

Rotary Club of Swarthmore

Board Meeting

April 22, 2026

Board members in attendance: Jane Billings, Brian Casey, Elizabeth Church, Carr Everbach, Joe Lesniak, Lori Markusfeld, Lisa O'Mahony, Charlie Pell, Victoria Shelter, Earl Varney, George Whitfield, Maria Zissimos

Board members not in attendance: Rosemary Fox, Hillard Pouncy, Josh Twersky, Ken Wright

Minutes

The minutes of the March 25, 2026 Board meeting were adopted unanimously.

Financial Report

Joe reported that the current balance in the club account is \$22,396. Expenses anticipated before the end of the year include the Happy Dollars (Polio Plus) contribution to Rotary International and an in-house service project to fill "Bags of Hope" for Fostering Hope Delco.

The March Finance Report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Club Programs

No report.

Membership

Colleen Duran will be inducted at the meeting on Thursday, April 23.

Rotary Arts Conversations

The Committee is sending out a survey to see whether attendees would prefer to meet on Sunday afternoon rather than Friday evening.

Rotary Foundation

Twelve club members have not contributed yet this year. Elizabeth is contacting them; her goal remains 100% participation.

Service Projects

Lisa reported that the club will be filling "Bags of Hope" for Fostering Hope Delco at the meeting on Thursday, April 30. Loaves and Fishes and Chester Eastside Community Table remain on-going service projects.

Youth/Interact

Vicki reported that the Interact Club is winding up activities for the year. Several Interactors expect to attend "Rise Against Hunger" on Saturday, May 9.

Public Image

No report.

Swarthmore Rotary Trust

No report.

Grants

The club voted unanimously to award a grant of \$878.98 to the Swarthmore Public Library for summer youth programming materials, to be funded with Club funds.

The club voted unanimously to award a grant of \$1,500 to Lifewerks Food Pantry to provide new shelving, to be funded with Club funds. The shelving will be installed as part of a Rose Valley Troop 272 Eagle Scout Project.

The club voted unanimously to support the upcoming District 7450 "Rise Against Hunger" event with a donation of \$500, to be funded with Club funds.

The club voted unanimously to release the \$3,600 remaining in the District fundraiser in support of Peace Fellow Mohammed Fakhry, to be paid from the Swarthmore Rotary Trust.

The club deferred action on the grant request of \$2,000 from Trinity Transitional House in support of the Free Diaper Hub & Essential Program.

Other Business

Jane reported that the club netted over \$850 from the Spring Fling. Plans for Delco Gives are ongoing.

Respectfully submitted by AI and Club Secretary Charlie Pell