

Rotary Club of Media
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020

Board Members Present: Susan Garrison, President; Jim Resinger, President-Elect (by phone); Ted Pleibel, Treasurer; Frances Sheehan, Recording Secretary; Carol Wills, Vice President; Kerry Dyer, Andy Hunt, Sheri Kirchoff, James Meinel, Mikael Nordstrom

Excused: Rob Hancock, Immediate Past President; Tony Cavaliere, Sergeant-at-Arms; Ryan Martin, Secretary

Guests: Courtney Ballaeur, George Jones, Morris Kaufman, Govinda Malya, Peter Mardinly, Larry Smoose

Susan Garrison called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Approval of the May Minutes

Ted Pleibel moved adoption of the May minutes as submitted; James Meinel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Susan Garrison

Susan reported that the attendance rate in May was 47% and 53% on the last date in May, May 28. James moved adoption of the secretary's report; Jim Resinger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Ted Pleibel

Ted Pleibel reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement, Check Detail, and Balance Sheet. \$200 in Charitable Contributions is for Food for Heroes in the Check Detail. Ted reported that he resolved the liabilities to the two foundations for a total of \$2,973.92 so there is no longer a liability to Rotary International Foundation and Gundaker Foundation. They were paid \$1,295.93 and \$1,678 respectively.

James moved acceptance of the treasurer's report; Jim seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ted would like to be reimbursed \$30+ for postage to send out info to incomingboard presidents. James moved that Ted be reimbursed; Andy Hunt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ted moved that the club make a donation of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in memory of past president Wayne Szynal who passed away; James seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ted made a motion to charge members \$93 for the first six months of the year given the reduction in dues the club has to pay to the district. James seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ted made a motion that the initiation fee for corporate membership be \$140 (one time fee); James seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New Business

Susan announced that the district's financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019 have been shared with the local clubs, and are available for review. Clubs are invited to be part of the district annual meeting on June 30 for formal presentation. Based upon Susan's review, James made a motion to give Susan the authority to approve the statements on behalf of the club. Mikael Nordstrom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Susan reported that the club has the opportunity to apply for a \$500 COVID grant from Rotary for food bank support. The deadline to apply is June 22. Mikael made a motion to authorize Susan to apply for the grant and to discuss matching fund opportunities with our Foundation with Larry Smoose. The motion was seconded by Ted, which passed unanimously.

There was discussion about technology needs going forward given that our board and membership meetings will continue to be virtual for the foreseeable future. James will be presenting more information at the next board meeting.

Susan reported that Julie Kornfeld would like to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship with our club's sponsorship, the due date for which is June 15. Peter Mardinly knows her and reported that she is an attorney at the International Refugee Assistance Project and a visiting clinical lecturer at Yale Law School. Julie was an alternate last year. Joy Charlton, former president and still active member of the Swarthmore Rotary Club, is also an advocate of her candidacy. Mikael moved that the club formally recommend Julie Kornfeld for the Rotary Peace Fellowship. The motion was seconded by Kerry Dyer, and passed unanimously. Susan will write a letter of recommendation.

Susan reported that new board members and officers will be installed at the Rotary Club meeting scheduled for June 25. All are encouraged to attend.

Jim reported that he was on a recent district call where it was mentioned that the Evanston headquarters is closed and that checks are piling up. Total contributions from our club members are up to \$13,366 so we exceeded our goal of \$12,000, but our giving over the last few years have gone down. Jim wondered if the changes in the tax law have made charitable giving less tax advantageous.

Service Committee – Mikael Nordstrom

Mikael Nordstrom reported that the park we've invested time in cleaning up is in dire need of "love and attention." More discussion will be had off-line. Susan reported that Jeff Cadorette informed her that the Rotary- painted "peace wall" near the entrance to the park on Barren Road now has graffiti on it which Jeffry covered temporarily but which also might be a future project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Frances M. Sheehan
Recording Secretary