

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 20th, 2024

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

Excused: Ken Wright, Maria Zissimos, Ann Hansen, and Jeannine Osayande

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported as of 03/20/2024 the balance of all accounts was \$25,381.97. This amount includes \$75.00 to Swarthmore Town Center for the light display. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Program – Hillard reported that he is currently booking speakers for May, and that there are only eight slots available for the remainder of this Rotary year.

Grants – A request from the committee for \$1000.00 to Keep Music Alive was passed unanimously by the board.

International Service no report.

Membership: Carr reported that Mary Laxton is moving forward with membership.

Instead of the club having a food booth, the restaurants in town have been asked to open on the day of the Fun Fair.

Rotary Foundation: Elizabeth reported that she is moving along with soliciting club members for donations to the RI Foundation and is looking to send notes to people who have already given.

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 – No report

Youth Engagement Committee: Jane reported that she is moving along with establishing a community based Interact Club for teens grades 8 through 12.

PR – no report.

Old Business – The Board voted to contribute a total of \$470.00 for two club members to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute and one club member to attend the District Conference. The request passed with one abstention.

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.

It was the feeling of the Board that we consider some other literacy project and not the Dictionary Project in which were asked to participate.

The Board discussed participation in the Good Scout Award and decided to purchase an ad for 500.00 and encourage members to attend. The Awardees are Bill Hall and John Linder.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary

