**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 10, 2025**

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

Julie Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:20 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 “Fund” and correcting the spelling of Jaime Ford’s name. Larissa Cason motioned to accept the revised minutes. Sean Sawyer seconded. ***The motion to accept revised minutes passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report as of March 31, 2025 was shared. There was a discussion of the following topics.

* Purchasing more flagpoles. Jeff Merrifield gets a discount at V&W Supply Co. if we determine that more poles are needed.
* Funds for Interact and Rotaract Clubs: Jaime Ford personally funded the fairy garden project at East Fairmont High School. Jeff Merrifield will inquire how much she needs for reimbursement. Interact and Rotaract are line items in the budget and starting July 1, funds will be allocated for those lines.

Alysia Davis motioned to accept the report. Nick Ailport seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Committee Reports:**

* Membership – The Club received applications from Patricia LeBlanc and Robert Thompson. Board members need to respond to the email with their yea/nay vote. There are numerous other potential new members in the pipeline. There will be another Discover Rotary event in the fall, potentially September 25. The Membership Committee needs more people to serve. Larissa Cason shared that some people have suggested that the Club’s meeting location is geographically undesirable.
* Public Image – No one took photos of the guest speaker today. Alysia Davis suggested a post that thanks the speaker and shares a CVB post, like the new Pepperoni Trail. The Facebook page auto-feeds to the Club’s website.
* Youth Services – The RYLA deadline is soon. Nick Ailport is unsure whether there are any Interact applicants – he will reach out to Jaime Ford. The Interact Club is waiting until the end of April to tie-dye t-shirts.  
  The Fairmont State Rotaract is planning a bench ceremony. There are no graduates this year, but we will need to order stoles for December graduation. The Rotaract Club tie-dyed their t-shirts and will wear them at the bench ceremony.
* Special Events/Fellowship – Laura Candell is trying to plan an outing to the winery.
* Rotary Foundation – No report.
* Finance – There will be a meeting on April 30 to set the budget for next year.
* Scholarship – The deadline is March 15. So far, the Club has received two applications (one college application and one trade school application). Nick Ailport will abstain from reviewing the trade school application because he knows the student. The Club will identify the recipients before the grants deadline and present scholarships at the school to increase interest in the Interact club. A plaque will be given to the outgoing scholarship recipient, Eden Williams. John Schooley will purchase the plaque. Interviews will be in the first or second week of May.
* Flag – We need members to attend flag workdays.

**President-Elect Report:**

The following speaker line-up is confirmed:

April 17 – George Wolf, Fairmont State University

April 24 – Lauren Thomas, American Heart Association

May 1 – Leah Peck, Family Resources & Support Network

May 8 – Layne Martinez and Nicci Hawkins, Necco

May 15 – Tina Mascaro and Tina Michalsh – MCPARC

May 22 – Open

June 2 – Installation/Retirement of Officers

6/19 – Open

6/26 – Open. Julie Sawyer and Larissa Cason are out. Laura Candell will lead meeting.

7/3 – No meeting

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

* Offens: No assets have been recovered.

**New Business**

* Robert Pevler resigned in good standing.
* The Literacy Volunteers of Marion County have requested a donation of $366.62 to support a child’s participation in their summer reading program. The Club will find out more information about the program and what the funds support before discussing a possible motion.
* Morgantown Avenue Playground – The Club might donate $25,000 to support the playground in exchange for naming/signage opportunities. The Club will meet with Travis Blosser, City Manager, to get specific information.

**Open Floor**

* Main Street – Julie Sawyer will be there on May 17 giving away 200 plants as a community service project. She will need people to help her at the Rotary tent.
* Alysia Davis motioned to donate $50 to the Fairmont State Rotaract Club to support their Dress an Angel community service project for Easter. Jeff Merrifield and Nick Ailport seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

With no further business, Alysia Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m., which was seconded by Laura Candell. ***The motion passed***. The next Board meeting will be held on May 8, 2025 at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alysia Davis

Secretary