

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 15th, 2023

Present: Lori Markusfeld, George Whitfield, Jane Billings, Carr Everbach, Hillard Pouncy, Joe Lesniak, Josh Twersky, Ken Wright, Jeannine Osayande, Heather Saunders, and David Firn

Excused: Maria Zissimos, and Sarah Pita

The meeting was called to order by Lori Markusfeld, President at 4:33 P.M.

Secretary's Report: No report. Minutes for October will be presented at November's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported as of 11/15/2023 the balance of all accounts was 26,000.00. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Program – Hillard reported there are two open dates until the end of the calendar year. The Silvertones will be at the meeting on December 21st, 2023.

Grants – The committee presented a request from the Chester Childrens Chorus for swimming instruction. The grant was approved contingent that the club had not made any contributions within the past three years.

International Service – No report

Membership: Carr reported that he continues to work on prospects. He also informed the Board about the Swarthmore Town Center's Festival of Lights. Local charitable organizations were invited to erect light displays in the Village. People who view the displays could then make donations to the charities. Our donations will be used to allow wider accessibility to the Fun Fair.

Rotary Foundation – Elizabeth stated after attending the District's RI Foundation workshop, she has had conversations PDG Peter Mardinly, Chairperson of the District's Foundation Committee.

Club Service Committee: David reported seven people participated in the Yale Ave. clean-up on 10/21/23. He thanked the Lesniak family for participating. There will be volunteer opportunities with Loaves and Fishes on 11/28/23 and 1/23/24. He has reached out to Headstrong to see if they are interested in the Club assembling Comfort Kits.

President's report: Lori reported that the Club will once again provide and serve Hot Chocolate and Donuts at Home for the Holidays on 12/02/23.

She also presented a motion to apply for a matching District Grant for CTEP. The motion passed with one abstention.

Youth Engagement Committee: Jeanine reported that she spoke with Taylor Moat from the SRS Home and School Association to understand what the organization's interest would be in working with the club. It was suggested to remind SRS that the club can provide people to come into the school to read to the students.

PR – no report.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

The meeting adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary