**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2022**

Attendees: Laura Candell, Larissa Cason, Marcella Yaremchuk, Tina Shaw, Shawn Sawyer, LaTora Keigley-Harker and Brad Merrifield.

The January 11, 2022, meeting was called to order by Laura Candell at 11:00 a.m.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from the December 16, 2021 meeting were presented. Brad made the motion to approve the minutes, as amended, and LaTora seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The account balances as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

General Operating Account: $29,188.31

General Scholarship Account: $1,620.43

We have one returned check for dues from Kayur Patel because his account was closed. We need to talk to two people about their dues checks because they couldn’t be cashed. All other checks cleared.

**Ongoing Business**

* **Event Planning:**
  + Community Service – We will be joining with the South Fairmont club on the evening of Feb 9 at 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. at MidCity Bowling Alley to put together Jared Boxes. The South Fairmont club will be paying us $350, half of the cost of the boxes. Tina Shaw has ordered the supplies. We will deliver half of the boxes to WVU’s Fairmont facility and half of the boxes to the new Mon General facility.
  + January is National Soup Month. Tanya Devine suggested to Laura Candell an idea to put soup cans (with pull top tabs) in all of the blessing boxes in the county. Larissa Cason made a motion to go forward with this project, which was seconded by Brad Merrifield. ***The motion passed***. Tina Shaw will work on finding out where all the blessing boxes are located.
* **Upcoming Speakers:**
  + - * Jan 13 – Tanya Devine regarding the soup project
      * Jan 20 – Cody Blosser
      * Jan 27 – Shaun Petracca
* **Project Updates:**
  + Flags– Brad Merrifield proposed replacing half of the flags this year (400) and half next year (400) at $17.75 apiece. He also proposed raising the price charged to community members from $35 per year to $45 per year. We have not had a price increase in many years. Larissa Cason made a motion to replace half of the flags this year and half of the flags next year at the price of $17,75 each, and to raise the price charged to $45 per year. LaTora Keigley-Harker seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***
* **Committee Updates:**
  + Public Relations – Tina Shaw continues to advise the media of club events and to post photos of the speakers at our meetings to Facebook.
  + Grants – Laura Candell spoke to Melanie Driver about the grant deadline coming up on February 1. Melanie Driver and Susan Walls are working to find out how many dictionaries we need to order and then Melanie will submit the grant application.
  + Scholarship– The committee will start meeting in April or May.

**New Business**

* **Upcoming Events:**
  + Membership List: We have 47 members who are active or honorary on the roster. The board reviewed the membership list and the past due billings. There are three members (Alexa Caban, Brandi Opas, and Stephen Sparks) who will be sent a letter stating that need pay their past due billings or resign from the club. Four members will be rebilled (Michael Angelluci, Keyur Patel, Robert Pevler, and Martin Hoffman). Shawn Sawyer will speak to Dennis Chase to find out if he wants to continue his membership. Shawn will circulate draft letter to the members with past due balances. Laura Candell will remove four former members from Quickbooks. There are four new members who have not been billed (Larissa Cason, Mirta Martin, Tanya Devine, and Jon Dodds).
  + DACdb Finance module: Brad Merrifield made a motion that the club should subscribe to this module, which LaTora Keigley-Harker seconded. ***The motion passed.***
  + Flag project funds: Larissa Cason made a motion to open a separate bank account for the flag project expenses and revenue, and to fund it with $7,500 and the pay the Boy Scouts for last year from the general operating account. Brad Merrifield seconded the motion. ***The motion passed*.**
* **Other Business:**
  + Membership Initiatives: The Board discussed various ways to retain current members and to attract new members. Lou Spatafore made a presentation to the Board about how to attract new members. He focused on the pros of being a Fairmont Rotary club member, including networking opportunities, fellowship, community service, and the fact that the club meets at Fairmont State University. The Board discussed whether being charged for all meals deterred people from joining the club. Larissa Cason made a motion to change active member billing to only bill members for the cost of a lunch for the meetings that they attend, beginning with meetings held after January 1, 2022. Shawn Sawyer seconded the motion. ***The motion passed*.**
  + The Board discussed holding an event to benefit a Make-A-Wish recipient or a recipient of benefits from the Walking Miracles Foundation.
  + Fundraising – the Enjoy Books are not selling well this year. The Board decided not to sell them again in the future.
* **Donation Requests:**
  + The Board discussed developing a policy for making donations, including how the Board wants to approach donation requests. One idea discussed is to have grant requests rather than donation requests.
  + The Board currently has donation requests from the following organizations:
    - $315 from Camp Horseshoe to send a child/teen to Youth Leadership Camp.
    - $500 from Woodlawn Cemetery to restore the Abbey.
    - $500 from 612 MAC/the Howard Center to restore the building. The Howard Center would like to start offering curriculum.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa A Cason