

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 20th, 2023

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

Excused: David Firn, Elizabeth Church, and Jeannine Osayande

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes for October and November were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported as of 12/20/2023 the balance of all accounts was 25,504.38. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Program – Hillard reported the programs for 2023 are complete and the programs for January 2024 are coming along. He has received good suggestions from club members.

Grants – The committee received a request from a local boy scout to support maintenance of the Pollinator Garden at the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, which was not supported by the committee and not voted on by the Board. A request to fund Shelter Box was sent back to the Committee.

International Service Sarah reported that she received a picture of a Ukraine hospital with twenty thousand dollars worth of medical supplies already in use. The group she has been working with will reconvene in the new year to see if there is anything more that can be done. Currently Sarah is reviewing a Global Grant for Namibia

Membership: Carr reported that there will be a Fire Side Chat for Lisa O'Mahoney on 12/21/23 and Julie Alleman's membership is in development. Carr also reported that the Holiday Light Display runs from 12/02 through 01/19. There was an article

in The Swarthmorean as to how the display works. The cost to construct the display was \$1,000.00, for which he would like to be reimbursed.

There was a motion to reimburse Carr \$1,000.00 for the materials used to build the Rotary Holiday Light Display. The motion passed with Carr abstaining.

Rotary Foundation – No report.

Club Service Committee: In David's absence, Lori reported that members of the club will volunteer at Loaves and Fishes 1/23/24. David has reached out to Nick's House but have not heard back yet.

President's report: No report

Youth Engagement Committee: Jane reported that she has not spoken with Jeanine, but MLK is on the calendar at SRS. Jane attended a meeting at SHSH with members of the Counseling Department and Career Services. She has six students registered for RYLA and gave information about RYLA to a representative from the Delaware County Vocational/Technical School.

PR – no report.

Old Business – none

New Business – There was discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding between Delaware County Community College and the Rotary Club of Swarthmore, as it pertains to CTEP. There was a motion to send the document back to committee for clarity and a recommendation of support or not to support the document. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary

