

## **St. Simons Island Rotary Club**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 25, 2016**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at Sea Palms Conference Center on October 25, 2016. The meeting convened at 11:30AM with a quorum present, with President Paul Pieschel presiding and Robbie Strange, Secretary.

**Members Present:** Paul Pieschel, Beverly Trainor, David Boland, Beth Smith, Jennifer Broadus, Merry Tipton, Te Turner, Phil Viviani, Larry Daugherty, Ben Lee and Robbie Strange.

President Paul called the meeting to order.

#### **Approval of minutes:**

The minutes of the September 20 meeting were presented. **Merry Tipton offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20 meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Te Turner. Motion carried.**

#### **Financials:**

Paul Pieschel presented the following Financial Reports: Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of September 30, 2016; Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the one month ended September 30, 2016; Statement of Revenue & Expenses – Budget vs Actual September 30, 2016; Statement of Revenue and Expenses Budget vs Actual July through September 30, 2016. **David Boland offered a motion to approve the Financials as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Daugherty. Motion carried.**

Paul also noted the club is in “good shape.” He indicated the statements reflect we are a little over the budget primarily attributed to dues paid being lower than expected; however, that should even out over the next couple of weeks as more dues are paid. David Boland indicated he deposited checks in the bank account last week, so improvement will show at end of October.

David presented the new Aging Summary report through October 24, 2016 and indicated we were using new software for the billing of and collection of dues. Discussion ensued about how to bill for Paul Harris. Ben Lee suggested getting together with David in attempts to find out who regularly remits payment for Paul Harris with their quarterly dues.

#### **Reports from Club Directors:**

**Meet the Pro’s:** - Jennifer indicated ticket sales for Meet the Pro’s are going slow, primarily due to the two missed meetings as a result of the hurricane. Jennifer encouraged the board to help support Meet the Pro’s by purchasing a ticket. Paul expressed a desire for each board member to sit at separate tables and try to sell tickets to members.

Jennifer indicated she has a new Square system, which allows her to collect credit card payments, which go directly to the Charitable Giving Fund bank account.

**Club Communications:** - Paul noted Chip Pfister was called back to work at least through the end of November and will have to relinquish his duties with the Spray. Merry informed the board Ann Nermoe and Janice Lamattina agreed to alternate weeks publishing the Spray. Merry also said she looked at the speaker schedule and will try to get news coverage for Brian Kemp and / or Buddy Carter’s visits to the club.

**Club Service & Membership-** Paul informed the board Ralph Brush met all the qualifications of a new member application; therefore, he submitted a request to the board to approve the application of Ralph Brush as a new member. **Te Turner offered a motion to approve Ralph as a new member of the club; 2nd by David Boland. Motion Carried.**

**Nominating Committee:** Ben Lee spoke about the committee for nominating new club officers and board members. Ben noted the committee comprised of himself (Past President), Jennifer Broadus (Immediate Past President), Paul Pieschel (Current Club President) and the President Elect (Bob Brown). He also indicated three (3) former club presidents (John Matthews, Stan Humphries and Wally Forsythe) also agreed to sit on the committee.

Ben also suggested the President Nominee (Te Turner) serve on the committee, despite not being called for in the club's by-laws. Te agreed to join the committee in an "ex-officio" capacity to allow for the by-laws to be amended. Although no vote was required, all board members were in agreement to allow Te to serve the committee in an "ex-officio" capacity.

Lastly, due to Hurricane Matthew and the missed meetings in October, Ben suggested pushing the committee's nominees from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in November (11/8) to the last meeting in November (11/29). It was also proposed to push the club vote on the nominees until the December 20 meeting. No board vote was required, but all members agreed on the date changes.

#### **New Business:**

Paul informed the board he met with the respective presidents of the Brunswick Rotary Club and the Golden Isles Rotary Club who came up with a proposal to have Rotary supply funds to those in need from Hurricane Matthew's aftermath. Virginia Brown, a SSI Rotary member and President of the local United Way suggested the "Sparrow's Nest," which aids families in times of disaster. Paul proposed to approve the allocation of \$1,000 from SSI Rotary to the Sparrow's Nest and noted the club would be given detailed documentation of how the money was spent. **Te Turner offered a motion to approve the proposal; 2nd by Ben Lee. Motion Carried.**

#### **Updates:**

- Paul noted the defibrillator will be at the club soon and Jim Kiehl will set up a training program for interested members.
- Paul indicated he wanted to purchase a Square for the club, as the credit card machine is now inoperable. This will allow easier access for members to remit payment on dues, fundraisers, etc...
- RotoBucks recommended to be moved back to the beginning of the meeting.
- Reading Rockets: As previously discussed, Linda Muir received a district grant of \$3k for the program. Linda wants to set up evaluations on the effectiveness of the program. Paul indicated the Literary Guild could provide \$1k to the program.

**L.O.A:** Paul noted Bill Gussman wished to extend his LOA for an additional three (3) months until the end of the year due to personal reasons. **Beth Smith offered a motion to approve the LOA; 2nd by David Boland. Motion Carried.**

Phil Viviani noted the Speech Contest has been moved to January 17.

The Board of Directors, by a prior email vote, approved to have Michael Muldowny, current Club Member and Assistant District Governor, submit his name as an Applicant for the position of District Governor. This proposal was also submitted at the Club Meeting on October 25 and was unanimously approved by the membership.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 AM, Tuesday, November 29 at the Sea Palms Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

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Date of Approval