

Rotary



Club of Tiffin

Rotary Gets a Foundation Report

By Lee Martin on Monday, February 27, 2023

President Anne Lange-Devine opened the February 21st meeting at Camden Falls. Chris Lewis gave the invocation. Anne announced that Brian Ferguson's membership application has been approved. She introduced and welcomed Andra Meyer as the club's new administrative assistant. She and her husband Lance Meyer have returned to Tiffin after 30 years. They most recently lived in Hudson, where she worked for Hudson City Schools. They are parents of two sons, Mason and Drew.

Student guests included Sentinel student Levi Morgan and Calvert student Collin McCarty. Collin selected SMYL as the recipient of the club's \$25 donation in his honor. Attendance was 21. Dave Spridgeon won the drawing and Derek Sidor the free lunch. The Basket Fund raised \$23.

Dave Spridgeon gave a status report on the reverse raffle and auction on April 1 at Meadowbrook Park. Nearly 100 tickets have been sold. He encouraged members to account for their tickets with either him or Trish. There are new event sponsors – SCAT and Blanchard Valley Health System. Molly reported that the Rotary 4-Way Test speech contest will be judged this week and next. Rotary Service Above Self Scholarship information has gone out to the schools. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student at Calvert, Columbian, and Sentinel.

Char Pope reminded members to complete the questionnaire for the Rotarian of the Month promotion. A link was emailed earlier to each member. An orientation for new members will be held mid-to late March. The last Starter contained a link to a satisfaction survey regarding our club. Members are encouraged to complete the survey to help the club be as beneficial to all as possible.

Eight members have registered to attend the upcoming District 6600 annual conference. Happy Dollars were contributed by Beth Schweitzer, Molly Lofton, Rosalie Distel, Joel Ardner, Mimi Lange-Johnston, and Char Pope. Mimi announced that the FELC youth educational programs would cease for the time being while the Seeds of Hope Farm will continue. The move will eliminate her position.

Phil Moerdyk, President of the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees, presented a comprehensive overview of The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of the Tiffin Rotary Club. The presentation was delivered via ZOOM and PowerPoint slides.

The Foundation was established in 1991 to support the educational and charitable purposes of the club. It is governed by a nine-member board that meets monthly. An annual membership meeting is held in December at which time board members are elected. The Board elects a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Income sources include the club's fundraising activities, investment income, direct donations, and District 6600 grants. Funds are held in the General Fund, from which grants are made; Endowment Fund, Gazebo Fund, which funds upkeep of the Fort Ball-Rotary Park gazebo; and the newly created Centennial Project Fund.

The Foundation disbursed between \$35,000 and \$40,000 each year. Disbursements include grants for club-sponsored activities, international projects, local grants, and administrative expenses, which are minimal. Programs/activities in each category were noted. He then reported current balances in each fund, noting that the funds are in the best financial shape in years. He noted that the volatile stock market has had an impact on the Endowment Fund and Gazebo Fund, both of which reside with the Tiffin Community Foundation and are invested in the stock market.

The Foundation recently upgraded the grant application process, making it available both online and in paper form. It is now a uniform process that generates enough information for the Board to make appropriate decisions on grants. He noted several areas needed club consideration and discussion with regards to the Foundation.

Club Meeting

Tiffin meets at Camden Falls Reception & Conference Center
2460 SR 231
Tiffin, OH 44883or via Zoom

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Speakers

February 28, 2023

[Len Partin](#)

Lake Erie Water Improvement

March 07, 2023

[Adam Smith - Different ways of Smoking Meat](#)

Our very own Rotarian Adam Smith on the different ways to smoke meat

March 14, 2023

[Rotary on the Road at TSPL](#)

March 21, 2023

[ROTARY ON THE ROAD - State House Tour in Columbus](#)

Join us for a trip to Columbus, OH for a State House tour
Bill Reineke More information to come

Birthdays

Shane Parendo
February 15th

Megan Jo Schultz
February 20th

Lee Martin
February 21st

Remegio B. Confesor Jr.
February 26th

Gina T Reuter
February 28th

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