

Athens Noon Rotary Club Board Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2019 11:00 AM
Athens City School District Office

Call to Order: 11:09 by Tom Gibbs

Board Members Present: Ed Peterson, Mike Noel, Shane Jarrett (video call), Tom Gibbs, Ann Paulins (call in), Abe Alassaf, Sheila Mark, Tara Gilts, Calvin James

Board Members Absent: Dave Diggle

Club Members Present: Dan Smith

Secretary's Report: Edward Peterson

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 2019 Meeting was made by Abe Alassaf seconded by Mike Noel and was approved by a unanimous vote. The minutes are posted on the club's web page.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Diggle

Dave Diggle submitted his report by email to Tom Gibbs. In his absence the board voted to accept the report without modification. The motion to accept the Financial Summary for October 2019 was made by Ed Peterson seconded by Sheila Mark and received unanimous approval.

Dave Diggle provided the following comments on the report:

The big changes as compared to September result from the payment from the Athens Rotary Foundation for GT (Golf Tournament) expenses and the reduction in Advertizing money we are holding for Friends of India.

Also, the invoices for the current quarter went out so that has increased the Accounts Receivable.

Vocational Service Report: Ann Paulins

The project to label the dictionaries is set for Sunday November 10th at 3pm at the OU Inn. Ann Paulins anticipates members on Interact to assist club members with the labeling. Arrangements have been made to have club members deliver the dictionaries to the various elementary schools.

Ann Paulins reported that her next activity will be organizing the "4 Way Test" competition. Tom Gibbs stated that he will encourage the Athens HS Interact club members to participate and encourage other high school students to also participate.

Club Service Report: Tara Gilts

Tara Gilts reported that the tour of the new Athens Central Hotel was a great success with about 12-15 members and spouses in attendance. Tara Gilts also stated that she would be putting out a monthly calendar of events so that club members will be able to better plan to attend these events. Two future events suggested were a happy hour at the new Italian restaurant and a tour of the Athens Museum. The recent "silent movie with organ accompaniment" was referenced as a possible activity when the museum puts on another showing.

Community Service Report: Shane Jarrett

Shane Jarrett reported that he is attempting to get a date for our participation in the Good Works dinner. So far he has not been able to tie down a date. Tara Gilts recommended that he contact Sherolyn (?) to set the date. January 31st and February 28th are the two leading dates. Shane Jarrett agreed to contact her.

Shane Jarrett was asked if he would prepare his award winning chili for the dinner. He was non committal.

Shane Jarrett has also been working with Habitat on scheduling the club to assist either at Restore or working on a home build. Shane Jarrett will also attempt to coordinate the effort with the Sunrise Club. Shane Jarrett will ensure that the work expected will be suitable for our older member's abilities such as painting.

Shane Jarrett asked about the status of Thanksgiving baskets and if Betsy Baringer was organizing this effort again this year?

Since Shane Jarrett has agreed to become our next vice-president he asked Sheila Mark if she had any speakers already set up. Sheila Mark mentioned that the O'Bleness Hospital president is willing to speak to the club in January or February.

In light of Shane Jarrett's acceptance of the position of vice-president the board discussed potential replacements for Shane as the Community Service Chair. It was agreed that Tom Gibbs would approach Shane to determine if he would be willing to turn over the Community Service Chair or would rather fill both assignments for the near term.

International Service Report: Abe Alassaf

Abe Alassaf reported that while no significant events have occurred he has had one call from a parent of the sophomore about participating in an international exchange. Abe Alassaf stated that the high school councilors have posted notices about the program.

New Generations Report: Tom Gibbs

Tom Gibbs reported the Athens HS Interact club is now organized and running with a membership of 20 - 25 students. Tom also reported that Candy Kemmerer, Lois Gerig and Sandra Nesbitt have accompanied him to Interact meetings and are willing to act as advisors for the Interact Club. Tom commented that there are about 100 student led clubs at the high school all vying for the student's attention. Without stable and committed faculty sponsorship the Interact club will not be able to thrive on campus. The current club president has not been able to organize the club's meetings and activities and the club has not been active. Tom Gibbs stated that his long-term goal after his presidency is to become more involved with the Interact club. Calvin James suggested that Rotary members could be a resource for the club by presenting at their meetings and talking about their careers and what it takes to succeed.

President Comments: Tom Gibbs

The Prior discussion of changes to membership categories and meal costs was tabled after the last board meeting. Dan Smith was present to discuss the future of the club's efforts to increase membership. He provided copies of an article from the Rotarian Magazine "How to make your club irresistible" which described efforts by other clubs to increase membership. Dan Smith is very interested in continuing this effort and Mike Noel agreed to continue the effort. Dan Smith recommended we talk to current members that have had significant absences from our meetings to discover why they have stopped attending. Perhaps there are some common themes that could be addressed which if corrected could entice these members to return to active participation and not eventually leave the club. He also recommended contacting members who have recently resigned to assess their reasons for leaving.

There was general agreement on the board that Bruce Wentworth should be recognized as the Rotarian of the Year for his efforts in reconditioning the fountain in front of the Community Center. A motion was made by Sheila Mark and seconded by Tara Gilts and received unanimous approval. Ed Peterson will order the appropriate award and have it delivered to Tom Gibbs' office. Tom Gibbs will circulate a letter to the membership requesting nominations for Community Member of the Year by 11/15. Both awards will be presented at the Holiday Party.

President Elect Comments: Sheila Mark

Sheila Mark asked if there was a need to establish a PR Committee tasked with developing the club's social media footprint. There was little discussion and the point was tabled due to lack of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

2019-2020 Board Meeting Dates:	December 4, 2019	11 a.m.
	January 8, 2020	11 a.m.
	February 5, 2020	11 a.m.
	March 4, 2020	11 a.m.
	April 1, 2020	11 a.m.
	May 6, 2020	11 a.m.
	June 3, 2020	11 a.m.
	July 8, 2020	11 a.m.

Thank you for your service to the Athens Noon Rotary Club!

October Financial Report

ROTARY CLUB OF ATHENS FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 2019									
BOARD MEETING -- NOVEMBER 6, 2019									
					SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER	
CLUB EQUITY					\$15,617.88			\$31,915.91	
OUTSTANDING MEMBER ACCOUNTS					\$3,157.00			\$9,162.00	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE					\$43,246.73			\$41,310.76	
DESIGNATED CLUB FUNDS (In Club Checking Account)					\$9,088.73			\$9,163.73	
	Miscellaneous carryover funds			\$0.00				\$0.00	
	Accumulated Happy Bucks			\$3,295.27				\$3,370.27	
	International Conference (FY 2018/19)			\$0.00				\$0.00	
	Accumulated Kroger Dollars			\$5,793.46				\$5,793.46	
DESIGNATED NON-CLUB FUNDS (In Club checking Account)					\$30,785.85			\$18,556.85	
	Athens Rotary Foundation			\$125.00				\$257.00	
	The Rotary Foundation (TRF)			\$1,075.00				\$2,100.00	
	Yard Sale Equity (TRF Designated)			\$2,923.25				\$2,923.25	
	Friends-of-India Advertising Income			\$26,220.66				\$12,618.66	
	Accumulated Split-the-Pot Dollars			\$441.94				\$657.94	
OPERATING BALANCE (CHECKING LESS NON-CLUB FUNDS					\$617.88			\$16,915.91	
LESS \$15K RESERVE)									

Note: \$7131.49 Due from Athens Rotary Foundation for Golf Tournament Expenses - Paid									