

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

March 8, 2022

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at Coastal CPAs on March 8, 2022. The meeting convened at 11:05 AM with a quorum present, with President Joe Leek presiding and Beth Smith providing minutes.

Members Present: Joe Leek, Kern Baker, Beth Smith, Donna Davis, James Sexton, Dick James, Te Turner, Tate Simpson, Chip Lewis and Janice Lamattina.

President Joe called the meeting to order.

Financials:

Operating Account: Te Turner indicated the bank balance was good and he may try and advance some additional monies to Linda Muir and Reading Rockets.

Charitable: Waiting on the invoice from Sea Island. Tate trying to communicate with them on the phone or via email.

Dues: Three (3) members are in serious arrears. James Sexton has agreed to help Te with the collection efforts.

Tate Simpson offered a motion to approve the Financials, 2nd from Chip Lewis Motion Carried.

Membership:

- Donna Davis mentioned the club has 98 active members, with (9) of them new members.
- **New Member:** Clayton Watson:

Donna Davis offered a motion to approve Clayton Watson as a new member of the club; 2nd from James Sexton. Motion Carried.

Charitable Fund:

- Drew Holland has agreed to be the registered agent of the Fund.
- Edward Bland, our accountant, cannot do the short form to file the taxes. In 2015, a 501-C3 was established; however, it had no by-laws.
- Te noted he has submitted his draft of the charitable by-laws to Edward Bland. It was also suggested by the Board that Casey Harris, an attorney in the club, review them as well.
- Te also suggested Tate Simpson as President of the Charitable Fund with Robbie Strange as Treasurer and noted it'd be best to keep it generic, which provides more flexibility.
- **Dick James offered a motion to approve Te Turner's By-Laws with a 2nd from Janice LaMattina. Motion Carried.**

Community Service:

- **Tiny Houses:** The infrastructure cost has risen around \$40k; however, they did receive a grant from Auto Flight in the amount of \$60k.
 - Dick re-enforced that this project was Veterans only and was the project located in downtown Brunswick next to the Manna House. The other Tiny Homes establishment is permanent housing and is HUD financed plus received a \$900k grant from an individual.

Communications:

- Janice indicated she will advertise the local speech contest, and Chip Lewis mentioned Jim Kielt wants the Area Speech Contest to have more promotion.
- Janice is also working on an article for “Saving Lives with Medicine” for Beverly.

Charitable Grants:

- The applications are due by March 31 and upon receipt, they will be reviewed by Susan, Janice, Beth and Jonathan.
- A TAPS committee is currently being formed.

International Service:

- Chip is trying to introduce a little information about the Rotary Foundation each week and Paul White has agreed to help.

Programs:

- James noted the schedule is booked full for the next two (2) months with strong speakers. James might try and work in some more “Meet the Members” if he can, as those are always popular with the membership.

New Business:

- **Regional Speech Contest:** March 26 and Jim Kielt needs some more people to assist him in putting on the contest.
- **MAP Pack:** This Saturday and we hope to have around 50 people help.
- **Reading Rockets:**
 - Linda Muir says the project needs money and quickly. Joe Leek proposed Linda spend money like previously but send the club the receipts instead of to the district. **Te Turner offered a motion to provide Linda and Reading Rockets some upfront money, with a 2nd from James Sexton. Motion Carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for 11:00 on April 19, 2022, Meeting will be held at the Board Room of Coastal CPA's.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Date of Approval