

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 21st, 2024

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

Excused: Heather Saunders, Maria Zissimos, and Elizabeth Church

The meeting was called to order by Lori Markusfeld, President at 4:34 P.M.

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

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported as of 02/22/2024 the balance of all accounts was \$24,272.54. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Program – Hillard reported that speakers for the weekly meeting are populated through March.

Grants – No report.

International Service Sarah reported that she met with the District's committee on Ukraine. The committee discussed if the District should continue to raise funds for Ukraine. The feeling of this Board was to continue support for Ukraine and Palestine through Shelter Box International.

Membership: Carr reported he is always pecking away at contacts and is always in touch with speakers.

He also reported that things are going very well for the Fun Fair. To date, twenty-five charities have registered. Carr is interested in providing risk bands for children who may not be able to participate in the Fun Fair due to cost. Board members agreed and offered to donate to this cause.

Rotary Foundation – No Report.

Club Service Committee: David reported that the next opportunity to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes is 03/26/2024, and that there will be a Yale Rd. clean-up on May 04th, 2024.

President's report: No report

Rotary Arts Conversations - Ken Reported that the previous event was well attended, and the next conversation will be March 15th, 2024.

Youth Engagement Committee: Jeannine reported that she has been in contact with Taylor Moots of the SRS Home and School Association. There will be Bingo on 04/19/2024. Jeannine will confirm with Taylor how Rotary may be of assistance. Jeannine discussed the possibility of an Oral History Project that would include students, teachers Rotarians, and people in the community. Jeannine is also looking at a possible Earth Day activity.

Jane reported that newer member Mark Bernesky was an Interactor in high school and is interested in starting an Interact Club that is community based.

PR – no report.

Old Business – The Board voted unanimously to accept the Memorandum of understanding between the Rotary Club of Swarthmore and Delaware County Community College as presented to them by the working committee on CTEP.

New Business – Lori would like to support the cost of attending Rotary Leadership Institute and the District Conference to encourage members to participate, especially new members. We currently have \$200.00 left in a budget of \$315.00 and agreed to provide additional support based on interest. Lori will communicate to members that we are willing to help and to please contact her if interested.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary

Additional reporting by Lori Markusfeld

