

Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak  
Board Meeting – December 7, 2023

1. In attendance: Ben Rodriguez, Rachel Hoskins, Ron Winecoff, Beverly Mason, Fred Jones, Angela Dills, Vicki Lawrence. Meeting called to order at 8:03 am.
2. Christmas Party: Nice location at Slanted Windows. A little chilly. The cost was \$450 for food. Less well attended than we had hoped. Ben reached out to several members to encourage attendance. Good sized space. Thank you to Slanted Windows for opening for us on a Tuesday.
3. Hearts & Soles: 63 pairs of shoes and socks for Macon County foster children. Tim from Shoe Sensations has pulled the shoes. Teresa will bring donuts, Vicki drinks, Beverly Christmas napkins. A very generous anonymous donation will provide additional funds that we can allocate to Kaylee's Closet. Big meeting next week, beginning at 7:45 am. Keith Bowers will receive an award at 8 am. The children will arrive at 8:15 am to wrap shoes. We will honor Michelle Bell with a Paul Harris Fellow to acknowledge all her work with the leadership program at lotla Elementary.
4. Admin: We have some great programs lined up include Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff from WCU, and CareNet. Need to get the Franklin High School Agriculture Club on the schedule to talk about their planned trip.
5. Secretary: Attendance looks better at meetings but would love to encourage more members to attend.
6. Treasurer: Thank you to Vicki for taking care of the Treasurer duties while Angela was out of town in November. Current balances are: Fundraising = \$46288 and Operating: \$12,887.76
7. Membership: Katelyn VanderWoude and Kristie Brennan are both prospects who are ready to be inducted. Ben has a couple prospects that may be ready in the new year.
8. Service: The last service project was the Greenway shelter re-sealing and clean up. The shelter looks great, and we had some good turnout. Together We Can fundraiser on February 10 is not a Rotary event but we will encourage our members to buy tickets, support the program, and attend. Tegucigalpa, Ecuador as a possible partner club to work with the soon-to-be-built community center. Ben is proposing that our club donate \$6,000 to complete the land purchase for the community center. Some due diligence to ensure that the partnership is a non-profit. Molly Hornsby presented to the club about their non-profit, Future of Hope Family Ministries. Fred Jones will do some due diligence to ensure that the non-profit is set up to purchase, maintain, and has plans in the event of dissolution.
9. DEI: Fred has some tentative plans for events including highlighting successful leaders from various backgrounds or highlighting the new sculpture for the Women's History Trail.
10. Public Image: Nice updating of events on dacdb. Need to add more on social media especially action shots with Rotary wheel as much as possible.
11. Foundation: We are doing well but need to check in on those changing their automatic billing.
12. Youth: Graham Caldwell will be an assistant group leader. Henry Wright will attend RYLA. We may end up with more than the three students we have budgeted to attend. Ron volunteered to fund one additional student if needed. Interact is working on an international project.
13. Giving Opportunities: Respect, Integrity, Standards, Expectations (RISE) with lotla boys, Deputy Duvall is asking for \$500 to help fund service projects. The program started in 2018 at Union Academy to mentor and teach third and fourth grade boys on respect and integrity. The money will fund landscaping at the school and other service projects. Vicki moved to support the project, Rachel seconded. The funding was approved. Ruth emailed again about supporting Operation Smiles. Ben will email her that the club has decided to support a different international project and want to see that through. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.