

## **ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**Present:** Lori Markusfeld, George Whitfield, Jane Billings, Carr Everbach, Hillard Pouncy, Joe Lesniak, Sarah Pita, Josh Twersky, Ken Wright, Maria Zissimos and David Firm

**Excused:** Jeannine Osayande and Heather Saunders

**Guests:** Kathryn Jones and Julie Millward

The meeting was called to order by Lori Markusfeld, President at 4:32 P.M.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for September were approved as presented.

**Special Order:** CTEP Kathryn Jones and Julie Millward

Kathryn and Julie updated the Board on the progress of CTEP and thoughts of how it should move forward.

#### **Cohorts:**

Cohort 1 graduated 4 with 2 remaining.

Cohort 2 has 8 students who should graduate in August 2024

Cohort 3 has 14 students.

#### **Milestones and Achievements:**

1. Cohort 1 has graduated.
2. A new entity has been identified for overall leadership with Delaware County Community College assuming this role.
3. There is a Memorandum of Understanding for the Board to review.
4. Additional external grants have been identified.

After some discussion, the Board requested more information on the cost to the Club in the future and what the Club's long-term role would be. It was suggested that an ad-hoc committee be appointed to bring a proposal to the Board. There was a question if the Board should deal directly with the Rotary Club of Chester as

it pertains to CTEP and not go through a third party (DCCC). There are also concerns with “hitching” to another non-profit organization.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joe reported as of 09/30/2023 the balance of all accounts was 23,167.27. The treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

**Program** – Hillard reported a correction to the Ray Didingier visit. There was a net loss of 12.18.

**Grants** – The committee presented a request for a 1000.00 grant to Heal Pignot Phase II. The request was approved.

**International Service** – Sarah reported that she met with the District’s Ukraine Committee. She stated the committee has raised 20,000.00 for a hospital in Ukraine, which was sent to a Rotary Club in Poland to administer.

**Membership:** Carr reported that he continues to work on prospects.

**Rotary Foundation** – Elizabeth stated she attended the District’s RI Foundation training. Rotary Moments at the Club’s weekly meetings will focus on projects sponsored by RI Grants.

**Club Service Committee:** David reported there will be a Yale Ave. clean up on October 21, 2023.

**Youth Engagement Committee:** Jane and Jeanene reported that Jeanene is working with the people at SRS. Jane is working on ways to recruit local students to attend RYLA. The District is not ready for Exchange Students, but the club should prepare itself as the District is trying to resurrect the Exchange Student Committee.

**PR** – no report.

**Old Business** – Match for a District Grant is still available.

**New Business** – There may be a possibility of having a joint fellowship with the Media Club during Christmastime at Hedgerow Theater.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary