**Rotary Club of Fairmont**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2024**

Attendees: Larissa Cason, Laura Candell, Jeff Merrifield, Julie Sawyer, Sean Sawyer, Alex Petry, Alysia Davis

Julie Sawyer called the meeting to order at 1:147 p.m.

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

**Presentation of (past) minutes:** Minutes were presented. Alysia Davis made a motion to accept the minutes. Jeff Merrifield seconded. ***The motion passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2024 was circulated. Sean Sawyer made a motion to accept the report. Larissa Cason seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***

**Committee Reports:**

* Membership – Sean Sawyer reported that the Club received two membership applications the previous week from Lewis Boyce and Rachel Boyce. After obtaining a proxy vote from Nick Ailport (via Laura Candell), all board members voted to admit the Boyces. The next step was to gather input from the rest of the membership. Sean Sawyer will meet with the Boyces to answer any questions they have. Sean then discussed the upcoming Discover Rotary event. If the turnout is anticipated to be low, the Club will be flexible with the format.
* Public Image – Alex Petry still needs access to the Facebook page. Sean Sawyer will try to get Alex access.
* Youth Services – Interact t-shirts are in. Alysia Davis will send Rotaract t-shirt sizes to Julie Sawyer.
* Special Events/Fellowship – A sign-up sheet went out for the holiday party and flyers are out. The board members agreed on the menu selection which includes chicken alfredo, pork tenderloin, roasted potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls, cookies, and brownies. There will be a $15-limit white elephant game, and the buffet will cost $25 assuming 80 attendees. Sean Sawyer will contact the other clubs with relevant details. The group will have access to the building at 2:00 p.m. The deadline for RSVPs is November 25.
* Rotary Foundation – Larissa Cason had no report. Board members discussed the recent RLI event that Sean and Julie Sawyer attended. The district raised $4.1 million. The Club will need to send $1,500 for polio to the district by May 1 – the Board already voted to approve.
* Finance – Laura Candell is still working to recruit committee members. So far, the committee members are Laura Candell, Susan Walls, and Larissa Cason. Laura is trying to schedule a meeting for the following week. The committee can meet at the library.
* Scholarship –Jeff Merrifield has the current scholarship requirements. The current scholarship levels will continue, but the trade school scholarship will be a $1,000 one-time gift. Funds available are $5,000. Three of the five scholarship recipients are already identified. Jamie Ford shared scholarship information with the East Fairmont High School Interact members, but there was no interest in the trade school opportunity. Alysia Davis suggested Interact members could help market the scholarship and identify students who would benefit from the trade school scholarship. Marketing will occur in January. Jeff Merrifield will get a working document for the scholarship application to make the necessary changes. A separate application for the trade school scholarship will be needed. Selection committee members are Jeff Merrifield, Nick Ailport, Julie Sawyer, and John Schooley.
* Flag – Julie Sawyer ordered industrial clips for the flags. She then made a motion to order 800 flags at $5 each. Larissa Cason seconded the motion. ***The motion passed.***
* Grants – Sean Sawyer reported that signatures are needed from the President, President-elect and the Foundation Chair. The grants report will be due in May. Laura Candell stated that the Club needs to invite scholarship winners to a Club meeting, but selections also should be made early enough to provide stoles and certificates at school awards ceremonies. The Club needs to get a senior Interact count from Jamie Ford ASAP.

**President-Elect Report:**

Larissa Cason will bring Thanksgiving cards to the next meeting and will get volunteers to take them to local nursing homes. There is no speaker on December 19. Lydia Warren from the Folklife Center will speak on January 23.

The following speaker line-up is confirmed:

November 21 – Travis Blosser, City Manager

November 28 – No meeting, Thanksgiving

December 5 – Holiday cards for nursing home residents

December 12 – Milan Hayward, Pierpont Community & Technical College

**Old/Completed Business:**

* The Club was awarded a default judgment in the ongoing civil action against the Offens. Higginbotham is covering, and there is no expense. Because the subject is an incarcerated individual, enforcement can occur throughout a 10-year period.

**Old/Ongoing Business:**

* Holiday party planning is underway.
* Rotaract continues to meet at Fairmont State. Alysia Davis is in contact with Rebecca Pack to get the Club formally established.
* Alysia Davis shared that there is no longer an opportunity for a Middle College Interact Club at Fairmont State.
* Night to Shine is February 7. Laura Candell suggested that a speaker from the event might be good to have in January, and the Club can find out more about training requirements
* Disability Action Center Club – Sean Sawyer talked with Julie Sole. She will share information with clients and family members. If she has a good response, the Club should be good to go.

**New Business**

* Laura Candell will send a letter she received requesting funds for a Kicking it for Katie sponsorship to Julie Sawyer.
* Larissa Cason stated that the by-laws have a December 1 deadline for President-Elect Nominees. The Club will convene a nomination committee with Larissa chairing it, by default. Larissa will announce at the next meeting that the Club is accepting nominations.

With no further business, Sean Sawyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m., which was seconded by Larua Candell. ***The motion passed***. The next Board meeting will be held on December 12, 2024, at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alysia Davis

Secretary