

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

May 9, 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 May 9, 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, Becky Farrow, James Sexton and Donna Davis.

President Tate called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the March 21, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

A motion to approve the Board Minutes from the March 21, 2023 meeting was offered by Beverly Trainor. 2nd from Becky Farrow. Motion Carried.

Financials: Robbie Strange:

- Charitable Account:

A motion was offered by Robbie Strange to transfer \$40,000 from the Charitable Account to cover the Charitable Grant awards. 2nd from Becky Farrow. Motion Carried.

- Influx of member dues in April.
- Current income from Flag and Brick sales should be sufficient to cover TAPS expenses – per Susan Imhoff, Chair of TAPS.
- Liabilities all need paying. Rotary Foundation paid recently by Chip Lewis, Foundation Chair
CART and Happy Dollars will be donated at end of June.

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

Human Sex Trafficking Awareness Event:

Joe gave an update – hoping for further event – financial grant to be submitted for event – future meeting with chair of school board – may apply Traffick Jam programs to College and High Schools

Membership:

The Satellite Club is now official after sending in application. We now have 9 members.

Club Communication:

The Board reviewed a submission by Janice Lamattina to “Increase Visibility & Awareness of our Scholarship Awards”. It was met with enthusiasm by the entire Board. However, President Tate suggested it be tabled until the next meeting as neither Janice nor Drew were there to answer questions directly. Pamela Hamilton expressed concern about subsequent delay of publication on recent winners.

The Scholarship Fund was discussed – advisor, committee, conflicts of interest, latest updates, etc.

Charitable Outreach:

TAPS – a replacement speaker, Vice Admiral Al Konetzni USN (Ret.), has been confirmed after the original speaker declined due to being “double booked”.

There will be sufficient funds in the Flag and Bricks accounts to cover expenses for TAPS without needing input from the club.

Susan is looking for volunteers to help set up and take down the event.. Chip Lewis suggested a golf cart to transport attendees with mobility issues.

Pamela Hamilton inquired re: liability coverage if injuries occur at the event – or due to a golf cart. Response was there is no Special Event Insurance and nothing specific to cover golf carts injuries.

RYLA

An email had been sent to board members previously on behalf of Leslie Mattingly giving details of RYLA and asking if board members would approve sponsoring a student or students for the program. This was received enthusiastically by members. Discussion ensued as to how many students to sponsor. Current cost is \$400 per student. Decision to sponsor 1 student now with possible 2nd later. Beverly Trainor suggested dedicating Happy Dollar funds to help finance.

A motion was offered by Beverly Trainor to sponsor 1 student at this time, 2nd Becky Farrow. Motion carried.

Rotary Foundation/International:

Chip Lewis handed out the Club Foundation Report, as recorded by Rotary International. There was no time for discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11.50 a.m.. There will be a meeting of the incoming President Janice Lamattina with her new Board and Committee Chairs on Monday, June 19, 2023, at 3 p.m. at the Best Western, SSI.

Respectfully submitted,

__Pamela Hamilton_____

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

__May 9, 2023_____

Date of Approval

Addendum: On Tuesday, May 16, 2023, President Tate Simpson requested a vote from Board Members re: the opportunity to approve sponsoring a second student for RYLA. The Board vote passed to sponsor a 2nd student.