**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2024**

Attendees: Board members Lou Spatafore, Sean Sawyer, Paula Kurczak, Tina Shaw, Larissa Cason, Julie Sawyer, Jeff Merrifield, and Melanie Driver. Guest Nick Ailport.

Lou Spatafore called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Larissa Cason presented the minutes from the January 11, 2024, meeting. Tina Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Paula Kurczak seconded. ***The motion passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Lou Spatafore announced that he had appointed Julie Sawyer as Treasurer for the remainder of the administrative year. Julie Sawyer reported that she had contacted MVB bank to change the signatories on the account. She learned that the CDs have LaTora Keigley-Harker’s name as the primary account holder and the club’s name as the secondary account holder. MVB is working on changing this to make the club the primary account holder as well as changing the signatories on the accounts. Julie prepared a draft letter to MVB to change the signatories on the accounts.

Jeff Merrifield made a motion to approve new signatories on the club’s account as follows: Laura Candell as Immediate Past President, Lou Spatafore as President, and Julie Sawyer as Treasurer and President-Elect. Larisa Cason seconded the motion. ***The motion passed*** with Sean Sawyer and Julie Sawyer abstaining.

The Board discussed asking Dorinda Kisner to review the club’s financials. Julie Sawyer will ask Dorinda for a quote for the cost.

Julie Sawyer will provide a Treasurer’s report in the future after she gains access to the accounts.

* **AMPT Meetings:**
  + The meeting on February 7 was cancelled due to the social event at the Fairmont State University basketball game. There may be a need for a new AMPT chair.
* **Upcoming Speakers:**
  + February 15 – Family Resource Network
  + February 29 – 5th Thursday – no meeting, but the club fundraiser is on March 2.
  + March 7 – Jack Oliver
  + March 14 – Pat Snively, Marion County Chamber of Commerce
* **Committee Updates:**
  + Public Relations – This committee is currently promoting the Night at the Races fundraising event.
  + Foundation –LaTora Keigley-Harker sent a check to the Foundation for member contributions.
  + Membership –The next Discover Rotary event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24. The 10 days to review Alysia Davis’ application is up on Saturday, February 10. Laura Candell proposed Jake Gardner for membership. The Committee is working on scheduling a fireside chat. FSU has offered the Falcon Center for FLI. Sean Sawyer is working on scheduling it.
  + Special Events – The Board discussed asking John Mark Shaver of the Fairmont News if he would do an article about the A Night at the Races Fundraiser. The Main Street Fairmont Hometown Markets are beginning again. The Club is signed up for a table during all five Saturday events.
  + Flags – Larissa Cason e-mailed the representative from the company that provides the flag project software management platform. She has not heard back. The Board discussed the possibility of using either the DACdb finance module or QuickBooks instead. Julie Sawyer has a meeting with Dorinda Kisner to discuss QuickBooks and will contact DACdb to investigate those possibilities. Julie will also review the bank records to determine whether the club made a donation to the Woodlawn Cemetery in appreciation for the volunteers who helped address invoices for flags last year.
  + Donation Requests:
    - Rebecca Burton requested donations for the Ice Bowl, which will benefit the Soup Opera. Tina Shaw made a motion to donate $150, which Jeff Merrifield seconded. ***The motion passed***.
    - Paula Kurczak made a motion to sponsor a Fairmont Little League team in the amount of $500. Larissa Cason seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.
    - Sean Sawyer made a motion to donate $50 to the Northern Appalachian Coal Mining Heritage Association, which Paula Kurczak seconded. ***The motion passed***.
    - Paula Kurczak made a motion to donate $500 to the Woody Williams Gold Star Families initiative, which Sean Sawyer seconded. ***The motion passed***.

**New Business**:

* The Board discussed the cost of items on the lunch menu at MJ on the Fairway. The Board will ask Laura Candell to ask the restaurant if we could have a more limited menu to save on costs.
* Nick Ailport asked the Board the number of students the club wants to sponsor for RYLA and/or the Horseshoe Leadership Camp. Tina Shaw made a motion to sponsor up to five Marion County students to RYLA, with a preference for students who are members of the Interact Club. Julie Sawyer seconded the motion. ***The motion passed***.
* Sean Sawyer announced that Rotary International has rolled out a four-hour visioning workshop for clubs. There are teams assembled to assist clubs with this effort. Julie Sawyer made a motion to have the club participate in a visioning workshop, which Paul Kurczak seconded. ***The motion passed***.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Larissa Cason, Secretary