

St. Simons Island Rotary Club

Board of Directors Meeting

November 6, 2018

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at Sea Palms Conference Center on November 6, 2018. The meeting convened at 11:16 AM with a quorum present, with President Te Turner presiding and Robbie Strange, Secretary.

Members Present: Te Turner, Paul Pieschel, James Sexton, Jim Bruce, Ralph Brush, Beverly Trainor, Bob Brown, Beth Smith, Alice Barlow, Ann Nermoe, Allison Schunemann, Dave Meskell and Robbie Strange.

Guests Attending: Mike Muldowney and Margaret Jacobs

President Te called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the October 23 meeting were presented with **Jim Bruce offering a motion to approve the minutes; 2nd by James Sexton. Motion Carried.**

Financials:

Bob Brown submitted an Income and Expense Comparison as of October 31, reflecting the club a little ahead of budget through October. Bob indicated dues were way ahead, primarily due to the incentive. Bob noted next month he will submit a balance sheet, which will reflect retained earnings of \$12,903. It was also mentioned that the club is legally incorporated for its charitable account. **Jim Bruce offered a motion to approve the operating account financials; 2nd by Alison Schunemann. Motion Carried.**

Jim Bruce spoke on the Charitable Account, noting in 2017-2018, the club gave away \$32k to charities and \$32k in scholarships. He also indicated the charitable account had a balance of \$34k, an increase of \$21k since the beginning of the new year. Jim also noted the club had sold about \$2k in flags this year. **James Sexton offered a motion to approve the charitable account financials; 2nd by Beth Smith. Motion Carried.**

The Board Approved the Financials

Membership:

- **Resignation:**
 - o Pam Hamilton – Personal Reasons. Effective 11/6/18

- **New Member:**
 - o Mark Podlin – Presenting Sponsor: Mike Muldowney
 - Going in Spray for the first time on 11/6 and he needs go through orientation before the Board can vote on the new membership.
 - Mike Muldowney will also speak with Mark about past issues between he and the club.

Director Reports:

- **Community Service:**

- Interact and Rotoact are strong programs at both Glynn Academy and the College of Coastal Georgia and are in the process of trying to establish one at Brunswick High.
- Reading Rockets continues to be a success with Linda Muir
- Flag Sales: Over \$1k in sales within the last month.

- **Communications:**

- Janice Lamattina was unable to attend; however, submitted a handout for review
 - Brunswick News is invited to all luncheons featuring notable speakers and they've attended multiple meetings.
 - Photos from the Fall Social were sent to Elegant Island Living to showcase the club and its members.
 - Feature in the Coastal Illustrated for Meet the Pro's.

- **Charitable Giving:**

- James Sexton noted the application process would start in early 2019
- The Salvation Army Bell Ringing will be from December 10-15. James has a sign-up sheet for interested members. A suggestion was made to create a web page to help people sign up.

- **International Service:**

- Mark was out of town, so Te noted that our GSRP student was from Sweden and has attended a couple meetings already. We're once again sharing her with the Brunswick and Camden clubs.
- \$1k global grant approved for India.
- Savannah South club is working on a grant and our club is interested in co-sponsoring with them. More details when they become available.
- We might have an opportunity to help with another project in Brazil.
- **Bob Brown offered a motion proposing the club donate \$500 from its contingency fund for the cost of materials for water systems in Cuba. 2nd by Jim Bruce. Motion carried.**

- **Programs:**

- Ralph wants to encourage members to bring guests to the meetings and noted speakers are booked through April.
- Biographies have been distributed on tables before meetings, which has lessened the need for full introductions.

- **Fellowship:**

- Allison indicated there were approximately 100 people at the Fall Social @ Bennies.
- The Christmas Luncheon is fast approaching on December 11 at the Mizner Ballroom at the Cloister on Sea Island with Barbara Sullivan coordinating once again.
- First Tuesday this month is at the Georgia Sea Grill.

- **Foundation:**

- Dave noted 2017-2018 was a great year with 62 new members becoming Paul Harris Fellows and sustaining members with roughly \$30k contributed from the club, about 50% going to Polio Plus.
- 2018-2019: 63% of the club are Sustaining Members and there have been 9 new Paul Harris Fellows.

- **Other Business:**
 - o **Meet the Pro's:**
 - Beth explained we had 59 Silent Auction items with 15 additional promises plus a lot of wine for the event next week. She also noted that ticket sales were up a little over last year and expected a big turnout at the event.
 - o **Nominating Committee:**
 - Paul informed the Board, the committee met in October and the nominations for board positions will be presented to the membership on 11/6 for approval at the Annual Meeting on 12/4.

- **District Governor:**
 - o D.G. Margaret Jacobs stated retention numbers were down from the last three (3) years. The SSI club's retention rate is at 75% and Rotary International's goals were 90%. Te indicated the club recognized this as an issue, which was one of the main reasons for implementing the Sponsor Program with new members.
 - o The District has an updated website
 - Pictures and videos were requested for submission to the website.
 - o District Conference once again will be held on Jekyll Island from May 2-4.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for 11:15 on December 18, 2018 at the Sea Palms Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Rotary Club of St. Simons Island

Date of Approval