Everbach, Hillard Pouncy, Jeannine Osayande, Joe Lesniak, Maria Zissimos, Sarah Pita, Josh Twersky, Peri Evanson, Ken Wright, and David Firn

**Excused:** Elizabeth Church and Anne Hansen

The meeting was called to order by Lori Markusfeld, President at 4:31 P.M.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for June and July were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe reported that as of 8/16/2023 the balance of all accounts was 20,239.93. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

There was discussion about billing fees for new members. It was decided that new members will be billed for the first full quarter after their induction.

The Gundaker invoice was tabled until September's meeting. This motion to table received a unanimous vote.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Program** – Hillard presented the calendar for the remaining club meetings of the year.

**Grants** – Maria reported that the Grants Committee received three requests as follows:

1. The Media Theater – a request for \$1000.00 to purchase booster seats for children. The seats will have a label reading presented by The Rotary Club of Swarthmore.
2. The Swarthmore Public Library – a request for 630.00 to purchase three Remembrance Kits.
3. The Borough of Swarthmore – a request for 1600.00 to replace Memorial Benches at Borough Hall.

All three requests for grants were approved.

**International Service** – Sarah reported that she met with the District’s Committee on Ukraine. The District has raised \$17,000.00 that is being sent to a club in Poland for a hospital in Ukraine.

**Membership:** Carr reported that Marc Berneski will be inducted on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

There was a motion to allocate from the club’s treasury, 600.00 for a Minglefest. The motion passed.

The permit for the Fun Fair has been approved for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Rotary Foundation** – No report.

**Club Service Committee:** Dave reported two days for community service:

1. 9/26 Loaves and Fishes
2. 10/22 Yale Ave. road clean-up

Inquiring if Caring for Friends is interested in coming to us for a packing event. Dave will also inquire with the Head Strong organization to see if they would like to have a packing event this year.

The District is having a fund raiser at Cradle to Crayons. Lori will announce it to the club on 8/17/2023.

**Youth Engagement Committee:** Will request a grant for twelve students to participate in RYLA as well as a second request to help fund the food packaging event held during the RYLA workshop. The committee has decided, instead of depending upon the Guidance Counselors at SHHS to attendees, they will solicit other youth organizations in town to suggest participants.

**PR** – no report

**Rotary Arts Project** - Ken reported that RAP is no longer a project, so the name has been changed to the Rotary Arts Conversations. The time will be from 7-8 (maybe 8:30), and wine and cheese are being added. The PAC will be given 50.00 and splitting the balance of the entry fee. The conversations will begin in September and include October and November. There will not be a gathering in December. The club netted 47.00 from last year’s efforts.

**New Business –**

President Lori and anyone who is interested will meet with Past President Kathryn Jones to discuss concerns about CTEP.

Carr reported that the Swarthmore Town Center will have a Winter Festival of Lights. The Town Center is asking different organizations to put up light displays throughout the 'Ville allowing opportunities to raise money for charities.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary