**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2024**

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

Julie Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

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

**Presentation of (past) minutes:** Minutes were presented. Necessary revisions were discussed (revised minutes have been uploaded to DACdb). Sean Sawyer made a motion to accept the revised minutes. Nick Ailport seconded. ***The motion passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report as of August 31, 2024 was circulated. Sean Sawyer made a motion to accept the report. Larissa Cason and Nick Ailport seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Committee Reports:**

* Membership – Sean Sawyer reported that the Club likely will host a Discover Rotary event between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Next steps are to pick a date/time and book a location. Sean also mentioned he spoke with Alex Petry about creating an opportunity for Main Street Fairmont volunteers to become an Impact Club. Impact Club members are full Rotary members who are not expected to attend regular meetings. Service is their primary focus.
* Public Image – Laura Candell reported that Tina Shaw posted photos of the previous speaker. Alex Petry is taking over Facebook postings and will need access to the Club’s Facebook page. Laura is working on putting together a July/August highlights post to showcase the Club’s activities during the first two months of the Club year.
* Communications – Discussion supported combining this committee with Public Image. Laura Candell and Alex Petry will co-chair.
* Youth Services – Nick Ailport reported that Jamie Ford is getting t-shirt sizes of Interact members for a tie-dying event. The first Interact meeting was on September 8. Interact plans to send four students to the last Club meeting in September. The first Rotaract meeting at Fairmont State will be on September 16.
* Special Events/Fellowship – Laura Candell and Alex Petry are working on getting appropriate permits for the Connector Clean-up. They are also looking ahead to plan a holiday party.
* Rotary Foundation –Terry Mathias will be the Club’s speaker on September 19. Discussion centered on various ways to advertise so that we have good attendance for his presentation.
* Finance – Laura Candell is working to recruit committee members. Sean Sawyer noted that Laura chairs too many committees and that the Club needs to figure out how to better share her load.
* Scholarship – Nick Ailport reported that no progress has been made yet on adjusting requirements for scholarships. He will continue to work with Jeff Merrifield in these efforts.
* Flag – Julie Sawyer reported that flags are out now. They will be picked up this weekend, and then out again for Veterans Day. The December 5 meeting will involve flag work at the warehouse. Flags will likely incur a large expense next year because approximately 100 of them in stock will need to be replaced. The Board discussed the pros and cons of buying higher-quality flags and/or hooks. Julie will look into pricing options.
* Grants – Sean Sawyer reported that he received notice from the district grants chair that 24-25 applications were approved, including the proposal submitted by our club. The district grants committee will be determining funding levels in the coming days. Thirty-three clubs applied for $30,000 in grant funds.

**President-Elect Report:** The following speakers/activities are planned:

* September 19: Terry Mathias
* September 26: Norm Gunderson
* October 3: Project Alzheimer’s
* October 10: Potentially the Salvation Army Major

Laura Candell suggested inviting the city manager, and Julie Sawyer suggested inviting the president of Pierpont Community College. There was also a discussion about participating in a Trunk or Treat Event. Laura Candell stated that the Club has about 100 Halloween kits that can be distributed at such an event.

**Old/Completed Business:**

* Visioning has been completed – a notes/summary sheet on what the club shared should be provided to the Board so that activities align with the results of that process.

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

* Offen lawsuit: The Offens have until September 23 to respond; after that date, the Club will ask for a default judgment against them.
* Connector Clean-up is scheduled for September 30 at 5:30 p.m. Meet at the pavilion by the Welcome Center.
* Putt-Putt for Polio is on October 6 from 12-3 p.m. The Bridgeport Club asked participating clubs to contribute financially to offset the costs. Sean Sawyer made a motion to earmark $250 to cover the registration fee and a donation. Laura Candell seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.*** A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the next meeting so that people can sign up to play.
* Plastic collection: Laura Candell is trying to find a way to get a considerable amount of plastic picked up from Mattress Central to the collection point at Kohl’s. Alex Petry will reach out to Country Roads Moving.

**New Business**

* Holiday party – A discussion was held about optimal dates/times/locations. The Club will invite the Grafton and Newburg clubs to join us at the celebration. Alysia Davis will check on the availability of rooms at Fairmont State on December 8.
* October Board meeting – The Board meeting will be held on October 3 instead of its regularly scheduled date.

With no further business, Sean Sawyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m., which was seconded by Larua Candell. ***The motion passed***. The next Board meeting will be held on October 3, 2024, at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alysia Davis

Secretary