**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 16, 2025**

Attendees via Zoom: Larissa Cason, Nick Ailport, Laura Candell, Julie Sawyer, Alysia Davis, Alex Petry, Sean Sawyer

Julie Sawyer called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**Determination of Quorum:** Julie Sawyer determined that attendance merited quorum.

**Presentation of (past) minutes:** Minutes were presented. A typo was noted with Tim Liebrecht’s name. Larissa Cason motioned to accept the revised minutes. Laura Candell seconded. ***The motion to accept revised minutes passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report as of December 31, 2024 was shared via email. Invoices for flags will be going out at the beginning of March. No members are more than three months delinquent with their dues. Larissa Cason motioned to accept the report. Alex Petry seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Committee Reports:**

* Membership – A Discover Rotary event will be hosted on March 13. That evening will also be Nick Ailport’s 40th birthday.
* Public Image – Alex Petry now has access to the Facebook account.
* Youth Services – Nick Ailport will plan a joint Rotaract-Interact event, perhaps tie-dying t-shirts. Alysia Davis is working with Rebecca Pack to finalize the Rotaract paperwork.
* Special Events/Fellowship – There are five Thursdays in January and we will likely have a meeting on the fifth one.
* Rotary Foundation – No report.
* Finance – There has not been a meeting since the holidays. Julie put in the budgets, and the committee will reconvene. All information is in DACdb now.
* Scholarship – No report.
* Flag – Julie Sawyer is working with a flag supplier to get a wholesale price. She ordered 850 to have a few extra on hand.
* Grants – No report. We are in a holding pattern until scholarships are due. The goal is to move interviews back before the beginning of May so that scholarship recipients can be honored at school ceremonies. The grants report is due May 31.

**President-Elect Report:**

The following speaker line-up is confirmed:

January 16 – No meeting, inclement weather

January 23 – Lydia Warren, Frank & Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center

January 30 – Regular meeting with a service project of Blessing Box soup

February 6 – Jennifer Wilson, Night to Shine

February 13 – TBD

February 27 – Joe Orbovich, Rotary District Public Image Chairman

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

* 2026-2027 President Nominations – We received one – Jeff Merrifield. Larissa Cason motioned to accept Jeff Merrifield as the Board President Nominee. Alex Petry seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***
* Rotaract update – No update. Students are still on their winter break and will return for the start of the spring semester on January 27.
* Night to Shine – The event is February 7, which means that Club members will not participate this year. Jennifer Wilson will be visiting the Club on February 6, and we can get the needed information for our participation next year.

**New Business**

* Tina and David Shaw resigned from the Club citing job and personal obligations.
* Memorial donation for Pete Higginbotham – Laura Candell made a motion to make a $100 memorial donation to the Rotary Foundation in honor of Pete Higginbotham. Sean Sawyer revised the motion to a $250 memorial donation. Larissa Cason seconded the revised motion. ***The revised motion passed.***
* Wreaths Across America – The organization is having a matching campaign for wreaths purchased now. Larissa Cason motioned to purchase 10 wreaths during the matching campaign window for $170. Laura Candell seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.*** We will be sure to inform the Club that this action was taken so that there is no confusion in the fall when the Club typically purchases wreaths.

**Open Floor**

The PETS meeting has been postponed until the end of March.

With no further business, Laura Candell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 p.m., which was seconded by Alysia Davis. ***The motion passed***. The next Board meeting will be held on February 13, 2025 at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alysia Davis

Secretary