

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

1. Attendees:
  - a. Ben Rodriguez
  - b. Rick VanGilder
  - c. Vicki Lawrence
  - d. Angela Dills
  - e. Ron Winecoff
  - f. Rachel Hoskins
  - g. Luke Smith
  - h. Kristy Firkins Smith
2. Event Updates
  - a. Spaghetti Dinner: September 11. Kristy said a group will be meeting at the church around 4pm on Sunday to start cooking. Ron will also meet there to start with setup. Kristy said that everyone has volunteered to help except 3 people. Vicki will check with Teen Challenge to see if they are interested in receiving any leftovers that we may have.
3. Committee Updates
  - a. Admin: Kristy said that upcoming weekly meeting programs were lined up. Ron wants us to have a Sargent at Arms. Rebecca was mentioned as a possible candidate. Luke agreed to act as Sargent at Arms at the next meeting. He has suggested that we mix things up a bit. Maybe have some type of game to have members sit with others that they normally do not sit with.
  - b. Secretary: Weekly meeting attendance has been less than 50%. Rachel has been working to send out the weekly bulletin as early as possible with upcoming program information to hopefully encourage members to attend.
  - c. Finance: Discussion continued regarding members who are behind in dues and disengaged. Angela reported the Club has \$10,700.74 in Operational account and \$39,289.46 in Fundraising account.
  - d. Membership: Rachel reported that she has been working with Arlene Jones to get her up to speed. Ben reported that Steven Lewis resigned from Rotary. Some discussion was held regarding Jeff B and his being disengaged and behind on dues. Ben wanted to talk to Fred and have him reach out to Jeff. There was also a discussion on having a better orientation for new members and have handouts that outline the expectations regarding engagement and paying dues.
  - e. Service: The Club will participate, along with the Noon Club and FUMC, in the Red Sand Project on September 30 at 11 am.
  - f. DEI: Fred is working to create a committee.
  - g. Public Image: No update
  - h. Foundation: Ron shared that our club has a lot of foundation points that can be used to award/recognize people in our community with Paul Harris Fellowships. Fred Holler will be recognized on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Shelly Bell was also suggested and will look to recognize her on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Youth: Vicki reported that RYLA is planned for April 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. We are currently funding 3 scholarships. We have 2 youths identified and need 1 more. Vicki suggested that Lauren Loulter was sick last year and could not attend and we could offer her the third spot. Vicki will check on her availability. Ron said that if another candidate was identified that he and Ed Shatley may be willing to fund them.
  - j. Other: Vicki will organize a meeting to include past presidents, the president and president elect to work on nominations for the 24-25 Rotary Year Board.
  - k. Other: The board had a long discussion regarding weather to fund Gracie Parker's/Highlands Club request. The Highlands club is asking us to contribute \$1500.

She is requesting the funds to help her obtain a 501c.3, purchase some office equipment and pay for a trip to Washington DC to meet with congressman Edwards. The board decided not to fund this request. Although we all believe in her cause and want to support mental health initiatives, we felt that in this case, Rotary would be supporting lobbyist activities which is typically not what we do. We will offer to help arrange a meeting between her and congressman Edwards.

- I. Other: Clint Kendall is looking to donate \$3,000 to the Town of Franklin PD to help purchase a new drone that has infrared capability. Since the hospital needs to donate to a non-profit organization, he is hoping the Rotary Club will join with the hospital to help make this donation. There were some questions regarding the overall cost and where are all the funds coming from. Rick will get with Clint to acquire more info so the board can decide.
- m. Next Board Meeting: October 12<sup>th</sup>