

## Minutes – February 27, 2024

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

Members present: Tony Cavaliere, Larry Smoose, Peter Mardinly, Perry Kotsiopoulos, Gary Zebrowski

Others present: Carol Wills, Bryan Messick, Susan Garrison, Mina Yi-Merizalde

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

President Tony expressed appreciation for all who were able to attend the meeting, since it had to be changed at the last minute because of an unavoidable business issue. He noted that Govinda Malya expressed disappointment at not being able to attend the meeting because of the changed time and that he had apologized to him.

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved. (Perry/Larry)

Financial Report: Gary presented the financials, reporting that 69 tickets have been purchased, most on Venmo, for \$2320 received, so we are almost breaking even. He also reported that \$20,614 is available for grants. In response to a question on how much grant money is expended each year, he said approximately \$12,000 to \$13,000 per year. It is generally related to the amount we raise each year with our fund-raisers. The report was received. (Larry/Peter)

### Grants

**Media Little League.** Bryan Messick told the board that Media Little League is doing some renovations to the field, including putting up a new sign. The sign has been there for over 25 years and is in pretty bad shape. They would like the club to at least help with the cost of a new sign. Bryan said the estimated cost was \$2,500. It was suggested that \$1,000 was our usual grant amount. One member noted that the sign provides major club recognition for the field and that it is a one-time request, not likely to be repeated annually and we should at least consider the full amount of the request. The board asked that a formal application be made and we would consider it next month.

**Rotoplast.** Susan presented an application from Rotoplast to help with the costs of sending a team to provide cleft lip and cleft palate surgery. In response to a question about to whom the check should be made and where it should be sent, Peter said he would find the right place to send it so that our district as well as our club would receive credit. A grant of \$1,000 for the Rotoplast mission was approved. (Peter/Perry)

**Media Arts Council (MAC).** Perry made the presentation for the MAC request for a Foundation sponsorship for the Media Film Festival. The request is for \$2,500 for this annual event. The members discussed the request and it was noted that since this is an annual request the board needed to be careful with how much it provided, because that would likely become the amount requested in coming years. Gary noted that we gave them \$1,500 last year. A motion was adopted to provide MAC with \$1,500 for the film festival. (Larry/Perry)

### Other Business

**Bylaws Review.** A draft of the revised bylaws was discussed. One board member indicated surprise that the number of board members had not changed, as it had been his impression that one of the principle reason the bylaws were being reviewed was to consider reducing the number of board members. The sub-committee said they considered that but felt that a three person quorum could result in just two members approving a grant or other substantive motion. Ideas were exchanged, including the possibility of having a four person quorum, or having a dollar amount that would require a greater number of votes. The sub-committee appreciated the thoughtful comments and will consider them at their next meeting. They plan to have a recommendation for the next meeting.

**Whiskey Raffle** - Gary told us the amount we have received so far. Larry reported that the flyers are now available and the teams are beginning to sell tickets.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 and was adopted.

Larry V. Smoose, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: March 26 at 4:00 p.m.**