**Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park**

**Club Board Meeting March 18, 2024 4:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Ed Pearson, Mark Phillips, Robin Roat, Charlie Webber, Dennis Day, Ed Sterner, Mary Starkebaum, Darlene Zulauf, Heidi Shepherd, Jill Brady, Alan Merry, Linda Holman, Karen Edwardsen

**Guest Rotarians:** Larry French, Terry Smith

**Minutes:** Last month’s Minutes were moved and seconded by Robin and Mary. Approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** We have a balance of $6929.66.

**New Business:** The “Club Vision” meeting will take place on May 4th from 9-1. Place TBD. All members are encouraged to attend.

There has been a discussion about holding next year’s auction at Inglewood Country Club and hiring an auction chair. Robin and Ed S. are writing thank-you notes to Sponsors to this year’s auction.

Changing of the Guard is scheduled for June 26th from 5:30 – 7:30 at the Civic Club of Lake Forest Park.

**Membership:** The Board approved the Household Active Member for spouses or significant others. Charlie proposed and Karen seconded. Applications may be submitted beginning July, 2024.

**Community Service:** Darlene shared that the LFP Police Dept. has asked for $1500 for Safety Day and the Summer Bike Rodeo, which Allison has already issued a check. She is still waiting to hear back from Shoreline Community College Veteran and Military Student Services regarding their yearly request of $2500. This is the final request from the Community Service budget for the year.

**Youth Service:** Heidi shared that there is $2400 left in her budget.

**Education/Vocation:** All the schools have used their allocated budget. Jill stated that the Scholarship Applications are due April 10th.

**International Service Committee Project:** A proposed application for a district grant that Mary has been working on was presented for consideration as the club’s primary district grant application for 2024-2025 to be submitted to the district in the fall. If the club proceeds with this proposed district grant and it is approved by the district, the $16,000 project cost/budget would be funded by $8,000 to be raised by the use of LFP Rotary Charitable funds (likely $5,000) and $3,000 by three other clubs, which would qualify for an $8,000 match from the district. Heidi noted that the foundation grant budget normally includes $5,000 for use as the core funding for a club district grand project. These funds are not being used in FY 2023-2024 because the club did not submit a district grant for that year.

Ed Sterner reported that the foundation had received a refund of $2500 that had been distributed from the International Service grant budget to help fund another club’s Global Grant for a project in Ghana. They were not able to implement that project within the time frame required by the Global Grant for this project, and it is likely to go forward. Ed requested that this refund be added back into the International budget to be available for this or other international projects. Upon motion duly made and seconded, return of the $2500 refund to the International Service grant budget was unanimously approved.

**Environmental:** Linda will speak on Wednesday regarding the Earth Day collection of batteries around the Seattle area and pass around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

**Next Board Meeting: April 15th at 4:00.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Edwardsen