**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 2024**

Attendees: Julie Sawyer, Sean Sawyer, Laura Candell, Nick Ailport, Jeff Merrifield, Larissa Cason, Alysia Davis. Julie Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

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

**Presentation of (past) minutes:** No minutes were presented, as the Secretary was absent at the last meeting. Larissa Cason provided a brief Secretary orientation to Alysia Davis and stated that she would share minutes that she took at the July 2024 meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Laura Candell presented the Treasurer’s Report as of July 31, 2024. Sean Sawyer made a motion to approve the minutes, which Nick Ailport seconded. ***The motion passed.***

**Committee Reports:**

* Membership – Sean Sawyer reported that orientation will be held at the August 15 Club meeting. August is Membership Month. The Club will likely host a recruiting event in early 2025. The Club has membership goals set and will try to continue to increase membership numbers.
* Public Image – No report. Laura Candell will post pictures online that were taken at recent Club events including the picnic, Larissa Cason’s presentation, Laura Candell’s presentation, and Carla Hamner’s induction.
* Communications – Laura Candell will continue to send meeting reminders via email to members.
* Youth Services – Nick Ailport is working on plans. Some ideas include going to East Fairmont High School to meet with their Interact club and do an activity, potentially tie-dying t-shirts that will later have the Rotary logo added. This might also be an idea to do with the Rotaract Club at Fairmont State, once it’s underway. Alysia Davis added that she needs volunteers to work at the Student Organization Fair at Fairmont State on August 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
* Special Events/Fellowship – A tailgate is planned in coordination with the South Fairmont Club on August 29.
* Rotary Foundation – The District Chair, Terry Mathias, will be the Club’s speaker on September 19.
* Scholarship – Nick Ailport and Jeff Merrifield will be working on adjusting requirements for scholarships. They will also look at the timeline to see whether changes are made so that scholarship awards can be presented to students during their school senior award celebrations.
* Flag – Julie Sawyer will be reissuing invoices for outstanding payments with a due date of August 15. The Club made approximately $30,000 from flags this year.
* Grants – Sean Sawyer submitted a grant to fund an additional scholarship of $1,000 for a student going to a trade school (not a 4-year college/university).

**President-Elect Report:** Larissa Cason shared a calendar for August. The following speakers/activities are planned:

* August 22: In-club service project – holiday cards for nursing homes
* August 29: No meeting – Tailgate at Fairmont State
* September 5: Alex Petry from Main Street
* September 12: Brett White from the United Way, discussing the ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) Report
* September 26: Norm Gunderson
* October 3: Project Alzheimer’s

Another idea shared for a future in-club service project, perhaps in conjunction with Veterans Day, is to make paracord bracelets.

**Old/Completed Business:**

* RI and District dues have been paid

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

* Offen lawsuit filed: The Offen lawsuit has not been served yet. It will be served by a Sheriff’s deputy
* New membership recruitment: August is Membership Month
* Grant Application: Information shared in committee reports
* Scholarship Requirements: Information shared in committee reports
* Finance Committee Meeting: Julie Sawyer, Laura Candell and Larissa Cason serve on the committee, and will be inviting other members to join in the committee’s work.
* Rail Trail clean-up: The group determined that cleaning the Connector would be a better idea and tentatively scheduled the clean-up for the evening of September 30.

**New Business**

* Gina Dixon resigned
* Supporting John Billie’s family: Laura Candell will reach out to John Billie and find out what kind of assistance will be most useful.
* Changemaker Box: Julie Sawyer shared a Rotary Changemaker Box created by Hometown Outfitters. The price of the box is $25 and it includes a mug with the member’s name, personalized coaster, bottle koozie, tote, and t-shirt. Alysia Davis made a motion that we provide a Changemaker Box to new members at the time of their induction. Laura Candell seconded the motion, and **the motion passed**.
* Nick Ailport requested that the Club donate to his LipSync Battle team in support of the United Way. The Finance Committee will take the request under advisement and determine whether a donation can be supported, and at what level.

With no further business, Laura Candell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m., which was seconded by Sean Sawyer. ***The motion passed***. The next Board meeting will be held on September 12, 2024, at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alysia Davis

Secretary