**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 2, 2023**

Attendees: Laura Candell, Larissa Cason, Cody Offen, Tina Shaw, Sean Sawyer (via telephone), and Lou Spatafore. Lou Spatafore had Brad Merrifield’s proxy. The meeting was called to order by Laura Candell at 1:07 p.m.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from the February 2, 2023 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes for the February meeting was made by Tina Shaw and seconded by Lou Spatafore. ***The motion passed***.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

There was no Treasurer’s Report presented.

**Ongoing Business**

* **Upcoming Speakers/Meetings:**
  + March 2: Mary Jo Thomas
  + March 9: Tina Shaw
  + March 23: Dixie Yann
  + March 30: The Pierpont C&TC culinary arts program can only have events on Tuesday nights, not Thursdays. Lou Spatafore will explore a special program with them in April or May. For the March 30 Fifth Thursday event, the club will explore assembling Jared boxes at the bowling alley.
* **Project Updates:**
  + Flags: The committee is on track to mail the yearly billing. Cody will follow up with the flag software company regarding the shipping/delivery of the software.
* **Committee Updates:**
  + Public Relations – No report.
  + Grants – Sean Sawyer has the information to submit the final grant report for the dictionary grant but he is waiting for the final report form from the Rotary District.
  + Foundation – No report.
  + Membership – Cody Offen reminded the board members to register for the event for themselves and any guests they are bringing. Regarding the membership roster, Cody has not been able to reach Michael Angelucci. He has had no response from Dennis Chase. He set up a meeting with Jon Dodds, but Jon needed to reschedule it. They have not been able to reschedule due to Jon’s work schedule. He has been busy but is still interested in being a Rotary member.
  + Scholarship – No report.

**Old Business**

* The Discover Rotary event is scheduled for March 21st. Larissa Cason made a motion to spend up to $1,000 for food and other items for the Discover Rotary event, which Cody Offen seconded. ***The motion passed.***
* A financial planning committee consisting of Lou Spatafore, LaTora Keigley-Harker, Cody Offen, and Laura Candell will meet on March 10 at 10:00 to create the budget for the next fiscal year. The location of the meeting will be Lou Spatafore’s office.
* A bylaws committee consisting of Laura Candell, Lou Spatafore, Cody Offen, Sean Sawyer, and Larissa Cason will meet on March 8 at 10:00 a.m. at Sean Sawyer’s office.
* With respect to membership, Aaron Ashley submitted a membership application to the District e-club, which was accepted.

**New Business**

* The club is working on establishing an alternative meeting time. Julie Sawyer is interested in leading this meeting. The Board agreed to start having Julie attend Executive Board meetings in April to help facilitate communications between the two meetings. The District’s innovative club advocate is Tina Cunningham.

**Donation Requests**

* The Horseshoe Leadership Camp submitted a request for funding. The cost to send one student to the Leadership Summit is $320. The Board tabled this request until the club is able to find a Marion County student who wants to attend.
* Girls State submitted a request for funding. Tina Shaw made a motion to sponsor one student at a cost of $300. Larissa Cason seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.
* The East Fairmont High School Beekeeping Club submitted a request for funding in the amount of $450 for three bee nucs to replace their bees that died. Lou Spatafore made a motion to give them $450, which Cody Offen seconded. ***The motion passed***.
* The North Marion High School Foundation will be hosting an elimination dinner. Larissa Cason made a motion for the club to prepare a basket for the basket raffle of up to $150 of items. Tina Shaw seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.
* The District sent a letter seeking sponsors for the district conference. No motion was made.
* Sarah Culberson, Princess of Sierra Leone, requested funding for solar lanterns. Larissa Cason made a motion to donate $100, which Cody Offen seconded. ***The motion passed***.
* Lou Spatafore made a motion to donate $100 to the East Fairmont High School Interact Club, which Cody Offen seconded. ***The motion passed***

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on April 6, 2023, at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Cason