

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 17th, 2024

Present: Lori Markusfeld, George Whitfield, Jane Billings, Carr Everbach, Hillard Pouncy, Joe Lesniak, Heather Saunders, Maria Zissimos, David Firn, Elizabeth Church, Brian Casey, and Sarah Pita

Excused: Jeannine Osayande, Josh Twersky, Ken Wright

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes for December were approved as presented with one abstention.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported as of 01/17/2024 the balance of all accounts was \$29,090.51. This amount includes third quarter dues. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Program – Hillard reported his committee was clearing the back log of classification talks. The committee tries to be one month ahead with speakers; however, no one has been booked for February at the time of this meeting.

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 No report.

Membership: Carr reported that Lisa O'Mahony has been inducted and he is following up on other leads.

He also reported that things are heating up for the Fun Fair. He continues to work on the number of stages. Registration of charities are coming in as well as ads. Carr will follow up on ads with the Swarthmorean. The cost for a booth is 25.00, student groups are free.

Carr also reported that he is taking down the Winter Festival display.

Rotary Foundation – Elizabeth reported that she is moving forward with solicitations for the RI Foundation. She will send a letter to the people who have not yet donated. Approximately seven people took advantage of the double points through the District's program.

Club Service Committee: David reported that there were five people signed up for Loaves and Fishes for 01/23/24. Looking forward, the next opportunity to volunteer is 03/26/2024. May 4th, 2024 , there will be a Yale Ave. road clean-up.

President's report: No report

Youth Engagement Committee: Jane reported that RYLA is "a go," thanks to the efforts of Bran Casey. Of the twelve students that our club usually pays for, Jane offered to pay for students who are participants of the program at the Garage, and six students from Strath Haven Senior High School.

PR – no report.

Old Business – President Lori reported that she has been in conversation with Kathryn Jones in reference to CTEP. Kathryn would like to be the liaison between the club and Delaware County Community College. We will hear more in February.

New Business – There was a motion to support the president e-elect to attend the Rotary International Convention, for up to 1500.00. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary

