**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2022**

Attendees: Laura Candell, Larissa Cason, Brad Merrifield, Sean Sawyer (via videoconference), Lou Spatafore, and Cody Offen.

The October 11, 2022, meeting was called to order by Laura Candell at 12:37 p.m.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Laura Candell provided the treasurer’s report for September. She reported that all but $95 dollars has been deposited in the flag account. Brad Merrifield reported that the club is owed about $1,60 in flag payments, $960 of which is owed by Ford Funeral Home. Laura Candell reported that she received a check from them last week for both dues and flags. All of the other outstanding flag customers have said they will be paying. The club will be paying the Boy Scouts about $4,000 to $5,000 from the flag account. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Lou Spatafore and seconded by Brad Merrifield. ***The motion passed***.

**Ongoing Business**

* **Event Planning:**
  + Community Service/Blessing Boxes: The Board would like to do this project in the fourth quarter. Laura will reach out to the committee.
  + District Governor’s visit: This visit will occur on October 13. We have RSVPs from 23 people, 11 of whom are from our club.
  + Put Put for Polio is scheduled for October 16 at 2:00 p.m. Three people have signed up to golf as of this time.
* **Upcoming Speakers/Meetings:**
  + Oct 13 – James Kane from Stonetower
  + Oct 20 – Tim Kenig, the FSU men’s basketball coach
  + Oct 27 – Shawna Clutter, Impulse Massage
  + Nov 3 – Leigh Anne Bolyard, FSU Director of Performing Arts Outreach and Development
  + Nov 10 – Joseph Haun, FSU Facilities
  + Nov 17 – Pete Padula, Apple Annies
  + Dec 1 – Dennis Smith, Salvation Army
* **Project Updates:**
  + Flags: Brad Merrifield reported that the club will have several new accounts by the end of the year. We have had over 100 new accounts during the whole year.
* **Committee Updates:**
  + Grants – the dictionaries for the dictionary project have been ordered.
  + Foundation –LaTora Keigley-Harker has spoken to the Foundation to find out the best way to pay the accumulated Foundation donations.
  + Membership – Cody Offen recommended implementing a program for new members, such as a fireside chat.

**Old Business**

* Membership: Martin Hoffman wants to resign from the Rotary Club due to his health. He is paid up to date. We will remove him from DACdb. Robert Pevler has been attending meetings. There is no update on Chase, Ice, or Gregory at this time.

**New Business**

* Flag software: we are still trying to schedule a meeting with the company.
* New member application: Larissa Cason made a motion to forward the new member application from Mariah Cunningham to the club, which Cody Offen seconded. ***The motion passed*** with one abstention.
* Discover Rotary: It is too late to hold a fall event this year. The next district membership summit is on February 25. We will look at planning a Discover Rotary event in February or March and one next August.
* Christmas Dinner: Laura Candell will contact Apple Annies and check available dates. An alternate location may be the new Mason Jar.
* Interact Clubs: Our next target for a new club should be North Marion High School since there is no club there. We will see if someone has a contact at North Marion.
* Rotarct at FSU: Someone from FSU stopped by the Rotary table at the August event at FSU and expressed interest in being the faculty/staff contact. Laura Candell will contact Jon Dodds to see if he has any contacts.
* Bylaws: A bylaws committee was appointed. The members are Sean Sawyer, Cody Offen, Larissa Cason, and Laura Candell. Larissa Cason will forward a copy of the current bylaws and the Rotary Standard Club bylaws to the committee members.

**Donation Requests**

* Maple Grove cemetery/Women’s Club for Wreaths Across America: Brad Merrifield made a motion to donate $150 for 10 wreaths. Cody Offen seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.
* FSHS candy for trunk or treat: we will encourage club members to donate candy individually.
* WVU Medicine Hospice holiday food items: Larissa Cason made a motion to spend up to $150 on food items after soliciting donations from club members. Brad Merrifield seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.
* Marion County Humane Society: Individuals and organizations can sponsor various things in MCHS’s new building. Lou Spatafore will see if someone from MCHS can be the speaker at one of our meetings.

**Other Business**

* Bell ringing: We need to pick a location and date soon. In past years, we have had problems with people signing up for shifts and not attending.
* Tina Cunningham/shirt signed by Jennifer Jones: Clubs and individuals are bidding on it to benefit polio donations.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa A Cason