

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 17th, 2024

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

Excused: Ken Wright, Maria Zissimos, and Ann Hansen

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes for February were approved with the following corrections:

Under Treasurer's Report, the second line, first complete sentence should read: This amount includes \$75.00 from Swarthmore Town Center for the light display.

Under New Business, last paragraph last line should read: are Bill Hale and John Linder.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported as of 04/17/2024 the balance of all accounts is \$28,521.51. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Program – Hillard had a question on the President elect's installation as to date and need for a speaker if the installation was going to be held during a regular Thursday meeting- of the club. Also, Lori needs to have one last Club Assembly. The suggested date was May 16th.

Grants – No report

International Service Sarah shared that the speaker for Thursday, April 18th will be Dr. Laurie Marker from the Cheetah Conservation Fund.

Membership: Carr announced the Fire Chat for Rosemary Fox April 18, after the regular club meeting. He also had a question on Corporate Memberships and various times for meetings.

Rotary Foundation: Elizabeth reported that twenty-three members have donated to the RI Foundation with twenty-one that need to give. The latter includes five new members.

Club Service Committee: David reported that the day of service at Loaves and Fishes was exceptionally good. He has received a request from the Swarthmore Farmers Market soliciting volunteers to set up and take down the market.

President's report: No report

Rotary Arts Conversations – In Ken's absence, Lori reported the dates going forward for the Arts Conversations are 6/21/24, 9/10/24, 10/18/24, and 11/15/24.

Youth Engagement Committee: Jeannine reported on her conversation with Taylor Moots of SRS. Taylor says there will not be any more "drives" this school year, may a BINGO night. Taylor also asked if there was an opportunity to help with the Fun Fair, to which Carr answered, yes, set up and take down.

Jane reported that two Strath Haven High School students that attended RYLA have found a sponsor for a Rotaract club at the high school.

PR – no report.

Old Business – None

New Business – Lori announced to the Board Delco Gives. A twenty-four-hour opportunity for people to donate to Delaware County Charities. This is an event of the Foundation of Delaware County for which our own Frances Sheehan is the Executive Director. George explained that the Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust is one of the charities listed to receive donations and the Trustees will match the first \$1,820.00. George also stated that according to his recollection, this is the first time the Trust has solicited contributions.

Lori shared that she had received an e-mail from Past President Kathryn Jones letting her know that there still is money available from the District for a grant for CTEP. It was the feeling of the Board that since the District Grant must be matched by the club, we will decline this opportunity because the club has donated to CTEP already this Rotary year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29.

Respectfully submitted,

George Whitfield, Secretary