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**Branford Rotary Club**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 15th 2023 Board Meeting**

In attendance: Carter, O’Connor, Page, Storer, Carucci, Cimino, Carloni, Marlatt, Kirsch

Not present: Manna, Whiteman

Meeting called to order 5:40pm

Secretary’s Report: Carucci. Storer/Marlatt move to accept April minutes. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report – this month financials affected by Braffle. Expenses still coming in. Made April look like a great month. Storer/Carloni move to approve report; passed.

Project Committee Report: Ragonese endorses Branford Land Trust Building Restoration. Carloni reports total expense will be around $500,000. A $200,000 matching grant from State Historical Preservation Office (SHIPO) has been approved. Some concerns expressed about total cost of project. Carloni/Storer move that we support this project. Approved.

Project Service Committee: O’Connor – Pollinator Project on the Green Saturday 5/20. Planting beds are in place. SignUp genius so far has 8 people. Question about town’s maintaining Branford Point. Weeds are 2 ft high, town has not mowed. Town just re-paved area. O’Connor will ask once Public Works has finished.

Partner Committee- Reception was success. New partner Houlihan and Lawrence Real Estate. Carter congratulates Partner committee

Membership Committee – 6 new members inducted in May.

Installation Dinner – June 27th. Page heading up committee. Cost will be $65. Members will be able to sign up and pay via Rotary 7980 link.

We had decorated tee at Blackstone Mini-Golf Fundraiser.

Softball Game between Branford Fire/Police. Rotary will serve some food; looking for 5 volunteers on 5/21.

BCTV is asking Branford Rotary to sponsor Tour of Branford. Tabled till O’Connor’s Board convenes in July.

Golf Tournament on 6/5

June Meeting on 6/6 will be presentation of Paul Harris Fellows – 7 awarded. Chip Marsh to do presentation. Club to use points to award Fellows since it appears we will hit our Foundation goals. First citizen Service Above Self will be awarded to Wendy Cowles of Branford Food Pantry. Also donating $250 to Food Pantry in her name.

Scholarship Presentation at Branford High school on 6/12. Will be giving out two $1,000 scholarships this year (not 3 since there are no Interact student).

Question of status for Adult, nontraditional scholarships. Board approved in principle this past year, and believe amount was approved pre-COVID but need to check past minutes.

(Following are minutes referencing Adult Scholarship:

9/19/22 Meeting:

Non traditional scholarships – Marlatt – give up to $3,000 for non traditional students at both Gateway and Southern for adults getting initial degree. Schools do vetting – club needs to give them criteria (i.e. Branford resident, not recent HS graduate). Can go through Scholarship Committee. Will be very press worthy. Discussion of Foundation funding as well.

12/22/22 Meeting:

Establishment of Adult Student Scholarship- Marlatt-

Concept has been discussed in the past, need to reach out to Gateway and Southern. Original thought was $3,000- reasonable to cover a portion of tuition a few years back. Need to establish committee to discuss criteria; schools will do the vetting. Nontraditional student – not going straight from High School or for Master’s. Discussion of starting with Gateway as a test – then expand to Southern or Branford Hall for vocational training. Discussion of setting up new committee or using current scholarship committee. Request funds from Foundation since this is educational. Ask Gateway to come address the club and let them guide us (Marlatt will make approach). Carucci/Carloni motion to pursue- details to follow once connected to Gateway. Unanimously passed.)

Next Board meeting (last of year) proposed for Tuesday, June 13th at Blackstone-

(new Board Members LaPrino, Strell, Fennell and new Secretary Elton)

Carter/Storer - Motion to adjourn at 6:47pm

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Respectfully submitted by Ellen Carucci