**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2022**

Attendees: Laura Candell, LaTora Keigley-Harker, Larissa Cason, Sean Sawyer, Brad Merrifield, and Lou Spatafore.

The March 17, 2022, meeting was called to order by Laura Candell at 11:00 a.m.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from the February 24, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by LaTora Keigley-Harker and seconded by Sean Sawyer. ***The motion passed***.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The account balances as of February 28, 2022 are as follows:

General Checking Account: $23,461.26

General Scholarship Account: $1,903.46

CD: $31,299.05

Money Market: $13,905.56

There were debits in February for Rotary International dues and for the Boy Scouts. There are invoices out to members for which we are awaiting payment. LaTora Keigley-Harker is still investigating a couple of dues issues to make sure the invoices are correct before sending them out. LaTora just got the deposit slips for the flag account and will make the initial deposit.

Sean Sawyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by Larissa Cason. ***The motion passed***.

**Ongoing Business**

* **Event Planning:**
  + Blessing Boxes: We need to start collecting donations to put in the Blessing Boxes in April. Laura Candell will talk to Tina Shaw or Jon Dodds about posting a notice on our Facebook page soliciting donations.
  + Discover Rotary: This event is March 30. Currently, we only have one RSVP from a club member and about six non-Rotarians are interested in coming. We need to have a head count to the Fairmont Field Club by March 28.
  + PETS has been rescheduled to April 2.
  + District Convention is May 6-8 at Canaan Valley.
* **Upcoming Speakers:**
  + Lou Spatafore has been reading a Women in History selection the past two weeks. He will continue to do so for the rest of the month. He is working on scheduling upcoming speakers. He has been putting our meeting dates and speakers in the Times West Virginian, in the Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday editions.

* + On April 28, 2022, we will be meeting at WVU Fairmont Hospital. They will give us a tour and have lunch available for us. We need a head count of attendees by April 14.
* **Club Communication:**
  + Laura Candell reported that some members have not been receiving or responding to emails send through DACdb. DACdb offers an option to text members at the mobile phone number in their account, called PText. There is a cost of $.02 per text for the plan where the club does not need to know a member’s mobile phone carrier. Larissa Cason made a motion that the club start using PText to contact members about upcoming meetings and events, among other uses. Sean Sawyer seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.
* **Project Updates:**
  + Flags– Brad Merrifield ordered the new flags and received them within 48 hours. He was able to purchase the flags at a wholesale rate of $11.25, tax exempt, and the shipping was free. He ordered 500 flags.
* **Committee Updates:**
  + Public Relations – Laura Candell will speak to either Tina Shaw or Jon Dodds about promoting the Blessing Box project on social media.
  + Grants – We received the grant for the dictionary project. We are waiting for the check to be sent to us.
  + Membership – We need RSVPs for the Discover Rotary event.
  + Scholarship– There is no report this month. LaTora Keigley-Harker is willing to step back from the committee if there is another club member that wants to get involved. It is not a big time commitment.

**Old Business**

* Finance Module – LaTora Keigley-Harker is still entering some information into the system, but it is up and working well now.

**New Business**

* Flag Day Event – Laura Candell discussed working with Main Street Fairmont, who is having a Hometown Market on June 11. She suggested inviting the Shinnston community band to play. The club could have a table at the Hometown Market to talk about Rotary or sell flags.
* **Donation Requests:**
  + Sean Sawyer made a motion to make the following donations:
    - Rhododendron Girls State - $250

Brad Merrifield seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.

**Other Business**

* Laura Candell suggested developing a community award to help raise the club’s profile. The award could be given quarterly or annually, and we could start giving it out as early as April.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa A Cason