

ROTARY CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 19, 2022

		Attended	Excused
President	Kathryn Jones, MD	X	
President-Elect / Fund Raising	Heather Saunders	X	
President Nominee	Greg Brown	X	
IPP – Past President / Sergeant-of-Arms	Bill Hale		X
Club Executive Secretary	Brian Casey	X	
Treasurer	Theresa O'Malley		X
Secretary	Brian Craig	X	
The Rotary Foundation Chair	Barbara Whitaker-Shimko		X
Membership Chair	Carr Everbach	X	
Speaker Program	Hillard Pouncy	X	
International Chair / Gundaker	Anne Hansen	X	
Service Projects Chair	Lori Markusfeld		X
Public Relations Chair	Perri Evanson		X
Grants Committee / Rotary Trust Chair	Betty Ann Flynn	X	
CTEP Chair	Ken Wright		X
Climate Chair	Dave Firn	X	
Karen Mazzarella-Russo, Assistant District Governor	District Updates		X

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Kathryn Jones, President 2021-22.

Opening Remarks: President Kathryn Jones

- Kathryn welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Secretary's Report: Brian Craig

- On a motion by Carr Everbach, second by Greg Brown, the minutes of March 15, 2022, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Theresa O'Malley

Theresa was unable to attend but provided the following information in her committee report:

1. Bank balance as of March 31st – \$15,197.36
2. The switch from Bryn Mawr Trust to WSFS was successful, and relatively painless. Only one phone call was required to sort out log in problems!
3. Only 8 members have not paid their last dues, and three of those are people may no longer be active (they didn't pay the last set of dues, either). I'll send out a new batch of statements this upcoming weekend.

4. Bills paid:
 - a) \$300.00 (\$100 refundable) to Park Avenue Community Center for rental of the Great Hall on May 12th
 - b) \$166.07 to Kelly's Trophies for two plaques in memory of Steve Laxton.
 - c) \$110.00 reimbursement to Barbara Whitaker-Shimko for new letterhead and postage in support of her efforts.

In addition to the report the following comments were noted:

1. Kathryn asked Theresa O'Malley and Barbara Whitaker-Shimko to send her a list of those who have not paid their dues or contributed to The Rotary Foundation so Kathryn could contact them.
2. Hillard Pouncy asked about the net gain in membership for this presidential year. Kathryn noted eight (8) people have joined with three more awaiting membership action; Jane Billings, Patrick Gunnin and Ryan Martin for a possible eleven (11). There will a net gain in membership for the year. It is expected there will be some members leaving for various reasons. Carr agreed with Kathryn's numbers and noted it exceeded the goal for the year.

Committee Reports:

Chester Trades Education Project: Ken Wright

Ken Wright was excused. Kathryn Jones reported the following:

1. The CTEP students will be receiving their tools on April 28. It will be a limited ceremony with representatives from Swarthmore Rotary, Chester Rotary and Delaware County Community College to formally hand over tools to eight (8) students. Photos will be taken and certificates issues.
2. A leadership meeting was held last week. It was decided to have the student success course taught in the summer allowing the student to have the skills going into the cohort rather than going throughout the course.
3. Expectations are for fifteen (15) students in cohort 2. Two information sessions are being held on May 3rd and May 10th. The success course will start in early June with the technical skills starting in September.
4. Kathryn Jones and Betty Ann Flynn are going to the Longwood Gardens Rotary Club on May 12th to ask for financial support for CTEP.
5. The CTEP web site is in beta testing. Cohort 1 students were going to be interviewed to get feedback on the web site and get student testimonials.
6. Brian Casey asked about CTEP being a Rotary initiative. The reason was the web site did not appear to acknowledge Rotary's significance in the effort. Kathryn Jones agreed there needed to be better branding for Rotary on the web site. It was noted the web site is still in the early stages. Kathryn Jones would like to emphasize how different the CTEP program is from a standard DCCC carpentry course.

Climate and Environment: David Firm

1. On track for road cleanup on April 30th. Old vests are available and Brian Casey has some new vests.
2. A tree was purchased for Little Crum Creek Park. It will be planted soon.
3. CRC Watershed has three more events this spring for which they are soliciting volunteers.

4. On a question from Anne Hansen it was stated the April 30th cleanup should take about 2 hours, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. About fifteen (15) people have signed up so far.

Fund Raising: Heather Saunders

1. No new data on fund raising.
2. Reminder of the block party scheduled for May 14th. Kathryn Jones noted the event is a maybe as not all approvals have been received. There may be timing issues to insure a successful event.
3. Fun Fair set for September 18th. Brian Casey noted the web site has been updated and is about 70 percent done. Work continues.
4. Heather Saunders noted Joe Lesniak needs an apprentice. He would like someone else to take responsibility for the event once this one is completed. Alternatives were discussed.

Grants: Betty Ann Flynn

1. Betty Ann thanked the board for their on-line approval of the \$2,000 grant to First Place Swarthmore. A short description of First Place Swarthmore prepared by Swarthmore Presbyterian Church was included with the committee reports. It will allow a temporary housing for an immigrant family which will allow advantages such as allowing them to send their children to school.
2. Scott Richardson of Occasionally Yours has generously lowered the rent on the apartment above his store to an affordable monthly rent. This is not a long term commitment, perhaps two (2) to three (3) months. This has been planned by Swarthmore Presbyterian Church for some time. Betty Ann Will notify the club when the family arrives.
3. There are no other grant applications.
4. Betty Ann Flynn has applied to Swarthmore Presbyterian Church for a \$1,000 grant for CTEP. There is a possibility this can be raised to \$2,000. Betty Ann will follow up on this possibility. She noted they already donated \$450.

Swarthmore Rotary Charitable Trust: Betty Ann Flynn

1. Betty Ann Flynn noted she is now at her three (3) year term limit as treasurer of the Trust. Josh Twersky, chairperson of the Trust, is aware of the term limit and is seeking a replacement. There should be a new treasurer with the start of the new presidential year.
2. The current balance is \$10,385.45 in statement savings, \$6,731.39 in statement savings, \$25,037 in CD accounts (she noted no money is being made in the CD accounts), for a total of \$42,153.84. She noted the scholarship commitment of \$24,000 leaving a balance of \$18,153.84.
3. The CTEP account is not noted in the report due to lack of time. She needs to get up to date with collections.
4. The finances are as of March 31, 2022.
5. It was noted the Trust is getting precariously low. The Fun Fair is needed to restore funds.

Gundaker: Anne Hansen

1. Gundaker has been working hard to raise funds for Ukraine. She believes they have raised \$10,000 so far. Gundaker has relationship with Rotary clubs in Ukraine and Poland.
2. Gundaker is always looking for more money so they can give more away.

International Service: Anne Hansen

1. There have been no meetings recently. Progress is very slow. There are many problems with providing resources to the Liberia project. Many proposed solutions have been determined to be not viable. The Swarthmore Club and Chester Club are still working to proceed with a grant but the progress is slow.
2. Heather Saunders agreed with Anne's assessment and noted the important thing is continuing the relationship with the Chester club.
3. The Chester club is hosting a Minglefest on Tuesday, April 26th, at Pizzeria Uno across from the Weidner campus. Swarthmore Rotary members are encouraged to attend.
4. Heather also noted the cleanup event at the Ruth Bennett Community Farm on Saturday, April 23rd.
5. Heather noted the problem with the current Chester project is there are no concrete plans at the present time. There is a lot of work to be done.
6. Swarthmore Rotary contributed to the recent Chester Rotary fund raiser.
7. Kathryn Jones reiterated her support of the Chester Club and the efforts of Anne Hansen and Heather Saunders.
8. Kathryn had a two (2) hour call with Yvette Houston of the Chester Club two (2) weeks ago to discuss common goals.
9. Kathryn noted that in addition to assisting the Chester club the Swarthmore Rotary Club needs to initiate its own international project.

Membership: Carr Everbach

1. Membership was discussed earlier in the Treasurer's Report.
2. New member Helena Adams is working to bring in new younger members to the club.
3. Kathryn Jones stated she is working on two (2) possible new members.

Public Relations: Perri Evanson

- Perri Evanson was excused.

The Rotary Foundation: Barbara Whitaker-Shimko

- Barbara Whitaker-Shimko was excused.

Service Projects: Lori Markusfeld

- Lori Markusfeld was excused.

Speaker Program: Hillard Pouncy

1. The next two months (May & June) are mostly booked up.
2. Hillard is still working on the schedule regarding live meetings and Zoom meetings.
3. Hillard referred to Carr Everbach's experiment with broadcasting live meetings via Zoom. Anne Hansen noted she was pleased she could watch a recorded meeting when not being able to attend. Carr noted the people who were able to live stream or watch the recorded sessions were people unable to attend as opposed to those purposely staying away because of the availability of Zoom. Rather than losing attendees the club was able to keep members more in touch.
4. Carr thanked Heather Saunders for the use of her laptop. Carr noted there is a club laptop but it is seriously outdated and not capable of hosting the Zoom meetings. Brian Casey noted the club laptop is easily ten (10) years old. Brian felt a new laptop could be purchased for \$400 to \$500. Kathryn Jones was supportive of the purchase.
5. A discussion indicated there was a need for a modern laptop computer with a separate video camera. Hillard Pouncy offered to contribute a tripod.
6. Anne Hansen made a motion to purchase a laptop computer with separate video camera for club purposes, with a second by Greg Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.
7. Carr Everbach and Brian Casey will collaborate on identifying an appropriate laptop and video camera. Hillard Pouncy will contribute a tripod.
8. Hillard Pouncy and Brian Casey discussed the capabilities of DACdb to include video links.
9. Kathryn Jones reported May 19th is the club assembly during an in-person meeting.
10. June 23rd will be the new president Heather Saunders induction ceremony in the evening. There will not be a club meeting that day. It will be at Tyler Arboretum.
11. June 30th is Kathryn's last meeting as president. She would like to do a CTEP update and have some CTEP students as guests.

Youth / New Generations: TBD

- No report

District Updates: Karen Mazzarella-Russo

- Karen Mazzarella-Russo was unable to attend. Kathryn reported she wanted to remind everyone of the District Conference this weekend, the Rotary District 7450 Governor Installation is June 26th at Boothwyn and a Ukrainian Relief Dinner sometime in June.

Old Business:

- Josh Twersky continues to coordinate Worl of Work.

New Business:

1. The district grant for CTEP is due April 30th. Kathryn Jones will work on the grant and have it reviewed by Heather Saunders.
2. Randy Winton is chairing the Community Service and Vocational Service Awards committee. The committee make recommendations. Greg Brown and Craig Fava will present information to the club and Kathryn will send an email to club members explaining the process. The deadline for nominations is May 20th. The committee will make recommendation by May 31st. Recipients may be an individual or an organization. Winners will be invited to the induction ceremony to be introduced and the awards will be presented at the Swarthmore Independence Day Celebration.
3. Anne Hansen reported Marv Gelb has been working on the memorial plaques and dedication. Theresa O'Malley has received the plaques. Marv Gelb will work on the ceremony.
4. On a question by Dave Firn it was confirmed Swarthmore Rotary meetings will be via Zoom the first two weeks of the month followed by in-person meetings the remainder of the month for the remaining Kathryn's remaining term. Heather Saunders will determine future meeting arrangements. Brian Casey reported he makes the updates of the status of the meetings on the web site.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Craig
Swarthmore Rotary Secretary 2021-22