

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

December 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 December 20, 2016. The meeting convened at 11:00AM with a quorum present, with President Paul Pieschel presiding and Robbie Strange, Secretary.

Members Present: Paul Pieschel, David Boland, Beth Smith, Jennifer Broadus, Drew Holland, Denny Dilva, Bob Brown, Phil Viviani, Beverly Trainor and Robbie Strange.

President Paul called the meeting to order.

Paul noted the District Governor was coming to the meeting today and requested the board approve a letter of commitment in the amount of \$2,650 to be presented to her for "Polio Plus" Paul indicated this was approved at a prior board meeting, but was seeking a current approval. **Denny Silva offered a motion to approve the letter of commitment; 2nd by David Boland. Motion carried.**

President Paul noted previous emails were sent to the board for the following approvals. All items were approved as submitted.

- Mark Freidman – 3 month L.O.A.
- Lee Schienmann – 6 month L.O.A.
- Resignation of Chip Pfister (returning to work)
- Resignation of William Houseman
- Extension of the Sea Palms contract from Jan '17 to June '17.

Procedural Changes: Paul notified the board of some procedural changes shown below:

- Induction into the "Rule of 85" required a minimum 20 years of Rotary Service.
- New Members coming from another club do not have go through a full "Red Badge" process. They only need club orientation and a modified Red Badge meeting with Mike Muldowney

New Business:

- Paul informed the board of the need for a Laptop to be exclusively for the Treasurer / Asst. Treasurer. The laptop will be owned by the club and will cost less than \$200. **Bob Brown made a motion to approve the purchase of a laptop for the Treasurer and the purchase of a laptop for the screen projector used during the main meetings; 2nd by Drew Holland. Motion Carried.** Bob also indicated he will donate a scanner to the club.
- Paul also expressed the need for a one time administrative cost for assistance to David Boland (Asst. Treasurer). Paul and David indicated the cost to be less than \$200 and would ease the burden of David's responsibilities. **Drew Holland offered a motion to approve the one time fee; 2nd by Denny Silva. Motion carried.**

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the November 29 meeting were presented. **Denny Silva offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 29 meeting; 2nd by Bob Brown. Motion carried.**

Financials:

Denny Silva reported the club had around \$22,500 in cash, very few liabilities and was overall in good financial shape. Denny noted the only notable payable was Paul Harris due the 1st week of January. He indicated our major expenses were for meals and to the King and Prince for the fall social.

Denny presented the following Financial Reports: Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of November 30, 2016; Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the one month ended November 30, 2016 and Five Months Ended November 30, 2016 ; Statement of Revenue and Expenses Budget vs Actual July through November 30, 2016. **Drew Holland offered a motion to approve the Financials as presented, 2nd by David Boland Motion carried.**

Denny noted there would be a new line item in the budget / reporting for the Literary Guild Grant

David also presented the new Aging Summary report through December 20, which showed about \$8k in outstanding dues, down significantly from the last report. David and Paul indicated they will be contact delinquent members in hopes to reduce the outstanding amount.

Reports from Club Directors:

Programs: Beverly indicated we were well booked almost until June. She also spoke about First Family of Rotary on 1/14 at MAP International. MAP is opening their facility up to the Rotary club who will help them pack boxes of supplies. MAP needs 26 attendees from the club to make this work. Beverly urged the board to help support this initiative.

Rose Sale: Bob spoke about the upcoming Rose Sale and mentioned he was going to give a presentation to the full club at the meeting. Bob indicated orders would start being placed on 1/10 and his committee members were ready to start. Bob was hopeful the club could NET \$14k from the project.

Paul indicated the club has received new member applications from Scott Estes and John Williams.

At this point, Paul invited District Governor Pam Lightsey into the meeting; she was accompanied by club members Mike Muldowney and Hamsa Thota. Lightsey introduced herself to the board and asked all board members to introduce themselves to her.

Lightsey went over some highlights from her time as District Governor, spoke about the upcoming District Convention and also the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. She hoped our district would be well represented at the Atlanta convention.

- **Goals:** She had two (2) main goals during her term:
 - o **Increase Membership:** She hoped for a membership increase of 3% across the district.
 - o **Increase Foundation:** She hoped for a 5% increase in the Foundation Fund and set out an initiative of a \$26.50 contribution from each member.
- **Fundraising:** She spoke on two (2) fundraising efforts she thinks often get overlooked
 - o **Benefactor:** Anyone who leaves money to Rotary in their will. Money goes straight to Rotary International.
 - o **Bequest:** \$10k gift to the Foundation after death. Will either come from a will or life insurance policy.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 AM, Tuesday January 17 at the Sea Palms Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Date of Approval