**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2025**

Attendees: Julie Sawyer, Larissa Cason, Nick Ailport, Laura Candell, Alysia Davis, Lou Spatafore,
Sean Sawyer

Julie Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

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

**Presentation of (past) minutes:** Minutes were presented. Two necessary modifications were identified: Correcting the misspelling of “Rhododendron” and noting that the Club motioned to sponsor one boy for Boys State and one girl for Girls State. Sean Sawyer motioned to accept the revised minutes. Lou Spatafore seconded. ***The motion to accept revised minutes passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report as of February 28, 2025 was shared. Larissa Cason motioned to accept the report. Nick Ailport seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Committee Reports:**

* Membership – A Discover Rotary event will be held tonight.
* Public Image – Posts are being added to the Facebook account, and it seems like the Club is getting some engagement.
* Youth Services – The EFHS Interact and Fairmont State Rotaract Clubs will be tie-dyeing t-shirts in the coming weeks. Nick Ailport and Jeff Merrifield are working on RYLA. There will be a sign-up for Rotarians to speak with the Interact Club. There was also a conversation about potentially working to revitalize an Interact Club at North Marion High School. The FSU Rotaract Club has completed its plastic collection for a buddy bench on campus. They are pushing plastic collection efforts on campus, with “Go Green for St. Patrick’s Day” and “Earth Day” tabling on Main Street in the Falcon Center. They are also working with the Student Government Association on the “Dress an Angel” project, which entails collecting fun personal hygiene products for people in nursing homes for Easter.
* Special Events/Fellowship – There is nothing currently on the calendar. Attendees discussed potentially hosting an event at the winery on the 5th Thursday in May to celebrate the completion of the flag project.
* Rotary Foundation – The Club has completed 95% of their Annual Fun goal of $3,500. Funds raised to date are $3,332.77.
* Finance – There will be a meeting on April 29 to set the budget for next year.
* Scholarship – Jeff Merrifield gave Jamie Ford the scholarship information. There is already one applicant for the vocational scholarship. The scholarships focus on East Fairmont High School applicants but will consider applicants from other schools if a small pool warrants it. The South Fairmont Club focuses its scholarship efforts on Fairmont Senior High School.
* Flag – Workdays are scheduled for April 3 and April 6, and members signed up to help at the Club meeting today. Mailings are ready and will be sent in the last week of March. Supporters can pay with a credit card online, and the Club absorbs fees. All flag subscribers who did not pay last year have been discontinued (approximately 15 accounts out of 800).

**President-Elect Report:**

The following speaker line-up is confirmed:

March 20 – Larissa Cason, Artificial Intelligence

March 27 – Jeff Mullenax, Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority

April 3 – Open

April 10 – Leah Smith, Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau

April 17 – George Wolf, Fairmont State University

April 24 – Lauren Thomas, American Heart Association

**Old/Completed Business:**

None

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

* Offens: No assets were recovered by the Sherriff.

**New Business**

* Kickin It 4 Katy: The Club was asked to be a water sponsor. Lou Spatafore motioned to provide $100 to sponsor a water station for the event on May 3 at Fairmont State. Larissa Cason seconded the motion. Laura Candell and Nick Ailport abstained. ***The motion passed.***
* Rotary Club of Morgantown: The Club was asked to be a hole sponsor for the Morgantown Club’s Golf Classic. No motion was made.

**Open Floor**

* Travis Blosser, City Manager, is interested in offering the Club naming rights for the Morgantown Avenue Mini-Park in exchange for $25,000 donation toward playground equipment. When details are finalized, there will be a motion at a future meeting.
* The installation/retirement of Club officers will be on June 12.

With no further business, Sean Sawyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:59 p.m., which was seconded by Laura Candell. ***The motion passed***. The next Board meeting will be held on April 10, 2025 at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alysia Davis

Secretary