

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 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 March 21, 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, James Sexton, Jim Henderson. Mike Muldowney and Jonathan Haney were also present.

President Tate called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the February 14, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the Board Minutes from the February 14, 2023 meeting was offered by Kern Baker. 2nd from Beverly Trainor. Motion Carried.

Financials: Robbie Strange:

- Charitable Account status quo. \$848 paid in sales tax. Balance Sheet is solid. RI and District dues are paid. 3 clubs responsible for GRSP students district conference fees.
- Members' outstanding dues are #3,000+.
- Meeting expense to Best Western is now paid monthly.

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

Mike Muldowney presented information on the **Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship (RYESE)** of South East – Georgia and Florida Rotary Districts and handed out flyers. I year exchange for students ages 15-18 1/2. Cost to Rotary for bringing in a student is \$1,750. 3 per year. He is asking our club to commit. He will be speaking to the High Schools here.

He also presented information on the **Short Term Exchange Program (STEP)** – Students aged 15-18 years spend 2 weeks in Serbia during the summer with host family, with host “brother/sister” spending 2 weeks in USA. No cost to the club.

A motion was offered by Janice Lamattina for all in favor of Mike moving forward with said exchange programs. 2nd James Sexton. Motion carried.

Membership:

Member Rick Maddox was discussed. After discussion,

A motion was offered by Beverly Trainor to write off his \$675 dues owing and delete him as active member, for personal reasons. 2nd Janice Lamattina. Motion carried.

Beverly reviewed 2023 membership report. ? Jeff Guldner, Michelle Fasig, Georgia Usry, Jonathan Haney due to receive blue badges if fulfilled requirements. Mark Podlin is attending meetings again so LOA status should cease. Pamela Hamilton requested Sponsor information be included on membership application obtained from the SSIRotary website. Sponsor not needed for member transfer.

Kern Baker reported on 2 new members in process.
Satellite Club requires 8 members – we now have 9 members.

Scholarship Fund:

Club Presidents will attend the trustee meetings and will report back.

Human Sex Trafficking Awareness Event:

Joe gave an update on the event – March 28 and 29th, 2023 – has had last planning meeting. The Grant specifies that Rotarian Volunteers be present. Many have signed up. Duane Harris will be contacting them with further instructions.

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 \$729,000. Since Feb, we have 1 more Rotary Direct Donor, 1 more member with contributions July '22 through March '23, 2 more Paul Harris Fellows.

Programs:

James Sexton reported that Speakers are booked until end May '23.

Reading Rockets:

Kern Baker reported good coverage in press on last meeting. We have 1/3 of \$ amount needed to provide every child a book for the summer. Janice suggested placing a click-through button in Spray to a purchase area on the website. Kern says RR needs more readers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.50 a.m.. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for 10:45 AM on April 11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Hamilton

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

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Date of Approval