



Attendees: Julie Sawyer, Sean Sawyer, Alex Petry, Laura Candell, Nick Ailport, Lou Spatafore, Jeff Merrifield. Julie Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

Determination of Quorum: Julie Sawyer determined that attendance merited quorum.

Presentation of (past) minutes: Minutes were presented. Sean Sawyer made a motion to accept the revised minutes. Lou Spatafore seconded. ***The motion passed.***

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2024 was circulated. Sean Sawyer made a motion to accept the report. Jeff Merrifield seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

Committee Reports:

- Membership – Discover Rotary event date has been set for November 21 during noon/lunch meeting at Brickside. Sean Sawyer spoke with Madyson @ Main Street Fairmont about impact club for volunteers. Julie Sawyer will update tri-fold club brochure to have ready for Discovery Rotary event.
- Public Image/Communications – Alex Petry is taking over Facebook postings and will need access to the Club's Facebook page.
- Youth Services – Julie Sawyer reported that t-shirts have been ordered and we need purchase tie dye kits and schedule with Jaime Ford/Interact Students.
- Special Events/Fellowship – Put-Put for Polio rescheduled for Nov. 2 @ 12p @ Clarksburg VA Mini Golf Park. Christmas Multi-Club Rotary White Elephant Dinner details to come from Sean Sawyer. Alysia added that FSU is available 12/8 and room rental of \$330 + food costs from Aladdin, Sean going to continue checking venue options.
- Rotary Foundation – No Report.
- Finance – No Report. Need to schedule a committee meeting.
- Scholarship – Jeff Merrifield suggested scholarship be open to EFHS Interact students only. A goal of Nov. board meeting for updated requirements was given by Julie Sawyer
- Flag – Julie Sawyer bought some pole pieces for attaching flags to poles and sample flags. Current flags are \$14/ea. And potential replacement flags would be \$5/ea. And exploring options of converting fasteners. Current flags have lasted 2-3 years and are beginning to be worn/faded. Consideration switching flags with a lower cost flag and planning to replace more regularly since the higher cost flag did not last many more years. More details to come on fastener situation.
- Grants – Sean Sawyer reported the club was Awarded \$2500 District Grant

President-Elect Report: The following speakers/activities are planned:

- October 10: Johnna Spatafore w/ Marion County Humane Society
- October 17: Travis Blosser – Fairmont City Manager (?)
- October 24: Dennis Smith w/ Salvation Army (need to ask stocking questions and bell ringing schedule)

Old/Completed Business:

Old/Ongoing Business:

- Offen lawsuit: The Offens did not appear; default judgement in favor of Rotary Club of Fairmont.

- Putt-Putt for Polio is on October 6 from 12-3 p.m. Rescheduled to Nov. 2
- Trash pick-up on connector has been rescheduled to Oct. 7 due to weather conditions.
- Holiday party – mentioned previously. Sean Sawyer is working on additional details.
- Rotaract Update – Alysia reported Rotaract is tabling at FSU on Monday 10/7 to recruit. Laura will be getting with Alysia to get her plastic collection boxes. Alysia has a phone call scheduled with Ben McElroy, president of the Marshall University Rotaract Club this afternoon. He is interested in helping get the FSU club off the ground and maybe doing a co-event in the spring. The Rotaract members are very interested in meeting/working with the Interact members at EFHS.

New Business

- Laura discussed the big help that Shae from Country Roads Moving was in getting the large load of plastic picked-up at Mattress Central and delivered and loaded to Kohl's truck. A motion was made by Lou Spatafore to get a \$25 gift card from Brickside. Sean Sawyer seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

*** Lou Spatafore was excused from meeting at 1:30 p.m. and gave his proxy to Jeff Merrifield at this time***

*** Alysia Davis joined Board Meeting at 1:41 p.m. via speaker phone during the discussion about flags***

- Alysia needs to get VP permission for FSU Middle College Interact club start-up.
- WVU Trunk-or-Treat Oct. 10 6p-8p Laura will be there and has asked for additional volunteers to help pass out candy/activity kits.
- Wreaths Across America Donation request. Sean Sawyer made a motion to sponsor 10 wreaths (\$170) in 2024. Nick seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**
- Community Garden clean-up partner with GS to help build compost bin. Laura Candell will work to schedule with GS and Community Garden.
- Night to Shine – Feb. 7th cheering section for red carpet. Laura Candell to check on training details for club members to participate.
- Night at the Races? Casino Night? These ideas were tabled to next Nov. board meeting.
- Julie Sawyer mentioned Hurricane Helene donation to Rotary Foundation. Laura Candell made a motion to send \$600 to Rotary Foundation for Hurricane Helene relief. Sean Sawyer seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Julie Sawyer will get this payment submitted.

With no further business, Sean Sawyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m., which was seconded by Larua Candell. **The motion passed.** The next Board meeting will be held on November 14, 2024, at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Laura Candell on behalf of Alysia Davis as Secretary