

Athens Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2020 11:10 AM  
Zoom Meeting

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

President's Announcements/Comments: Sheila Mark Action Required:  
Friday Night Life Dinner

Two volunteers are still needed from 4 to 6 pm to serve the dinner. The planning is serve 60 people. 7 turkeys have been promised along with mashed potatoes and green beans. Scott Malcom is providing pies for desert. It is estimated that the club will expend \$137 for supplies the rest of the dinner will be donated by members. A vote of the board was taken to approve the expenditures. Susan Barga made the motion and Dave Diggle seconded with unanimous approval.

Thanksgiving Baskets

At the present time \$550 has been donated along with an additional \$150 from the Canaanville Methodist Church toward the Baskets. The Club has requested a \$1000 grant from Rotary District towards the overall estimated cost of \$2000. This leaves \$300 still to be raised. The Athens Rotary Foundation will step in to cover any shortfall after grants and member donations. Tara Gilts will ask for donations during the upcoming "Happy Hour" since we are not able to "pass the envelope" at our regular meetings.

Blood Drive

A motion was made for the Board to approve a club sponsored blood drive by Mike Noel and seconded by Tara Gilts with unanimous approval. Betsy Barringer is coordinating the effort with the Red Cross. A date in early December has not yet been finalized but the drive will be held at the Red Cross offices.

Secretary's Report: Ed Peterson

Action required: Approve minutes of the October 14, 2020 Board Meeting  
With no discussion the minutes were approved. The motion to approve was made by Ann Paulins and seconded by Susan Barga with unanimous approval.

## Treasurer's Report: Dave Diggle

Action Required: Accept Current Financial Report (attached)

Dave Diggle reviewed the current report and stated that the Club financial reserves were adequate for now. There is approximately \$1400 in outstanding dues which will probably be collected. The Clubs dues to Rotary International for the second half of the Rotary Fiscal Year of \$3500 are due soon. The need to increase dues in the future was discussed in detail. A decision on a dues increase will be required by the Board's December meeting.

A motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Dave Diggle and seconded by Sheila Mark with unanimous approval.

Dave Diggle then presented a bare bones Budget for the remainder of the Rotary fiscal year which estimates a deficit of \$1300 after stripping out all possible line items including support for the Holiday Party and financial support for the President's project. The \$3000 earmarked for the Athens Rotary Foundation was left in the Budget based on the desire to limit the number of times that the members would be approached for cash donations. Dave Diggle reported that we now have 81 dues paying members including 5 Corporate members. The projected deficit is the result of not collecting excess meal money due to Covid restrictions. Dave Diggle stated that an increase of the Club's dues of \$4/quarter would cover the projected short fall. Dave Diggle stated that it has been 5 years since our last increase in dues of \$1 per quarter.

A motion was made by Susan Barga to increase the dues from \$15 to \$30 per quarter (\$5/month) and Mike Noel seconded the motion. It received unanimous approval of the Board.

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

Ann Paulins asked the Board for permission to approach the Athens Rotary Foundation for funding for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Dictionary project. The Board authorized Ann Paulins to proceed.

Ann Paulins reported that she has received several inquiries from teachers if Rotary was providing the dictionaries this year. Ann Paulins agreed to survey the various schools and get a head count from the teachers. Mike Noel stated that the Athens School District may not be interested in the dictionaries based on comments from Tom Gibbs. Dave Diggle noted that the Club, thru the Foundation, support several programs promoting early youth reading.

#### Club Service Report: Tara Gilts

Tara Gilts is continuing the planning for our next "Happy Hour" this time to feature a growler from a local brewery.

#### Sheila Mark, Dave Diggle- Report on Committee for Meeting in Person & Dues Restructuring.

At this time in-person meetings are not possible. Hybrid meetings may be possible in the future. The OU Inn can provide the required IT equipment (2 laptops and internet connection).

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

There was a discussion of why the Rotary name was not on the Athens HS scoreboard. Ann Paulins agreed to enquire why it was missing. Ann Paulins reported, after the meeting, that the Rotary sign had blown off during a storm and that the cost to put it back up was estimated by the Athens AD at \$1500. The cost has been prohibitive and may require additional support from the club. The club will request a written agreement with the HS stating that the Rotary name will remain on the scoreboard with no time limit.

#### International Service Report: Abe Alassaf (No Report)

#### New Generations Report: (No Report)

#### Tom Gibbs: (No report)

Interact Action Required: Need a Rotaract Chair and an effort should be made to start a Club with International Students.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

#### Board Meeting Schedule

Meeting Dates: November 11	March 10
December 9	April 14
January 13	May 12
February 10	June 9

ROTARY CLUB OF ATHENS FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020  
 BOARD MEETING -- OCTOBER 14, 2020

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
CLUB EQUITY	\$23,762.89	\$23,503.38
OUTSTANDING MEMBER ACCOUNTS	\$1,703.00	\$433.50
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$27,810.08	\$28,840.07
DESIGNATED CLUB FUNDS (In Club Checking Account)	\$13,162.72	\$13,062.72
Miscellaneous carryover funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accumulated Happy Bucks	\$4,002.27	\$3,952.27
International Conference (FY 2018/19)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Accumulated Kroger Dollars	\$6,660.45	\$6,610.45
DESIGNATED NON-CLUB FUNDS (In Club checking Account)	\$5,750.19	\$5,770.19
Athens Rotary Foundation	\$235.00	\$255.00
The Rotary Foundation (TRF)	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
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)	\$8,762.89	\$8,503.38

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