

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

February 21, 2017

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at Sea Palms Conference Center on February 21, 2017. The meeting convened at 11:32AM with a quorum present, with President Paul Pieschel presiding and Robbie Strange, Secretary.

Members Present: Paul Pieschel, David Boland, Drew Holland, Denny Silva, Phil Viviani, Beverly Trainor, Larry Daugherty, Te Turner and Robbie Strange.

Guests Present: Mary Beth Wester and Natasha Williams

President Paul called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the January 17 meeting were presented. **Larry Daugherty offered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17 meeting; 2nd by Te Turner. Motion carried.**

Financials:

Denny Silva reported the club had around \$30k cash, very few liabilities and was overall in good financial shape.

Denny presented the following Financial Reports: Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of January 31, 2017; Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the one month ended January 31, 2017 and Six Months Ended January 31, 2017 ; Statement of Revenue and Expenses Budget vs Actual July through January 31, 2017. **Drew Holland offered a motion to approve the Financials as presented, 2nd by Larry Daugherty. Motion carried.**

David Boland provided the board with the most recent aging summary, noted the overall collection of dues; especially that of 60-90 days has improved. David again informed the board he and Paul will continue calling members about their delinquent accounts.

Reports from Club Directors:

International Service: Te spoke about a potential link-up with GSRP student Karina's home club in Brazil. The joint project would call for roughly \$37k to output a mobile dental clinic in the state of Parana, Brazil and parts of Paraguay. Te noted Hamsa will help in moving the project through District. Te informed the Board, the club would need to pledge 10% of the total costs and it may need to get two (2) other clubs to help with the project.

Te made a motion to proceed with a feasibility study and commit to the support of \$3,700 (10% of the project's cost); 2nd by Denny Silva. Motion Carried.

Mentor Program: Denny Silva noted he was taking a leave of absence from the mentor program and asked if anyone had any ideas on who could take over. The names of Bonnie Turner and Mike Muldowney were mentioned. Denny indicated he'd speak with both of them to gauge their interest.

Programs: Beverly indicated the current year only has one (1) open slot (May 16th) and that she is already meeting with incoming president Bob Brown on the 2017-2018 schedule.

There was discussion about potentially having to move the Scholarship Awards date as the club will not be able to use Sea Palms on May 2. The replacement facility has a capacity of 80 and likely wouldn't be able to facilitate the additional guests with the recipients. Drew Holland and Beverly will get together and see if the date can be moved.

Communications: Merry Tipton was absent, but passed along her reports to Paul.

- Good Recent Publicity from the newspaper.
- She's currently working a story on Paul Harris for the paper
- She wants the club to spend some advertising money in advance of July 4th for the flag program. It was suggested Merry meet with Alice Barlow (chair of the flag program) to present a formal request for monies from the Board at the next meeting.

Membership:

Paul informed the board of two new members ready for Board Approval. Virginia Ellis has attended Orientation and Dick James will attend Orientation today. **A motion to accept Virginia and Dick as new members of the club offered by Drew Holland was 2nd by Denny Silva. Motion Carried.** As a former member, Virginia will receive her Blue Badge and Dick will receive his Red Badge at today's meeting.

Paul mentioned a prior email approval (January 18th) of Millard Allen's LOA from January 1 through March 31.

A motion was made by Te Turner to send a delinquency communication letter to all members with past due status over 90 days stating unless their respective delinquent accounts are rectified by the next Board Meeting, the board will vote on immediate termination of their membership; 2nd by Drew Holland. Motion Carried.

Other Business:

YWCA: Mary Beth Wester spoke about the YWCA Tribute to Women Leaders. Mary Beth indicated we sponsored a woman last year (along with the Golden Isles and Brunswick clubs) and it is great free advertisement for Rotary. She noted all the money received goes to help child care and improvements to the local YWCA. Mary Beth stated the Brunswick club would like to co-sponsor and will split the cost.

Beverly Trainor offered a motion to approve \$750 (50% of the sponsorship fee other half to be covered by Brunswick) to sponsor C.J. Rosser of Map International. Funds will be taken from Charitable Giving; 2nd by David Boland. Motion Carried.

District Conference: Paul noted in the past the club covered the cost for Rotoract members to attend a lunch at the conference. Bill Gussman says he expects around 10 members from Rotoract and 6 members from Interact to attend. Paul noted he will wait for final figures from Bill Gussman before approaching the board to approve the request. The request may come via email.

Coastal CPAs: Denny noted Coastal CPAs has spent about \$6k worth of the firm's time from October '15 – January '17 on the charitable giving fund. Denny offered a proposal for the club to pay \$1,200 (\$75 / month for the 16 months the firm worked on the fund). **Larry Daugherty offered a motion to approve a one-time payment fee of \$1,200 for past services and requested the management of the fund be moved in-house; 2nd by Te Turner. Motion Carried.** It was also noted Bob Brown will manage the fund going forward.

Paul indicated there was presently no meeting scheduled for the Tuesday after Easter (April 18).

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 AM, Tuesday March 21 at the Sea Palms Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Date of Approval