

Rotary Club of Swarthmore

Board Minutes

November 21, 2024

2:00 p.m. following the regular meeting at the Inn at Swarthmore

Present: Jane Billings, Elizabeth Church, Carr Everbach, Joe Lesniak, Lori Markusfeld, Hillard Pouncy, Lisa O'Mahoney, Josh Twersky, George Whitfield, Maria Zissimos

Not Present: Marc Bernesky, Brian Casey, Rosemary Fox, Sara Pita, Ken Wright

Guest: Joy Charlton

This meeting was held in place of the Board meeting scheduled for November 20, 2024. Those not present were excused. Approval of the October minutes and Treasurer's Report was deferred until the scheduled December 18 meeting.

Committee Reports were also deferred until the December meeting.

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved a \$1,000 grant request from the Chester Children's Chorus to help support math coaching in the spring semester of the 2024-25 school year.

Joy reported that Peace Fellow Mohammed Fakhry's family (wife and two young daughters) were granted a visa to join him in the United States. The Board previously committed \$20,000 towards their living expenses, with the expectation that some of the monies would come from local fundraising and/or District Funds. Joy proposed that the committed Club funds be used to pay Mohammed's rent, which is currently \$1,650 per month. George's motion to pay the rent was seconded by Maria. Jane suggested an amendment to the motion clarifying that payment would begin in December. The motion passed unanimously; Hillard abstained, citing concerns that other funding had not yet been secured.

The Board requested that Jane speak directly with District 7450 Board Member Brian Casey about district funds to support Mohammed's family.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Billings, Board President