**Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park**

**Club Board Meeting January 15, 2024 4:00 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Ed Pearson, Mark Phillips, Ed Sterner, Dennis Day, Darlene Zulauf, Robin Roat, Charlie Weber, Linda Holman, Heidi Shepherd, Karen Edwardsen

Guest: Paul McMurry

**December’s Minutes:** The December 18th Minutes were approved and seconded by Heidi and Robin.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mark shared that we currently have $16,000 in the bank. Dues will go out soon. There has been no invoice yet from the District or from International.

The cost for the New Year’s celebration was $2,200.00.

Mark has transferred $7,000 (Chase Bank) into a CD. He needs Scott Wands to officially resign for this transaction to clear.

**Foundation:** Paul M. shared that the Foundation will be reviewing and updating our Policies and Procedures, probably in early March.

There was a discussion regarding reinstating and awarding the Dr. John Halver pin to Paul Harris Award club members, as well as auction sponsors who donated $1,000 or more. Paul will ask Allison to research who has qualified over the years to earn the Paul Harris Award.

It was presented and seconded by Heidi that, as of July 1, 2023, members recognized for their contribution of $1,000 will be awarded the John Halver pin. Approved.

Along those lines, the Board also discussed reintroducing the Jeff Weisman Award (to be renamed) to acknowledge businesses or individuals who support Rotary and make a difference in our community. Robin, George, and Mark will form a committee to update this award and present it to the Board in the near future.

**Auction Update:** Robin and Kim are working on a video and script to present at the auction. People are encouraged to sign up to bring cakes for desserts at the table. Ed Sterner shared that approximately $30,000 has been raised for Sponsorships, with the goal of $40,000. He encouraged people to send names/businesses to him to contact.

**Membership:** The Board discussed the possibility of introducing a Partner Membership which would include a current Rotarian and spouse/significant other. The couple would pay all required dues excluding club dues. The “other” would also pay for the hybrid’s meal.

Mark thinks a Family Membership on DACdb (one invoice for the primary member and addition of dues to the spouse) would work.

Ed P. and Robin will write up the proposal to be voted on by the Board.

Dennis shared that mentors are needed to be trained asap and for people to contact him if interested.

Dennis would like to create an Exit Survey for members who are leaving the club to fill out.

**Community Service:** Darlene has had two requests for funding this month.

**International:** Mary S. is working with Modu on a possible District grant.

**Youth:** Heidi shared that funding is moving along.

**Environmental:** Linda discussed the Earth Day Project, April 22nd, of collecting lithium batteries. There will be six pick-up sites in our district, one being at the Lake Forest Park Town Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00. Next Board Meeting is February 19th.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Edwardsen