

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

August 23, 2022

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at Coastal CPA boardroom on August 23, 2022. The meeting convened at 11:05 AM with a quorum present, with President Tate Simpson presiding and Secretary, Pamela Hamilton, providing minutes..

Members Present: Tate Simpson, Janice Lamattina, Kern Baker, Robbie Strange, Chip Lewis, Pamela Hamilton, Joe Leek, Beverly Trainor, Jonna Kerrigan, Debbie Britt, James Sexton

Guests: Heather Kellen, District Governor, District 6920
Felix Smith, District Governor Elect, District 6920

President Tate called the meeting to order. He welcomed visiting District Governor, Heather Kellen.

A motion to approve the Board Minutes from the July meeting was offered by Beverly Trainor, pending typo – change name of new board member from Chip Lewis to Debbie Britt - 2nd from Jonna Kerrigan. Motion Carried.

Financials: Robbie Strange:

- Operating accounts show healthy balance
- Big expense for dues paid to RI and District
- **A motion was offered by Tate Simpson to accept the Financials as presented. 2nd by Janice Lamattina. Motion carried.**

Membership:

Kern reported that completing membership information online is advantageous.

Leslie Mattingly has brought up the formation of a Satellite Club. This would enable those whose work commitments prevent their attendance to the regular lunch time meeting – to have a more convenient eg, evening meeting. Governor Kellen agreed.

Club Grants:

Joe Leek confirmed the grant to Raise Awareness & Training on Human Trafficking in Southeast Georgia has been submitted. District Governor Kellen reported that the whole District Grant has been approved by RI – this whole grant includes all the individual grants.

Beverly reported there will be upcoming changes to Saving Lives with Medicine.

District Governor Kellen presented a 5 year membership trend. District 6920 membership has decreased since 2019. Membership is now 2,800 with 28% women. The aim is for 3,000 membership with 30% women.

Committee Reports:

Meet the Pros:

Janice gave a report on plan for RSM Meet the Pros, scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the Heritage Center, St Simons Island, with Tasteful Temptations caterers.

- Ads in Brunswick News, Coastal Illustrated. Posters in area golf shops bulletin boards. Social Media features in Facebook, Instagram. EBlasts to golf clubs. Other Rotary Clubs
- Heavy hors d’oeuvres, 1 drink ticket, ticket price increase to \$110. Friends of RSM \$500
- New this time is “Wine Pull”. All members to donate 2 bottles wine each \$25 or more.

Rotary Foundation:

- Chip Lewis plans to continue his “Rotary Foundation Minute” at the meetings. He is encouraging members to contribute monthly.
- Also become a member of the Polio Plus Society with a donation to Polio Plus of \$100 and receipt of a recognition certificate and a Polio coin.

District Governor Kellen revised SSI Rotary Club’s Foundation Points, reminding all that Paul Harris Membership can be incentivized by matching \$250 with points. She said our club is a PH club ie all members at one time were PH fellows. Our club has donated \$590,000 since its inception.

She has set a goal for District giving at \$1 million to the Rotary Foundation. Amount achievable by dividing 1 mil by 3000 members = \$333 per member. (\$100 donation to Polio+ can be deducted from this)

She discussed Rotarians becoming a Benefactor (\$1,000) and the Bequest Society (\$10,000 in will) as other ways to contribute.

She referred to our club as a “Star Club”, emphasizing MAP, Saving Lives, TAPS, Gil Tharp Scholarship, and thanked all. She acknowledge that we have a GRSP student coming from Denmark.

President Tate distributed new Rotary Director pins.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for 11:00 AM on September 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

 Pamela Hamilton

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Date of Approval