**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 12, 2024**

Attendees: Larissa Cason, Laura Candell, Jeff Merrifield, Julie Sawyer, Sean Sawyer, Alysia Davis

Julie Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

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

**Presentation of (past) minutes:** Minutes were presented. Sean Sawyer made a motion to accept the minutes. Laura Candell seconded. ***The motion passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report as of November 30, 2024 was circulated. Sean Sawyer made a motion to accept the report. Larissa Cason seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Committee Reports:**

* Membership – Sean Sawyer reported that the Club still has plans to meet with Lewis Boyce and Rachel Boyce regarding their new member applications. Sean then discussed rescheduling the Discover Rotary event for late winter/early spring. Some tentative dates in February and March were discussed. The Club’s numbers are dwindling and a new member push must be a focus of the entire Club.
* Public Image – Efforts are ongoing to get images of Club activities onto the Facebook page.
* Youth Services – Interact will be working on their tie-dye event now that t-shirts are in. Alysia Davis will plan a similar event for Rotaract after students return for the spring semester.
* Special Events/Fellowship – Everyone had a great time at the holiday party, and consensus among the clubs is to continue hosting a holiday party together for next year.
* Rotary Foundation – No report.
* Finance – The committee met and will begin the process to align our budget procedures with the bylaws.
* Scholarship –Jeff Merrifield has the current scholarship requirements. Jamie Ford told Jeff that the Interact students are excited to help promote the scholarship opportunity. Marketing will be a priority beginning in January.
* Flag – Julie Sawyer made a motion to purchase metal zip ties to secure the flags. Alysia Davis seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.*** More assistance is needed to ensure that the flags program continues to be a successful fundraiser for the Club. Alysia Davis suggested that a Club meeting be dedicated to the flag program so that all members fully understand what is involved.
* Grants – Sean Sawyer reported that the grants report will be due in May.

**President-Elect Report:**

There will not be a speaker at the December 19 meeting. Instead, the Club will enjoy a social meeting and celebrate Judd Doerfler’s birthday.

The following speaker line-up is confirmed:

December 26 – No meeting, Christmas

January 2 – No meeting, New Year

January 9 – Jennifer Wilson, Night to Shine

January 16 – Speaker not yet confirmed

January 23 – Lydia Warren,

Frank & Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

* 2026-2027 President Nominations - Members have been informed that they are able to submit nominations for the President-Elect. One nomination has been submitted thus far.
* Offen Lawsuit - The Club is continuing to work toward recovering funds in the ongoing civil action against the Offens.
* Rotaract update – No update. Students are leaving for their winter break and will return for the start of the spring semester on January 27, 2025.
* Night to Shine – The event is February 7. The event’s director will be a speaker in January and then we can find out requirements for Club members to participate.
* Disability Action Center Club – Sean Sawyer said there was a good response to the possibility of forming a DAC club. This initiative will continue as details are worked out.

**New Business**

* Tim Liebrecht (Nov 18) and Emylee Williams (Dec 9) resigned from the Club
* Christmas with a Falcon – Sean Sawyer made a motion to donate $250 to the program, allowing the Club to purchase gifts for five local children. Alysia Davis seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***
* Salvation Army Angel Tree – Laura Candell agreed to buy gifts for one of the remaining children on the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Alysia Davis made a motion to designate $100 for the gifts. Larissa Cason seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

With no further business, Sean Sawyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m., which was seconded by Laura Candell. ***The motion passed***. The next Board meeting will be held on January 9, 2025 at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alysia Davis

Secretary