

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

September 20, 2016

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at Sea Palms Conference Center on September 20, 2016. The meeting convened at 11:31AM with a quorum present, with President Paul Pieschel presiding and Robbie Strange, Secretary.

Members Present: Paul Pieschel, Denny Silva, Beverly Trainor, David Boland, Beth Smith, Drew Holland, Bob Brown, Jennifer Broadus, Merry Tipton, Te Turner, Phil Viviani, Ben Lee and Robbie Strange.

Visitors: None

President Paul called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the August 16 meeting were presented. **Bob Brown offered a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16 meeting; 2nd by Phil Viviani. Motion carried.**

Financials:

Denny Silva presented the following Financial Reports: Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of August 31, 2016; Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the one month ended August 31, 2016; Statement of Revenue & Expenses – Budget vs Actual August 31, 2016; Statement of Revenue and Expenses Budget vs Actual July through August 31, 2016; A/R Aging Summary as of September 8, 2016. **Te Turner offered a motion to approve the Financials as presented, 2nd by Bob Brown. Motion carried.**

Denny Silva also noted the club had \$24,500 in its bank account and has very little debt. Denny noted the main expenses for the month was Paul Harris, which was paid at the end of the quarter. Denny also indicated the financials were completed on a cash basis.

Denny mentioned the Administrative Committee met and came up with the Expense Report Form, which Denny would email out to all Board Members.

Reports from Club Directors:

Vocational Services – Phil Viviani noted he hoped to have a “Meet the Members” once a month and that he and Beverly were in communication regarding the Speech Contest, which will take place on February 14th.

Programs & Fellowship – Beverly indicated the club is booked with speakers until January 17 and she’s meeting with Susan Imhoff, President Paul and Allison Schuenemann to try and set up a 1st Tuesday at MAP International.

Community Service – No News

Club Service & Membership –Larry was absent; however, Beth Smith, a committee member would speak on his behalf

- Corporate Memberships: Guidelines for the new corporate memberships were discussed at length. There was good discussion between the board members, which Beth noted and it was decided to take the notes back to the committee. Some of the key topics are listed below.
 - o Requirement for Orientation for all members wishing to join under the corporate membership. Phil indicated he and Stan may be willing to have an orientation at the business' workplace.
 - o All members need to acknowledge they understand the meaning of Rotary and are willing to service the club outside of meetings.
- Reasons to Join Rotary: The membership committee came up with a flyer trying to encourage new membership, which Beth distributed amongst the board members. Discussion ensued over the flyer and Te made one key note regarding how the Rotary Constitution outlined attendance requirements. It was decided the Membership Committee would make a recommendation about future attendance requirements to present to the Board. Beth indicated she'd get all the information back to Larry.

International Service – Te Turner spoke further about “Shadow Box”, the new project being pushed by Rotary International. Te indicated he was hopeful a speaker could come in February to further discuss the project. This also may be something we could work together with our GSRP's Rotary Club.

Te also noted he was going to look into our Rotary By-Laws and may draft a new set from Scratch due to all the changes coming from Rotary.

Club Communications – Merry Tipton discussed the following.

- Photography for Meet the Pro's publicity.
- Good Reviews from Janice LaMattina's work on the Club's Facebook page. Major upgrade.
- Brunswick News was covering today's speech.
- Selling Flags at the Farmer's Market to help the Flag Program.

Merry noted Brooke Pridmore was in charge of the club's website and he was looking for feedback from the club members. Paul encouraged all Board Members to go to the site and look for ways to help enhance the website. Paul also wanted each committee head to make sure all their information was correct.

Flag Program: – It was noted we would have a booth set up at the Farmer's Market and they are already in the planning stages for Veteran's Day. Someone from the flag program will meet with Larry Daugherty to discuss the Veteran's Walk.

Meet the Pro's: - Jennifer noted sponsorship for the event was closed and \$18,250 was raised, a lot of the money raised was through new corporate sponsors. Jennifer wants to encourage members to invite non-members to Meet the Pro's. An idea to raise the club members Meet the Pro's ticket from \$40 to \$50 was proposed. **Bob Brown offered a motion to approve the increase, 2nd by Beth Smith. Motion carried.**

Rose Sale: - Bob Brown passed around a handout to the Board regarding a potential fundraiser for the club. He noted the fundraiser would commence in January and we could take pre-orders for Valentine's and Mother's Day. Bob indicated the club / fundraiser would never spend money it didn't have. **A motion to approve the new fundraiser was initiated by Ben Lee, 2nd by Drew Holland. Motion Carried.**

Admin Committee – The committee met and discussed the idea of purchasing a portable defibrillator for the club. Paul noted there would be no liability for the club in the event the defibrillator had to be used. Paul indicated Jim Kielt is trained on how to use the defibrillator and would work with other members to show them how to properly use the device. Paul estimated it would cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500. **Ben Lee offered a motion to approve the purchase, 2nd by Denny Silva. Motion carried.**

Celebrate Rotarians: - It was noted the club may come up with a form to send to certain members on info for Rotarians selected to be celebrated.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 AM, Tuesday, October 18 at the Sea Palms Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Date of Approval