

Minutes – November 28, 2023

Board Members: Tony Cavaliere, President; Peter A. Mardinly, Vice, Gary Zebrowski, Treasurer (non-voting); Larry Smoose, Secretary; Perry Kotsiopoulos, James Meinel, Past President
Members present: Tony Cavaliere, Larry Smoose, Peter Mardinly, James Meinel, Gary Zebrowski

Others present: Christine Crosby, Carol Wills, Mina Yi-Merizalde, Govinda Malya, Susan Garrison

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Gary presented the financial reports noting that \$23,624.79 is available for grants. He also noted that there is a balance of \$1851.19 from the multicultural festival and asked if it should be included in the amount available for grants or held for some other purpose. Mina and Govinda expressed their opinion that the funds should remain with the Foundation. Susan asked if the Foundation would reimburse the club for the petty cash monies used for the event.

Gary also suggested that funds be allocated for the whiskey raffle purchases as part of the anticipated 2024 expenses. A motion was adopted to provide up to \$3,500.00 for raffle purchases. (James/Peter) A discussion then ensued about the possibility of providing Paypal, Venmo, or Zelle as ways to purchase chances in addition to sending a check. The committee will discuss this further and make a recommendation.

New Business:

DMZ Concert 2027 – Mina had requested an opportunity to make the board aware of the possibility of an international Peace Concert in 2027, during the 100th anniversary of Rotary in Korea. It would be held in the DMZ with the possibility of having a musical group from each of the eighteen countries that participated in the Korean War. The request is to allow Mina to explore the possibilities of such a concert and to try to develop a partnership with a Korean Rotary Club to jointly work on the program. She has had an opportunity to meet with Hyun Chun-Wook of Seoul Hansoo Club, a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, and plans to meet with him again when she travels to South Korea in the Spring.

Peter indicated that there are special regulations when transferring money from overseas and Mina said that most of the money would be at the South Korean site. Govinda suggested that when a draft of the proposal is ready, it ought to be presented to club members for thoughts and reactions. Peter also said that he thought it should go to the club board first. Mina responded that she was going to the club board to tell them what she has just told the Foundation Board, and that after her visit to Korea in the Spring she would draft a plan to present to the Club Board, the Foundation Board, and as a club program.

Grants

Teachers' Teammates. This is a request to match funds raised by Strathaven Middle School students to purchase mid-year school supplies for underserved youth in grades 4-10 in the seven school districts in Delaware County with the highest proportion of underserved youth. The supplies would be distributed in about

83 classrooms and benefit up to 2000 youth. The board adopted a motion to grant \$1,000 to Teachers' Teammates for the supplies. (James/Larry)

Other Business:

Gundaker. Peter gave a brief report, indicating that there are still discussions going on regarding Gundaker's Board passing a resolution to charge each club in the district up to \$1,000 in order to be able to request a Gundaker Grant.

By-Laws Review. This is still pending.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 and was adopted.

Larry V. Smoose, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: January 23, 2024 at 4 p.m.