

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

August 18, 2020

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held via Zoom on August 18, 2020. The meeting convened at 11:01 AM with a quorum present, with President Beverly Trainor presiding and Robbie Strange, Secretary.

Members Present: Beth Smith; Bob Brown, Janice Lamattina, Beverly Trainor, Te Turner, Kern Baker, Dick James, John Killgallon, Zerk Samples, Mike Murphy, Tate Simpson and Robbie Strange.

President Beverly called the meeting to order.

Minutes: A motion to approve the Board Minutes from the July meeting was offered via email by Bob Brown; 2nd by Te Turner. Motion Carried.

Financials:

Te Turner noted given that we are just starting the year, and the low level of activities as a result of COVID- 19, there is nothing remarkable to report. If this were a normal year and we kept in line with the budget, we would have a surplus of roughly \$3,500. **A motion to approve the financials was offered by Bob Brown; 2nd from Beth Smith Motion Carried.**

Te indicated he made some final edits to the budget, which ultimately was based on a normal year in regards to activities and lunches so it is not really accurate. As this is such an unusual year, it was proposed we accept the budget as is and adjust if / when needed. **A motion to approve the Budget Proposal was offered by Bob Brown; 2nd from Tate Simpson. Motion Carried.**

Membership:

Zerk reported that our membership is at 113 and we need 6 more members to reach our goal. The membership committee has been working hard on new initiatives and Zerk indicated he will have a proposal ready for the September BOD meeting.

Fundraising:

Mike Murphy reported on Meet the Pros and noted RSM is planning on having the tournament with no spectators. Mike and Beverly will form a committee and meet with RSM ASAP to establish a plan for either a virtual Meet the Pros or a contribution directly to RSM charities.

Mike also reported that his wife, Cheryl, a nurse will be hosting a flu shot drive through again this year. Details to follow.

International Service / Grants:

John Killgallon reported that most of the club members are now contributing to the General Foundation account in order for the club to get a return on the money contributed. There are a few members who wish to continue to specifically contribute to Polio Plus.

Programs / Fellowship:

Kern Baker reported on the possibility of theater outings and potentially an event at the Silver Bluff Brewery.

Beverly and Pam reported on the successful hygiene kit pack at MAP with 14 members attending. Dick James is in discussions to have a pack every quarter at MAP.

Alternative Strategic Planning Committee: Beverly reported that the committee has not really gotten off the ground. Erik has had to resign from the committee due to professional time constraints. Two (2) ideas that have come out of the committee are:

1) The Club Sponsor a virtual garage sale on e-bay. The club would have an e-bay account; the member would post the items for sale and proceeds would go directly to the club

2) The Club would produce a hard cover upscale cookbook with recipes from the local chefs and pictures of the Island. Beverly expressed concern over the amount of work it would take to self-publish and then sell / distribute the books.

Other Business:

- **Survey:** Bob Brown distributed a survey to all club members via PMail and received a great response.
 - o 30-35 members indicated they wanted some form of in-person meetings.
 - o Beverly and Te stated they'd get in touch with Sea Palms (who would like us to return) and consider limited in-person meetings.
- **Rotaract:** Brian Weiss is on board with doing something with our club, but we will have to wait because of concerns with the college and Covid restrictions.
- **Local Grant:** Beth Smith noted not enough local students enrolled in the program, so they widened their net and hoped to start in early September.
- **Brazil Global Grant:** Project was completely funded with \$1k coming from SSI Rotary.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for 11:00 on September 15 as a Zoom Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Date of Approval