

Minutes
Swarthmore Rotary Club Board Meeting
October 22, 2025

Board members in attendance:

Jane Billings, Brian Casey, Carr Everbach, Rosemary Fox, Joe Lesniak, Lori Markusfeld, Charlie Pell, Hillard Pouncy, Vicki Shelter, George Whitfield, Earl Varney, Maria Zissimos

Board members not in attendance:

Elizabeth Church, Lisa O'Mahony, Josh Tversky, Ken Wright.

The minutes of September 24, 2025 were approved with an abstention from George, who was not at the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Rotary Arts Conversations

Jane reported that the September presentation by Andrew Haus was great. We are still hoping for better attendance.

Finance

Joe reviewed the September Financial Report. Current balance in the club account is \$15,678.77. The report was approved unanimously by the Board.

Grants

Maria reviewed a grant request of \$1,500 from Loaves and Fishes. There was a discussion about the current state of food insecurity in Delaware County, particularly in light of the current suspension of SNAP benefits. The board unanimously approved a grant of \$3,000.

Programs

Hillard reported that the calendar is complete through November. The annual CADES concert with the Strath Haven Silvertones will occur the third week of December. The new borough manager will speak in December.

Membership

Carr reported that Marianne Englander has been inducted into the club. Sarah Tuberty will be inducted soon (Sarah is a transfer from an e-club.) Current membership is 54.

Service Projects

The club assembled Red Cross Care Kits for homeless veterans; donations from club members covered the majority of the cost. The club partnered with Hope for Hallie to distribute purple light bulbs at the Farmers Market to "Light up for Mental Health" during the month of October. The semi-annual Yale

Avenue cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 15. Monthly visits to the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park are continuing.

Interact

Vicki reported that the Interact Club spent an afternoon at the ACCESS Community Center in Chester and will continue working with them this year. Other projects are being developed.

Publicity

Rosemary reported that we have over 600 followers on Facebook and over 200 followers on Instagram.

Other business

- Jane reported that the District's Rotary Peace Fellow Fundraising Challenge has been very successful, with \$18,684.71 received from 36 donors and another \$5,000 match expected. The funds are being deposited directly into the Swarthmore Rotary Trust account.
- The newly-formed Fundraising and Events Committee will meet for the first time after tomorrow's lunch meeting.
- The Club should consider applying for a District Gundaker Grant.
- Hillard agreed to lead the search for a President Nominee (2027-28).

Next Board Meeting:

November 19, 2025 at 5 p.m. via Zoom