

## Athens Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021 11:00 AM

Call to Order:  
1:04 pm

Board Members Present: Abe Alassaf, Susan Barga, Dave Diggle, Tara Gilts, Sheila Mark, Mike Noel, Ann Paulins, Ed Peterson

President's Announcements/Comments:

- Blood Drive is scheduled for 1-18-2021 at the Red Cross offices.
- Hybrid Meetings are still on hold due to concerns over the Covid 19 virus.

Secretary's Report: Ed Peterson

- A motion to approve the minutes of the December, 2020 Board Meeting was made by Susan Barga and seconded by Mike Noel and received unanimous approval.
- There were no suggestions from the board for a replacement for Ed Peterson as club secretary. Sheila Mark agreed to send out an email to the membership requesting a volunteer and emphasizing the "benefits" of the position.
- A motion to approve Otis Crockron's application for membership was made by Abe Alassaf seconded by Susan Barga and was unanimously approved. Otis Crockron will be replacing Kathy Hill at Children's Services. Mike Noel will contact Otis and invite him to the next meeting.
- There was some discussion about a replacement for Calvin James as Foundation Chair. Calvin is planning to move out of Athens for work.  
Mike Noel recommended Pete Couladis.  
Dave Diggle recommended Alan Boyd.

Addendum January 18, 2021. Calvin attended our virtual meeting today. He reports he is continuing to perform his duties as Foundation Chair, that his move from Athens is not imminent, that he will give us plenty of notice when he will need a replacement. Susan Barga agreed to talk to Tammy Bobo at HVB concerning a replacement for Candy Kemmerer on their corporate membership.

Sheila Mark will contact Tee Ford to invite her to attend the zoom meetings since she has not been in attendance since she became an honorary member.

Ann Paulins will contact the new Kroger manager to invite him to join the club. Ann will also re-contact Scott Robe and invite him to start attending our zoom meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Diggle

- The current club balance of \$14,614.81 will be reduced by \$3,500 in the near future when the RI dues come due. The report is attached.
- A motion to approve the current financial report was made by Mike Noel and seconded by Susan Barga and was unanimously accepted.
- The new financial policy was posted to the club's web page and the invoices with the dues increase were sent. See attached. Since the board meeting one member has

refused to pay the increase and has opted to pay only the previous amount. The updated financial policy is attached.

- Dave Diggle reported that he had received a thank you card from Keith Wasserman for the gift bags.

#### Vocational Service Report: Ann Paulins (No Report)

Ann Paulins did state that she has been continuing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade dictionary Project and was planning to modify the delivery of the dictionaries due to Covid. As a result there would not be a group effort to apply Rotary stickers and pack the dictionaries for delivery to the schools and there would not be an in person presentation in the class rooms.

#### Club Service Report: Tara Gilts (No Report)

Tara's abdication/replacement as President Nominee: (No Action taken) Addendum January 18, 2021: Mark Hutchinson has expressed an interest in filling this position. An email vote by this board will be conducted.

Social Event for January: Addendum January 13, 2021: A virtual social event was planned for January 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM at no cost to the Club or members.

Identify members we have not had recent contact with (No Action taken)

##### Program Committee

- No one has responded to Sheila Mark's email request to head the committee.

##### PR Committee

- Dave Palmer has volunteered to assist but no other members have responded.

##### Potential Speakers

- Dave Diggle suggested Stewart Mc Donald
- Ann Paulins suggested the Walmart manager to discuss changes implemented for Covid
- Tara Gilts suggested that a speaker from the hospital could be available for the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Shane Jarrett had contacted the Menards manager but his presentation has been postponed. This should be pursued again.

#### Community Service Report: Ann Paulins (Shane Jarrett's replacement)

- World Polio Day Project was discussed. No progress has been made despite plans with the Interact Club.
- Proposed tutoring project is still on hold because of the COVID restrictions
- Appreciation signs for healthcare workers will be placed at Echoing Meadows facilities. Sheila will take the signs to Mark Hutchinson's office.

#### International Service Report: Abe Alassaf

- Two students are currently in the Study abroad program. One is long term and the one is short term. Abe Alassaf will meet with Ed Peterson to sign the required forms for the short term applicant.
- Sheila Mark reported that the club has received a request to participate in an international grant with a club in India from Umesh Recwenwar. The financial request from our club was for \$5000 to provide ambulance services. The total grant request is for \$48,000. Sheila Mark will approach

the Friends of India Club to determine if they would support the request through our club.

New Generations Report: Tom Gibbs (No Report)

- We need a Rotaract Chair, and now is a good time to start a club with International Students. Sheila Mark agreed to contact the Sun Rise Club to check on the status of our joint effort to re-start a club with the OU International students.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:07

Board Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates:

February 10  
March 10  
April 14  
May 12  
June 9

## Updated Financial Policy

### Financial Policy

#### Athens Rotary Club

*Revised and adopted November 2020*

### Dues

#### Active Members

1. The amount billed is \$240 per quarter. This is determined by the cost of 12 meals @\$15 each; \$30 for International and District assessments; and \$30 for club dues. Club dues are used to offset the operating expenses of our club. There is an expectation that on the average 12 meals will be served per quarter. There are no meetings on Memorial Day or Labor Day. Depending on the day of the week there may be cancellations for New Year's Day, Independence Day, and Christmas.
2. An additional charge may be assessed members when attending various functions such as Installation banquet, Holiday party, and/or other outings.

#### Exempt Members

Active Members who are age 65 or over and have at least 5 years of Rotary service may request exempt status. The request must be submitted to the Club secretary in writing and approved by the Board.

1. Members in this category will be billed on the July invoice to cover the coming year's International and District assessments (Currently \$120)

2. Athens Rotary Club dues of \$30 will be billed each quarter.
3. Meal charges are billed at \$16.50 each when attending regular meetings; additional charges may be billed for special events. Billing is quarterly for meals/events attended during the previous quarter.

### **Honorary Members**

1. Honorary members are billed only for meals consumed at \$16.50 per meal.
2. Billing is quarterly for meals consumed the previous quarter.

### **Corporate Members**

1. For Business/Corporate members the amount charged is \$300 per quarter. This is determined by the cost of the primary member's 12 meals @ \$15 each and double the cost of active dues (\$30 for International and District assessments and \$30 for club dues), a total of \$300.
2. The Primary Member may send the designated First or Second Associate Member as listed on the Business/Corporate Membership Supplemental Form to represent the business at the prepaid member meal cost of \$15, if desired.
3. If First or Second Associate Member chooses to attend a meeting in addition to the Primary Member, the business/corporation will be assessed the \$16.50 price of a guest meal.
4. All newly sponsored member businesses/corporations shall pay an admission fee of \$100.
5. If changes need to be made regarding Primary or Associate Members, a new Business/Corporate Membership Supplemental Form should be completed and returned to the Club Secretary. The new associate member(s) and/or change of primary member must then be approved by the board.

### **Spouse/Partner Members**

1. For Spouse/Partner members, the dues are \$60 each per quarter; their membership is considered a separate yet dependent membership from the original member. This amount is determined by the cost of active dues for one member (\$30 for International and District dues and \$30 for club dues).
  2. The Member spouse/partner may only be charged for meals when he or she attends a regular club meeting. The charge will be that of a guest meal, \$16.50.
  3. A spouse or domestic partner is defined by either: a. Someone with whom a member has obtained a legal marriage certificate, or b. Someone meeting the definition of domestic partner with the member as follows: i. Shares a regular and permanent residence; and ii. Has a committed personal relationship for at least six months; and iii. Can demonstrate financial interdependence; and iv. Is not related by blood, not legally married, nor in a domestic partnership with anyone else.

### **Payment of Dues**

1. Invoices are to be sent out at the beginning of each quarter, i.e. July, October, January and April.
2. Members are expected to pay their accounts within thirty days after receiving the invoice.
3. A member who is six months in arrears is to be notified by the treasurer and actions taken by the board to suspend membership if arrangements are not made to bring the account up to date in a timely manner.

## **New Members and Sponsors**

1. A member who invites a guest as a potential member will receive credit for the meal of the guest provided that a membership application is received.
2. Following membership approval by the board, the potential member will be a guest of the club until formal admission
3. At the time of admission to the club, the new member shall be billed for the admission fee and an amount equal to the cost of the meals (currently \$15/meal) remaining in that quarter. The regular dues structure will pro-rated for the remainder of the quarter beginning on the date of admission to the club.
4. All new sponsored members, active or spouse/partner, shall pay an admission fee of \$50. Members transferred directly from another club are not charged an admission fee.

## **Visiting Rotarians and Guests**

1. Visiting Rotarians and their guests are assessed at \$16.50 for each meal. They should pay the secretary or treasurer to receive a make-up card.
2. Members who bring guests to Athens Rotary will be charged \$16.50 for each guest in attendance (rates for special meetings may vary). The charge will be included in the next regular invoice.

## **Attendance and Meal Credits**

Attendance and Meal Credits are separate, but related entities. Attendance credit can be obtained by attending committee meetings, visiting other clubs, completing an on-line make-up, etc. However, a member who is absent from our club and attends another club and is charged for a meal there will be granted a \$15 credit, provided the official visitation card has been received by the secretary. The make-up should occur within a two-week period either prior to, or after the absence from our club. A member who acts in official capacity for the district, such as Foundation Chair, Asst. District Governor, etc. shall be eligible for meal credits in the Athens Club when they are charged by the visiting club during official visits. These meal credits should not exceed the quarterly meal charges.

## **Leaves of Absence**

1. A leave of absence is granted on the approval of the Board to members in good financial standing. Leaves may be granted for illness, or temporary business or professional reasons. Leaves are not granted for periods less than 90 days. The leave ends when the member attends their first club meeting after the leave of absence is granted. The Holiday party is the exception.
2. During the leave, the member will be billed only for an amount equal to International, District, and club dues. No charge will be made for meals in the member's absence.

## **Special Statements**

1. The Club will assume meal costs for the speaker and up to four guests associated with the program.
2. Exchange students, Ambassadorial Scholars, and other scholarship students, as well as their host parents and teachers, will not be charged for meals when guests of the Club.
3. The secretary and treasurer shall be given meal credits for each meeting during their time of service.

4. In-bound exchange students sponsored by the Club shall each be paid a stipend of \$125 per month, generally September through June. An additional \$500 per student may be available, with board approval, to assist those exchange students who participate in Rotary sponsored Spring Break or end of year tours.
5. The Club will pay registration fees (or reimburse such fees) for all members who attend District sponsored assemblies or seminars. Registration must be separated from meals, lodging, and other associated costs.
6. The president-elect will be reimbursed registration, lodging, and meal costs associated with PETS (President-elect Training Seminar).
7. The president-elect will be reimbursed registration, lodging, and transportation for attendance at the International Convention prior to assuming the presidency. Limit is \$2,000 for North America Conventions; \$2,500 international.
8. The president will be reimbursed expenses up to \$250 for attendance at the District Conference that occurs during the term of presidency.
9. The President-Elect will be reimbursed for hotel and meal costs associated with the District President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS).
10. For spouse/partner memberships, if divorce or dissolution of the relationship occurs or the member sponsoring the member spouse/partner leaves the club, the member spouse/partner may switch his or her membership to active membership with no new fees or application, and will thereafter pay according to the financial policy for Active Members.

ROTARY CLUB OF ATHENS FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2020  
 BOARD MEETING --JANUARY 13, 2021

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
CLUB EQUITY	\$25,934.83	\$29,614.81
OUTSTANDING MEMBER ACCOUNTS	\$811.50	\$5,021.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$32,638.52	\$31,009.00
DESIGNATED CLUB FUNDS (In Club Checking Account)	\$13,148.51	\$13,148.51
Miscellaneous carryover funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accumulated Happy Bucks	\$3,952.27	\$3,952.27
International Conference (FY 2018/19)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Accumulated Kroger Dollars	\$6,696.24	\$6,696.24
DESIGNATED NON-CLUB FUNDS (In Club checking Account)	\$7,515.19	\$6,415.19
Athens Rotary Foundation	\$850.00	\$975.00
The Rotary Foundation (TRF)	\$2,200.00	\$975.00
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 PLUS OUTSTANDING MEMBER ACCOUNTS LESS \$15K RESERVE)	\$10,934.83	\$14,614.81

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