

Rotary Club of Swarthmore

Board Meeting

November 19, 2025

Board members in attendance:

Jane Billings, Brian Casey, Elizabeth Church, Carr Everbach, Rosemary Fox, Lori Markusfeld, Lisa O'Mahony, Charlie Pell, Hillard Pouncy, Vicki Shelter, Earl Varney, George Whitfield.

Board members not in attendance: Joe Lesniak, Josh Twersky, Ken Wright, Maria Zissimos.

The minutes of the Board meeting of October 22, 2025 were adopted unanimously.

Jane reviewed the October Financial Report. The current balance in the club account is \$16,714.

Grants

The Board unanimously approved a grant request of \$1,000 from the Chester Children's Chorus for math tutors and \$1,000 for Hurricane Melissa Relief. Both funds will be from the Swarthmore Rotary Trust.

The Board deferred a decision on a request from Wesley AME Church for \$2,000 to aid in a \$250,000 project to repair water damage at the church. While the Board expressed support for the initiative, it would like to see the grant fund a more defined piece of the overall project. Charlie offered to provide some advice to the church on the repair work.

Rotary Arts

Approximately 20 people attended the last RAC. The next conversation will be on Friday, January 16 with Lori Ardis.

Programs

Hillard reported that the calendar is complete for 2025.

Membership

Carr reported that 2025 was a successful year. Our newest member is Evelyn Showell.

Rotary Foundation

Elizabeth continues to solicit donations from club members, with the goal of 100% participation. She reviewed Paul Harris awards, and said she is still somewhat frustrated with Rotary International's donor recognition program.

Service Projects

Lisa reported that Home for the Holidays is coming up in December. Barb Whittaker is working on a service project with “Heart and Soul’d” for February.

Interact/Youth Services

Vicki reported that Interact continues to volunteer at the Access Center in Chester, and is working on a project with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They hope to participate in Rise Against Hunger again.

Publicity

Rosemary reported that we have purchased a buffer account that allows you to queue up posts for Facebook and Instagram.

Other Business

Jane reported that the Rotary Peace Fellow Fundraising Challenge has collected about \$28,000.

Hillard is continuing to work on the hunt for a President-Nominee (2027-28).

Jane reported that we will meet in December only if there are pressing grant requests to review.

Respectfully submitted by AI and Club Secretary Charlie Pell