Athens Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020

Call to Order: 11:15 AM

Board Members Present: Susan Barga, Dave Diggle, Tara Gilts, Sheila Mark, Ann Paulins, Ed Peterson. Diane McVey was present as a non-board member.

President's Announcements/Comments: Sheila Mark

Gift Bags for Good Works

Sheila Mark made a motion to fund gift bags for Good Works to distribute. The bags are estimated to cost \$15 each and 50 bags (total \$750) were suggested. Sheila agreed to take the request for funding to the Athens Rotary Foundation board meeting on Friday (12/11). The gift bags would each contain a Wendy's gift certificate for \$10. A special thank-you goes out to Jim Harris who has given Rotary a 50% discount on the gift certificates. Four Athens Transit bus tickets will also be in the bag (\$2.00). Sheila Mark arranged for hand warmers for each bag. During the discussion Diane McVey offered to provide the gift bags and an ornament and Susan Barga offered to donate money and time to prepare the bags. Ann Paulins recommended that the club members be approached to request donations to offset the total cost of the gift bags. A motion to approve Sheila Mark to make the funding request at the Foundation's board meeting, including the stipulation that the club members be offered an opportunity to contribute, was made by Susan Barga and seconded by Ann Paulins with unanimous board approval.

Blood Drive

Betsy Barringer has arranged for the club sponsored blood drive to be held on January 18th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Red Cross building.

Books

Sheila Mark reported that she still has the books for Head Start that have not been distributed due to Covid restrictions. These books were originally obtained by Tom Gibbs.

Secretary's Report: Ed Peterson

A motion to accept the November Minutes was made by Ann Paulins and seconded by Susan Barga with unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Diggle

Dave Diggle provided the following written report.

Club finances are little changed from last month. We received a Kroger Plus Card check for \$85.79. They pay us quarterly and this is in line with what was expected. Local club dues will increase to \$30 per quarter (\$10/month) from \$15 per quarter (\$5/month) starting with the January 2021 invoice. The last increase in dues was in July of 2015. District/RI dues are \$30/quarter so the basic invoice will go from \$45 to \$60 per quarter for Active Members and \$15 to \$30 per quarter for Exempt Members. Recall, Exempt Members pay District and RI dues in advance on their July invoice.

We have collected \$2200 for The Rotary International Foundation since July 1st; most of that is from contributions that members send in with their quarterly dues. A check for this amount, along with the list of donors and their contributions, will be sent to RI before the end of the year by Calvin James, our Foundation Chair. RI emails/mails out notices for income tax purposes to those who contribute.

The December Financial Statement is attached at the end of the minutes.

Vocational Service Report: Ann Paulins

Ann Paulins reported that she will be moving forward with the 3rd Grade Dictionary project. She has had several teachers enquire when the dictionaries would be delivered as they use them in their lesson planning. The funding request for \$1000 will be made by Sheila Mark to the Athens Rotary Foundation Board at their next meeting on Dec. 11th. This will include Athens schools.

Club Service Report: Tara Gilts

Tara Gilts requested that "Thank You" signs be posted at the hospital during the holidays to recognize the health care workers efforts during the pandemic. Sheila Mark stated that she has the signs that were used the last time and that she was willing to set them up again at the hospital on Christmas Eve and to remove them after 48 hours. Diane McVey offered to assist.

A question was raised concerning the club's recognition for the donation to the Dairy Barn. (\$50k over 5 years) Specifically was the club's name posted in the lobby? Susan Barga offered to check and has reported back via email picture that the club's donation has been recognized. See attached photo.

Tara Gilts has decided that she must withdraw from her position as incoming VP due to personal reasons. She has agreed to stay on as the Club Service Chair. Her main concern with accepting the incoming VP position was the added requirement to take on the Program Chair responsibility. Sheila Mark stated that she has been organizing a Programs Committee to assist with finding speakers for our meetings. This would significantly reduce the responsibilities of the incoming VP.

The upcoming "Happy Hour" is scheduled and the beers of choice will be distributed.

Community Service Report: Ann Paulins

No additional report.

International Service Report: Abe Alassaf

No Report

New Generations Report: Tom Gibbs

Sheila Mark reported that she has not had a lot of follow thru from the students for the Polio fundraiser with local restaurants. Emily "?" has not approached the potential restaurants with the idea of donating a percent of profits during the fund raiser in exchange to the club's advertising efforts. The recommendation was to start with Chipotle and then try Texas Roadhouse or Donnato's if Chipotle is not interested.

There was nothing new to report on the effort to start a Club with International Students.

Board Meeting Dates Schedule:

January 13 April 14

- February 10 May 12
- March 10 June 9

ROTARY CLUB OF ATHENS FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2020

BOARD MEETING -- DECEMBER 9, 2020

	OCTOBER		NOVMBER	
CLUB EQUITY		\$25,849.04		\$25,934.83
OUTSTANDING MEMBER ACCOUNTS		\$1,427.00		\$811.50
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$31,787.23		\$32,638.52
DESIGNATED CLUB FUNDS (In Club Checking Account) Miscellaneous carryover		\$13,062.72		\$13,148.51
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Accumulated Happy Bucks	\$3,952.27		\$3,952.27	
International Conference (FY 2018/19)	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	
Accumulated Kroger Dollars	\$6,610.45		\$6,696.24	
DESIGNATED NON-CLUB FUNDS (In Club checking Account)		\$7,365.19		\$7,515.19
Athens Rotary Foundation	\$800.00		\$850.00	
The Rotary Foundation (TRF)	\$2,100.00		\$2,200.00	
Yard Sale Equity (TRF Designated)	\$2,948.25		\$2,948.25	
Friends-of-India Advertising Income	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Accumulated Split-the-Pot Dollars	\$1,516.94		\$1,516.94	
OPERATING BALANCE (CHECKING LESS NON-CLUB FUNDS \$10,849.04 PLUS OUTSTANDING MEMBER ACCOUNTS LESS \$15K RESERVE)				\$10,934.83

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