**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 11, 2023**

Attendees: Laura Candell, Lou Spatafore, Larissa Cason, LaTora Keigley-Harker, Cody Offen, Sean Sawyer, Brad Merrifield, and Paula Kurczak. The meeting was called to order by Laura Candell at 1:12 p.m.

**Secretary’s Report:**

The minutes from the March 2, 2023, and April 6, 2023, meetings were presented. Brad Merrifield made a motion to approve the minutes, with a correction to the April 6, 2023 minutes. Cody Offen seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***

Larissa Cason reported that she ran the member compare tool between DACdb and MyRotary for the officers and fixed any errors. Sean Sawyer reported that Sam McDaniel from the Grafton Rotary Club will be reviewing the member compare tool district-wide and will notify clubs if there are mismatches.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

LaTora Keigley-Harker submitted a written treasurer’s report reflecting current account balances and activity. She reported that she has been receiving checks for flag subscriptions. She stated that the scholarship account almost has enough money in it to pay for the scholarships without having to transfer money. Larissa Cason made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, which Brad Merrifield seconded. ***The motion passed***.

**Ongoing Business**

* **Event Planning:** The officer retirement/installation will tentatively be on June 22, 2023, in the evening. There will be no lunch meeting that day. Laura Candell and Lou Spatafore will discuss planning the event.There will be a litter clean-up on the connector on May 17.
* **Upcoming Speakers/Meetings:**
  + May 15: AMPT meeting
  + May 18: Scholarship presentations
  + June 8: Sean Sawyer will make a presentation about interactive forecasting for future club planning.

Lou Spatafore will work on scheduling more speakers for May and June. He is alternating speakers between club members and outside speakers.

* **Project Updates:**
  + Flags: Brad Merrifield talked to the software programmer to answer her questions about the information she needs to build the database. She now has what she needs and is working on it. Cody Offen will follow up on this next week.
* **Committee Updates:**
  + Public Relations – No report.
  + Grants –The dictionary project grant has been submitted.
  + Foundation – LaTora Keigley-Harker will be sending in the 2022 Foundation donations and will begin making quarterly donations for 2023.
  + Membership – LaTora Keigley-Harker reported that she sent final termination letters to Michael Angelucci and Dennis Chase. She gave them 14 days to respond and as they have not done so, we can remove them from our roster. Cody Offen will reach out to Jon Dodds again about a leave of absence and possibly about attending an AMPT meeting.
  + Scholarship – Paula Kurczak took LaTora Keigley-Harker’s place on the committee and reported that they had had good applicants this year. At the June 8 planning meeting, the board agreed that we will discuss the design of the scholarship program.
  + Dictionaries – Cody Offen will send a survey to the 3rd grade teachers in Marion County schools asking about the Dictionary Project, whether the dictionaries are helpful in light of the reliance on Chromebooks now or whether something else would be more useful.

**Old Business**

* The Financial Committee met to discuss financial matters and the 2024 budget. LaTora Keigley-Harker reported that she now has access to QuickBooks and that she is importing bank statements. By June, we will be able to have a profit/loss statement. The committee developed a preliminary budget.

**New Business**

* Ryan Sawyer, an applicant from the AMPT meeting, has put his membership application on hold. We currently have applications from Cassie Cooper and Mitchell Wood. Mitchell Wood is a former member who is seeking reinstatement. Cody Offen made a motion to reinstate Mitchell Wood and Larissa Cason seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.

**Donation Requests**

* Lou Spatafore made a motion to donate $250 for the Fairmont State University Athletics golf tournament. Sean Sawyer seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.
* Cody Offen made a motion to pay for the graduation stoles for the Interact Club members, which will be approximately $180 total. Brad Merrifield seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on June 8, 2023, at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Cason