

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2023

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at Edward Jones office, 3409 Frederica Road on February 14, 2023. The meeting convened at 10:45 AM with a quorum present, with President Tate Simpson presiding and Secretary, Pamela Hamilton, providing minutes..

Members Present: Robbie Strange, Tate Simpson, Joe Leek, Beverly Trainor, Pamela Hamilton, Jonna Kerrigan, Chip Lewis, Kern Baker, Becky Farrow, Janice Lamattina.

President Tate called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

A motion was offered by Beverly Trainor to amend the January 10, 2023 minutes to read:

“Discussion ensued to transfer balance from the Charitable Account to a Money Market fund to earn greater interest.”

2nd from Janice Lamattina. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Board Minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting was offered by Joe Leek, to include the above addendum. 2nd from Beverly Trainor. Motion Carried.

Sue Cansler has recently been added to the Membership Committee. Responsibilities include straightening the database and sending out tax receipts for member donations etc. She will attend Board Meetings as a non-member.

Financials: Robbie Strange:

- Robbie reported that flag sales did well in January. Membership receivables are down to \$8,000+
- Expense in January for dues to RI and District. Meeting expense to Best Western is now paid monthly.

A motion was offered by Pamela Hamilton to accept the Financials as presented. 2nd Kern Baker. Motion carried.

Membership:

Bob Moeller is a new member to SSI Rotary. He is transferring from Woodland Luna Vista Rotary Club, Ca. His membership application was reviewed and accepted.

Scholarship Fund By-Laws:

On Drew Holland's behalf, Beverly presented By-Laws for the St. Simons Island Rotary Scholarship Fund for approval; these will formalize structure and operating standards of the scholarship fund and ensure SSI Rotary Club, Inc. has full control over the fund. Request for approval was also made for the incoming Trustees of the Scholarship Fund:

For 3 year term January, 2023 through December 2025 - Drew Holland, Trustee and CEO/President,

Becky Farrow Trustee and Secretary, Jim Bruce Trustee and Treasurer

Trustees At-large – for 1 year January 2023 through December 2023 – Ginny Johnson & Beverly

Trainor

Trustee At-large – for 2 year term January 2023 through December 2024 – Gary Schwartz

A motion was offered by Kern Baker to approve and adopt the Scholarship Fund By-Laws and to approve the Trustees. 2nd from Janice Lamattina. Motion carried.

Human Sex Trafficking Awareness Event:

Joe gave an update on the event – March 28, 2023 – 3 sessions for Law enforcement, Health Care Professionals and Public – March 29, 2023 for Clergy, hospitality workers etc. Rotarian volunteers will be needed. Publicity for the event is under discussion.

Fundraising initiatives:

Beverly reported that Felix Smith, District 6920 Governor Elect, is working on new fund raising initiatives: fully vetted by attorneys and CPA’s to have no legal issues. SSI Rotary fund raising events – RSM etc - are “on hold”.

Speech Contest:

SSI Rotary’s annual speech contest is scheduled for February 28, 2023, featuring 2 students from each local high schools. Jim Kielt is the organizer.

Communications:

Janice has drawn up a SSI Rotary Publicity package and met with Pamela Hamilton (Press releases) and Kimberly McGinnis (social media) and Beverly Trainor for discussion and implementation.

Rotary Foundation/International:

Chip Lewis gave our Club Foundation Report, as recorded by Rotary International. All-Time giving to the Rotary Foundation from members of St. Simons Island Rotary is now \$603,219. 59 members of SSI Rotary are Paul Harris Fellows..

Reading Rockets:

Reported by Kern Baker as going well – readers are back in schools including SS Elementary and Burrroughs-Molette. Assistant Superintendent Glynn County Schools Tere Miller is to present an update at the March 14 meeting. Funds will be needed to present every child a book to take home at the end of the program in May

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.47 a.m.. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for 10:45 AM on March 14, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Hamilton

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

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Date of Approval