**1. President Matters**

* Wrapping up District Grant/obtaining district match: meeting on 1/3 with IH2 (Mindy)– we gave her $1500 at the 1/3 meeting. UPDATE - after talking to Ken Fleeson we are giving her the other $1500 now too (Gary has given the check to Dave Hein as Dave will see Mindy during the week of 1/8 and take a picture with the big check). **ACTION:** Tom and Seth to wrap up paperwork to get district match.
* Night at the Races—new date is February 9. Dan Goss has started signups/issued the flyer.
* Agreed to make the February 14 Club Assembly as an in-person working meeting with our members to find ways to increase involvement in club meetings, service, socials, fundraising and increase membership. **ACTION:** Tom and Roger to alert Treesdale on in-person meeting.
* Next board meeting is February 7
* District Workshop in March; District Conference is mid-May 2024

**2. President Elect Matters**

* Mars Clock – Order placed. **ACTION:** Dave needs to finalize the donor plaque by 1/31 (Armstrong donation now received –one more from a Mars Historical Society member will be received in January)
* Richland project underway (sign for within the Richland Park) – full scoping/cost in the next 30-60 days
* Pine and Richland community day plans to be formulated; contact Mars for their events, Adams TBD – relates to the new Community Relations position noted in the next item
* Board positions for next year – agreed to by the board in this meeting.
	+ President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Foundation Chair established
	+ Other board positions: International, Public Image, Club Service, Community Service, Community Relations (new), Programs, Membership and New Generations
	+ (Not a board position) but the board suggested a return to having a Sargent at Arms – to be a consistent greeter and log-in person at meetings
* NOTE: Dave Hein has asked and Jim Long has agreed to be Community Relations and will get him up to speed. This position and Jim taking it had to be established because RI wanted to know the Foundation Chair for next year (Jim Long will move this to Jim Kirschner).
* Continuing to work with the Rich-Mar Club Appalachia Satellite (Impact Group) – info sessions on Jan 9 and 10 for parents and students
* Dave signed up to attend PETS in early March.
* 501c(3) pursuit – benefits of doing so to allow donations to be tax deductible - **Action:** Dave and Gary to pursue legal/accounting team to do this work and determine cost which can be shared by the Club, satellite and impact club. Update: After the meeting Gary Weston determined how to ask for a separate PA State Tax exemption and Ken Fleeson determining if a West Virginia Rotary Club can help with the impact group’s mission trip purchases tax exemption in WV. **Action:** Gary and Ken to follow up on tax exemptions.
* Golf outing committee finalizing contracts with Butler CC (golf and banquet).
* Dave trying to find out more on Ethics Training within schools happening in Erie club in District 7280. Dave would like to import this training into our high schools and also possibly local colleges like LaRoche and Chatham *(no change from last report – listed here for tracking purposes)*

**3. Secretary Report** - update on our rolls: 25 active, 15 Rule 85, 4 corporate, 4 honorary, 18 satellite, 9 impact group

**4. Treasurer Reports**

* Reviewed income/expense report
* Excellent progress made on unpaid dues or other owed funds (e.g., pancake breakfast) and corporate accounts are all paid up. We have two major delinquent dues individuals (one of which we will forgive past bill associated with Club luncheon meals that the person did not attend). **Action:** In meetings next week at the two high schools, Dave will remind the schools that they are paying for a meal at each lunch meeting and should look to send a rep.

5**. Membership Committee**

* Updated on committee actions and five new prospects that Joe is pursuing (Ricardo, Adam, John, Nick Guido (new PRYC head who attended the 1/3 meeting) and Jennifer (new prospect ID’d right after the 1/3 meeting).
* Using SBCBA social to recruit members (need a Rotary presentation)and possible Mother’s Impact Group (Dave leading)
* Committee is participating in the January 27, 2024 district membership summit to increase rolls
* Bring guests to club meetings and events!
* Board talked about reaching out to the Next Tier Bank head (Clem).

**6. International**

* Lou proposed and board agreed to another $1000 to Ingomar Living Waters and $1000 to Doctors without Borders (Lou formally sent paperwork to Gary after the meeting to proceed). That leaves about $650 of unused money in International budget.
* Walk 4 Water with PR Club will be in May as an after school event (final date TBD) – proceeds to Water from Clay/Honduras Hope Mission

**7. Programs**

* Roger updated us on programs and ensures DacDB calendar is up to date (see attached).

**8. Foundation**

* Update on giving – total is $5503 slightly behind last year; if we can get a good meeting turnout, the board talked about a meeting devoted to donation giving. Brandon also suggested some club match to donations on such a giving day meeting.

**9. New Generations**

* Mars Interact Club – finalizing plans to team with them on the Polar Plunge on Feb 24 **ACTION:** Dave
* Dictionary handout completed in Mars and PR. Extra dictionaries going to Holy Sepulcher
* PR Club: should be certified as an Interact Club by January. Dave and Matt providing Interact Club Resources from Rotary to the club. Providing more service recommendation ideas to PR
* Next Student Recognition in February on the 21st
* World Affairs youth meeting is in Spring 2024 – pushed this with both principals
* Meeting with Mars and PR Principals next week to push Rotary Programs including Rotary Youth Exchange
* Joe Schmitt will attend Beattie tech luncheon on January 4 with other local clubs that promotes the joint Club scholarships (we intend to participate again at the $1500 level)
* Career Day in Mars SD at the Elementary School Feb 12, 13 and 14 – is an event that will get some publicity in the club to see if any members or business owners would support.

**10. Club Service and Public Relations**

* Social with SBCBA (see above under Membership Committee ) is going to occur on January 18
* Seth working on glitches so our Instagram account is up and running – then how do we use it or hook with other entities like the schools and communities.
* Other Public Image opportunities being pursued. Seth did submit articles for dictionary handout, etc.
* Gary Weston noted that another club has business ads in their newsletter . Something to consider for us.

**11.** **Community Service**

* Excellent turnout and results for Kettle Bell Ringing. Brandon has not received overall NHCO results yet. **ACTION:** Brandon noted he might want to use some of our community service money to match whatever we collected on our kettle bell ringing day (once we know that total).
* 12/14 social raised money for Caring Place
* Early 2024 plans being finalized – **ACTION:** Brandon and Dave to finalize/publicize
	+ Still looking to do a senior home event in January or early February
	+ Feb 17 Light of Life Donation Center and Feb 24 Polar Plunge with Mars Interact
	+ Need to finalize plans with MHY and their playground (March/April) – UPDATE: Amy Smith said they need help installing the surface on the new special needs children playground (no expertise needed) and would greatly appreciate a mulch donation and spreading in the spring.
	+ Update to an event with police (Jim Long action) – not clear this will be pursued as there is not a compelling topic per Jim.
	+ Date set for helping with Satellite Shred-It Event (May 4)
* Any interest in Sleep in Heavenly Peace project (district e-mail to us) – will discuss at next meeting.
* **ACTION:** Brandon will invite the new NHCO director to either the 5/1, 6/5 or 6/19 club meeting

**12. Past President Report** - nothing to report