

**Swarthmore Rotary Board of Directors Meeting**  
**June 25, 2025**  
**5 p.m. via Zoom**

In attendance: Jane Billings, Brian Casey, Elizabeth Church, Carr Everbach, Rosemary Fox, Joe Lesniak, Lori Markusfeld, Lisa O'Mahony, Hillard Pouncy, George Whitfield

Not in attendance/excused: Marc Berneski, Josh Twersky, Ken Wright, Maria Zissimos

Also in attendance: Vicki Shelter

**2025-2026 Budget and Financial Review**

The Board approved the May financial report and discussed the upcoming fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. Joe presented the May treasurer's report, noting a balance of \$22,123 and explaining various income and expense items. The Board approved the May income and expense statement. For the next fiscal year, the Board approved a budget that includes allocations for member and guest meals, with the guest meals expense of \$2,000 being reflected in the member meals line item. The Board also discussed the need to get a quote for an independent review of the books by an accountant.

Brian informed the group that Gundaker would cease automatic dues deductions from members starting July 1.

**Club Payment Options Discussion**

The Board discussed payment options for the club, comparing Venmo and Square. Brian explained that Venmo is device-agnostic and can be used with a QR code, while Square requires a device and someone to manually enter amounts. They agreed that both options could be useful, with Venmo being easier for members to use independently. George made a motion to set up electronic payments, which Jane seconded; the vote in favor was unanimous, with an amendment for Brian to move forward with Joe on implementation.

**Club Programs**

Hillard updated on the speaker program, noting that new members have booked dates for their classification talks. Jane mentioned a pending meeting with the superintendent and will ask if he can speak to the group in August or September.

**Club Membership and Foundation Report**

Jane announced that Dorothy Gelb has resigned due to health concerns. Carr shared that Lona O'Neill, the Director of Development at Cades, has expressed interest in joining the club and will visit in July. Carr will reach out to members of the now-defunct Paoli club to see if they might be

interested in joining and/or attending a meeting of our club. Rosemary is preparing new member highlights and requested bios and photos, which Brian is helping to collect.

Elizabeth reported that the club reached 100% participation in annual giving to Rotary International, with an average per capita contribution of \$425 per member.

### **Service Projects**

Lisa outlined several upcoming projects, including Comfort Kits for Nick's Place, Hope for Hallie Mental Health Awareness Day, Loaves and Fishes, and Adopt-a-Highway. Jane mentioned a possible collaboration with the Red Cross to make emergency or first aid kits during a meeting. There was interest in a second event with PASHI and a potential fundraising collaboration with the Players Club of Swarthmore. Jane agreed to speak with the District Governor about the opportunity to participate in another district-wide Rise Against Hunger event.

### **4th of July Awards Volunteer Honors**

Jane announced plans to honor Carol Savory as Community Volunteer of the Year and Shannon Elliott as Vocational Person of the Year at the upcoming 4th of July event. As usual, the club will march in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and serve lemonade.

### **President Nominee**

Hillard has convened a Nomination Committee to search for a president for 2026-27.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Jane reported that she is establishing a Fundraising and Events Committee. Lisa noted that it was important to distinguish between events and service projects, as there seems to be some overlap. Jane noted that the Board needs to determine how much money needs to be raised annually to support the club's grant programs, which Carr pointed out are usually provided by the club's Trust.

Jane mentioned that a club member had expressed interest in creating an endowment for student scholarships and that she would follow up on this lead.

Next Board meeting: July 23, 2025 at 5 p.m. via Zoom