**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 3, 2022**

Attendees: Laura Candell, LaTora Keigley-Harker, Brad Merrifield, Cody Offen, Sean Sawyer, Tina Shaw, and Lou Spatafore. Meeting was called to order by Laura Candell at 1:07 p.m. and a quorum was identified and declared.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from the September and October 2022 meetings were presented. A motion to approve the minutes for the September meeting was made by Tina Shaw and seconded by LaTora Keigley-Harker. ***The motion unanimously passed***. A motion to approve the minutes for the October meeting as amended was made by Lou Spatafore and seconded by Sean Sawyer. ***The motion unanimously passed***.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

LaTora Keigley-Harker provided the October 2022 treasurer’s report. She stated that with regard to the General Checking account, there remains approximately $4,800.00 in unpaid dues previously invoiced, and that approximately $2,000.00 remains unpaid to the dictionary vendor. She further stated that with regard to the Flag account, there will be a forthcoming payment to the Boy Scouts of America, estimated by Brad Merrifield to be an approximate amount of $5,000.00. A motion was made by Cody Offen to maintain a $5,000.00 (transferred) balance in the General Checking account at all times. Such motion was seconded by Lou Spatafore. ***The motion unanimously passed.*** Thereafter a motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Lou Spatafore and seconded by Brad Merrifield. ***The motion unanimously passed***.

**Ongoing Business**

* **Event Planning:**
	+ Community Service/Blessing Boxes: The Board agreed that it needs to form committees for these projects and that Tanya Devine has agreed to serve as its Interim Chair.
	+ Christmas event 12/2 @ Apple Annie’s: The event will begin at 7:00 p.m., postcard invitations to be sent by Laura Candell, no alcohol to be provided, menu items as selected by the Board to be confirmed with the venue by Lou Spatafore.
* **Upcoming Speakers/Meetings:**
	+ November 10 – Johnna Spatafore, Marion County Humane Society
	+ November 17 – Pete Padulla, Apple Annie’s
	+ November 24 – no meeting
	+ December 1 – Dennis Smith, Salvation Army
	+ December 8 – Tracy Kennedy, Region VI RESA
	+ December 15 – Jayme Payton, Night to Shine
	+ December 22 – Club Assembly
	+ December 29 –no meeting
* **Project Updates:**
	+ Flags: Brad Merrifield estimates amount outstanding from subscribers at approximately $1,300.00. Boy Scouts of America to be paid once all flags returned to Club as stated above.
	+ Dictionaries: Books have arrived and will be labeled at MCCC on November 10 at 1:30 p.m.
* **Committee Updates:**
	+ Public Relations – Tina Shaw reports continuing to use social media and anticipates soon implementing monthly newsletters using the DaCdb platform
	+ Grants – Sean Sawyer reports our District Grant application was approved and there will be only one round of grants available per the District TRF donations made RY 2019-20.
	+ Foundation – Laura Candell reports the Club may now recognize nine (9) member PHF/+ awards based upon TRF donations recently made by the Club on behalf of its members using the historically amassed funds. Such awards will be presented to such members at the Christmas event by District PHS Chair DGE Jordan Feathers (telephonically confirmed therewith during the meeting by Sean Sawyer).
	+ Membership – Cody Offen reported his intention to schedule a New Member Orientation for on or about December 12.
	+ Scholarship– LaTora Keigley-Harker reports all checks have been provided to the recipients and cleared the Scholarship account. Plans will be discussed to visit the Marion County Interact Clubs for preliminary purposes of being able to select the next recipients.

**Old Business**

* LaTora Keigley-Harker reports third quarter invoices will go out mid-November and that the current outstanding dues balance is estimated at $5,400.00.

**New Business**

* Flag software – Cody Offen reports cost will be $0.17 per month per subscriber, such rate to be discounted if/when the Club reaches 1,000 subscribers. Motion was made by Lou Spatafore to approve incurring the expense, seconded by Sean Sawyer. ***The motion unanimously passed.***
* New Member Application of Maika Merriman – While the Board is mindful that unnecessary delays in the review process should be avoided where reasonably possible, Cody Offen reports an interest in conducting fireside chats with all newly proposed members moving forward.
* Discovery Rotary event – Cody Offen anticipates hosting the next such event on March 14, 2023.
* Salvation Army stockings – LaTora Keigley-Harker volunteered to take the lead on this project for this year. Motion was made by Lou Spatafore to make up to $300.00 available for the event’s budget, seconded by Brad Merrifield. ***The motion unanimously passed.***
* Future local RLI – Cody Offen to explore post-1/1/2023 event at the Professional Building.

**Donation Requests**

* NACMHA – Motion was made by LaTora Keigley-Harker to provide $100.00 in reply to the request, seconded by Lou Spatafore. ***The motion unanimously passed.***
* Marion County Humane Society – tabled for later consideration

**Other Business Items / Open Discussion**

* PA system for use, primarily during weekly meetings – Motion was made by Lou Spatafore to spend up to $500.00 on such necessary equipment, seconded by Sean Sawyer. ***The motion unanimously passed.***

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Date/time of next meeting TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Sean Sawyer