**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 14, 2022**

Attendees: Laura Candell, LaTora Keigley-Harker, Larissa Cason, Tina Shaw, Marcella Yaremchuk, Brad Merrifield, Judd Doerfler, and Lou Spatafore.

The April 14, 2022, meeting was called to order by Laura Candell at 11:03 a.m.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brad Merrifield and seconded by LaTora Keigley-Harker. ***The motion passed***.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The account balances as of March 31, 2022 are as follows:

General Checking Account: $15,404.29

General Scholarship Account: $2,048.48

Flag Account: $3,546.68

There are no outstanding checks for March. The investment accounts remain about the same as last month

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

**Ongoing Business**

* **Event Planning:**
  + Blessing Boxes: We want to have people pick up supplies from the Chamber of Commerce office on Monday. Laura and LaTora will divide the supplies for delivery to each individual box.
* **Upcoming Speakers:**
  + April 14 - Guy Ward
  + April 21 – Michael Yura from Cheat Lake Rotary regarding disaster assistance.
  + April 28 – Meeting at WVU Fairmont Hospital.
  + May 6 – Randy Elliott (tentatively)
* **Project Updates:**
  + Flags: Brad Merrifield reported that he is working on billing. He sent out about 120 bills to people who either didn’t pay last year or who have multiple flags and need alternate bills. He will work with the women at Woodlawn Cemetery to send out the bulk of he bills. Anyone who wants to help get bills ready should contact Brad.
* **Committee Updates:**
  + Public Relations – No updates.
  + Grants – No updates.
  + Membership – We are still receiving applications from attendees at the Discover Rotary event.
  + Scholarship– LaTora Keigley-Harker reported that John Schooley sent application information to the high schools and applications are starting to come in. The committee will meet in Mid-May to review the applications.
  + Youth Programs – EFHS Interact Club – Jaime Ford, the advisor of the beekeeping club, is working on reactivating the EFHS Interact club, but there is a current advisor recognized by the School Board, so that needs to be worked out by the School Board. Jaime Ford would like to bring the club members to our meeting once a month.

**Old Business**

* CD Accounts – LaTora Keigley-Harker met with Evan Kliethermes last week. The club’s funds at Edward Jones have been in money market accounts. The scholarship money comes out of a money market account each year. The interest rates on CDs have been increasing. Evan recommends keeping what we need for this year’s scholarships in a money market account, to deposit some of the money in a one-year CD, and the majority of the funds in a two-year CD. That way we can continue to pull out scholarship money each year as one of the CDs matures. LaTora made a motion to: keep the scholarship money we will need for this year in a money market account; open a one-year CD for a portion of the funds; and research an index fund the remainder of the money and decide at the May meeting whether to invest in an index fund or a two-year CD. Larissa Cason seconded the motion.

**New Business**

* New Member applications – Laura will circulate the new members applications we have received to the club members for voting. We will plan on inducting individuals into the club during the first meeting in May, except for Cari Morgan from WVU Fairmont Hospital, who will be inducted at the April 28 meeting at the hospital.
* 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, sell flags, have activities for kids, and/or examples of projects. The Boy Scouts are interested in participating in the event. Laura will connect them with Dan Swiger. We will order a Fairmont Rotary tablecloth.
* Venue Change – Fairmont Field Club has offered to provide lunch for $12 per mal, with no minimum commitment, and just charging for members who attend each meeting. Members would be responsible for leaving a tip. FFC would have a place for us to keep our meeting materials. The Board agreed to present the proposal to the club for vote by the membership.
* Tina Shaw made a motion to add Lou Spatafore to the Board of Directors as the President Nominee. LaTora Keigley-Harker seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Other Business**

* We received thank you notes from Woodlawn Cemetery and The Howard Center for previous donations. We received a certificate for the dictionary project.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa A Cason