**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 9, 2023**

Attendees: Lou Spatafore, Sean Sawyer, Cody Offen, Paula Kurczak, Tina Shaw, Larissa Cason, LaTora Keigley-Harker, Laura Candell, Julie Sawyer, and Jeff Merrifield. Larissa Cason left the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and gave her proxy to Sean Sawyer.

The meeting was called to order by Lou Spatafore at 1:00 p.m.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Larissa Cason presented the minutes from the October 12, 2023, meeting. Tina Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes, with the amendment to add the list of attendees and to add the amendments of the following appointments: that Evelyn Offen would chair the blessing box project and that Julie Sawyer would take over as chair of the flag project at the end of the calendar year. Laura Candell seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:**

LaTora Keigley-Harker presented the treasurer’s report. She stated that she is looking for the appropriate report in QuickBooks to show detailed expenses and transactions. She reported the club’s bank account balances as follows:

General Checking: $7.911.17

Scholarship Fund: $2,802.41

Flag Account: $32,290.49

Finally, she reported that the interest rates have been much better for the club’s CDs. (2-year CD current balance of $31,888.01 and 1-year CD current balance of $10,135.91.) Cody Offen made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, which Paula Kurczak seconded. ***The motion passed.***

Larissa Cason made a motion for the club to make an annual club gift in the amount of $1,500 to the Rotary Foundation for the polio fund. Sean Sawyer seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Ongoing Business**

* **AMPT Meetings:**
  + Julie Sawyer reported that the AMPT club met last week. The members discussed the potential of holding A Night at the Races event at the Eagles Club on March 2.
* **Upcoming Speakers:**
  + November 30 – Danielle McDaniels
  + December 7 – Fairmont Mayor Anne Bolyard
  + December 14 – Shae Strait, Fairmont Development Director
* **Committee Updates:**
  + Jared Boxes – Tina Shaw reported that the club assembled 130 Jared Boxes. Dave Shaw will deliver 30 boxes to Broaddus Hospital. The remaining 100 boxes will be delivered to WVU Fairmont Hospital. LaTora Keigley-Harker will send the receipts to Paula Kurczak for the final grant report. There are extra supplies that Tina will box up.
  + Grants – Paula Kurcza will complete the final grant report for the Jared Boxes grant.
  + Foundation – The District Foundation event was held on November 3. We will make an announcement to the club that we have set a goal of $15,000 for Foundation giving for the year.
  + Membership – Alysia Davis is planning on submitting an application, but will be traveling back and forth to Virginia until May. Cody Offen reported that he will plan a Discover Rotary event in the Spring of 2024. The Board confirmed that for potential new members, the club will pay for the first two lunches and that later lunches will be billed to the applicant on the first invoice.
  + Youth – regarding the Rotaract at Fairmont State, Greg Bamberger has asked if the Fairmont Rotary club would be interested in co-sponsoring it with the South Fairmont Rotary club. The consensus of the board was to agree to this proposal.
  + Special Events - A multi club Christmas party will be held on December 2, 2023. Sean Sawyer is organizing this effort.
  + Flag Project – Brad Merrifield will still be on the committee, but will not be the chair. The committee will include the EFHS Interact and FSU student athletes in the project.

**New Business**

* Meeting venue – Brickside Grill is leaving the Field Club. Current options for a new meeting venue: (1) Fairmont County Club with a $50 room fee and catering by SayBoy at a cost of $9 to $10 per person. (2) Cooper House. The consensus based upon information known at the time, was to recommend to the club that the meetings be moved to Copper House.
* Discussion of a draft dues payment policy and the scholarship committee priorities was tabled.

**Other Business**

* Rotary District 7545 business – The District Assembly/Training Summit is scheduled for March 8-9, 2024. The District Conference is scheduled for May 31–June 1, 2024.
* Laura Candell made a motion to cancel the club’s meetings on December 21 and December 28, which LaTora Keigley-Harker seconded. ***The motion passed.***

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Cason

Secretary