

Athens Noon Rotary Club Board Meeting Agenda
September 4, 2019 11:00 AM
Ohio University Inn, Grover Room

Call to Order: Tom Gibbs called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Board Members: Ed Peterson, Dave Diggle (not present), Mike Noel, Shane Jarrett, Tom Gibbs, Ann Paulins, Abe Alassaf, Brandon Elliott (LOA), Sheila Mark, Tara Gilts, Calvin James (not present)

Secretary's Report: **Edward Peterson**

Motion to approve minutes of the last August 2019 Meeting without amendment was made by Tara Gilts and seconded by Shane Jarrett. Motion was unanimously approved.

Edward Peterson raised the request made by Pete Couladis to move from Active Status to Exempt Status. It was noted that Pete Couladis meets the requirements to qualify for Exempt Status. Motion to approve Pete Couladis' request was made by Edward Peterson and seconded by Tom Gibbs. Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: **Dave Diggle**

No report was submitted due to Dave Diggle's absence.

Vocational Service Report: **Ann Paulins**

Ann Paulins reported that she is investigating what needs to be done to re-start the 4-Way Test competition at the local high schools. She was advised to contact the high school Rotary sponsor for advisor.

As a follow up to last month's discussion Ann Paulins stated that her contacts with the 3rd. grade teachers, both personally and through her contacts with the Patton School representatives that are serving in the classrooms, was very supportive of continuing the Dictionary Project. Some discussion followed concerning other options that the club could undertake to support early childhood reading. The final position agreed to was that Ann Paulins would continue to lead the project to provide dictionaries to the local 3rd. grade students and will continue to gather input on the efficacy of the program. The Athens Rotary Foundation will continue to fund the project for \$1,000.

Sheila Mark reiterated her recommendation that Rotary members could volunteer to read with student in the classroom. No action plan was agreed on this option.

Club Service Report: **Tara Gilts**

Tara Gilts stated that she will announce the September 12th tour of the RXQ facility at the next meeting (Golf Outing). (Update: The tour of the RXQ facility was postponed.) Tara Gilts has also been in discussions to set up a tour of the new Procos Hotel. The tour may be a month or so in the future due to the need to finalize details prior to the opening of the hotel. In addition Tara Gilts is also planning to set up an

outing at the Pleasant Hill Winery. The last winery social gathering was a success with significant club membership participation.

Tom Gibbs asked if Tara Gilts could set up regular fellowship events that would not have club provided appetizers. This would allow members to socialize regularly and not have an impact on the club's budget. Tara Gilts agreed to develop a 2020 event schedule along these lines.

Community Service Report: **Shane Jarrett**

Shane Jarrett reported that he is in talks with ReUse to have Rotary members man a pickup station for student move out. Shane Jarrett is also talking to Habitat about restarting Rotary's quarterly volunteer day at their store. The understanding would be that the work would not require significant physical labor. It was recommended that he coordinate with Molly at Habitat. Shane Jarrett is also planning to restart the Good Works dinner sponsorship which will probably be in Feb. or March timeframe.

International Service Report: **Abe Alassaf**

Abe Alassaf reported that he still settling into the position and has been working with Cita Strauss and High School councilors to recruit short term candidates. Abe Alassaf will attend Camp Mary on Sept. 14th to learn more about Short Term program.

There was some discussion on why the long term program has been abandoned. It was believed that Cita Strauss had been unable to get the necessary 3 host families for each long term visitor. It was hoped that, as a younger coordinator, Abe will have more contacts with families of appropriate age children and, as a result, be able to recruit more families in the community to participate.

New Generations Report: **Brandon Elliot**

No report due to Brandon Elliot's LOA status.

President Comments: **Tom Gibbs**

- Based on Bylaws, should we name a 2nd Vice President?
 - It was agreed to appoint Shane Jarrett as the acting 2nd. Vice President. Tom Gibbs will make the announcement at the next meeting.
- Renovation of Paul Harris home: Should we participate in some fashion?
 - It was agreed that donations could be made to the Paul Harris home renovation through the Athens Rotary Foundation. This would enable tax deductibility of the donation and the Foundation would collect the individual donations into a single donation from the club.
- Prior membership discussion/changes to membership/meals/etc. (See attached)
 - Tom Gibbs presented the latest version of the Promotional Membership as prepared by Dan Smith. Tom Gibbs asked the Board to review the proposal and provide any final comments. The proposal will be presented to the membership in the next month or so.
 - Tom Gibbs pointed out that a change in membership classifications should be incorporated in the By-Laws. He also noted that the Corporate Membership has not yet been updated in the By-Laws so both should be included in the next revision.
- Paul Harris Drive Concept (See attached)

- Tom Gibbs presented the Paul Harris Drive concept that was prepared by Shane Jarrett. The proposal received a favorable reception from the board. Tom Gibbs asked the Board to review the proposal in greater detail and provide any final comments.
- It was noted by Tom Gibbs that in addition to the Club's PHF points individual members have accumulated many points that can be given to the club and used to assist members in achieving Paul Harris Fellow status. Tom Gibbs agreed to speak to several members that have accumulated a large number of points and provide the necessary form for the transfer of their points to the club if they are willing to donate their accumulated points. This will add significantly to the current total of 18,000 points that the club currently has.
- Tom Gibbs also suggested that the club's points could be used to obtain Paul Harris Fellow recognition for our Rotarian of the Year selectee.

President Elect Comments: **Sheila Mark**

No report

Past-President Comments: **Brandon Elliott (Mike Noel substituting while Elliott is on LOA)**

Mike Noel attended the Fall Conference and will provide a report to be included in the upcoming minutes.

Announcement of 2019-2020 Board Meeting Dates: All meetings start at 11:00 am

November 6, 2019	December 4, 2019	January 8, 2020
February 5, 2020	March 4, 2020	April 1, 2020
May 6, 2020	June 3, 2020	July 8, 2020

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

Proposal to Restructure the Rotary Club Fees

August 9, 2019

From the 2018 Club Visioning Session we know that the club is seeking increased membership, ways to attract and retain younger members, and a “re-think” of the lunch cost. Based on feedback from new members and the success of the morning club in attracting members, and transfers from some of our members to the morning club, we are proposing the following changes to the structure of our fees for new members:

The biggest problem with our fees, when it comes to explaining them to prospective members is the bundling of meals and dues in a prepayment plan that totals \$844 per year. This is especially true for younger members, but also applies to any member who has a busy schedule and cannot plan to attend and partake of a meal every week. We already have a pay-as-you-go “exempt status” for members over age 65 who have been members more than five years. For new members we could create a Promotional membership period (One year has been suggested) where we extend the same options as the exempt program to them. This takes away the feeling that they must make an annual “membership” commitment of \$844.

Annual dues would then be the same as for any other member - \$172 (\$43 per quarter - \$15 for the local club and \$28 for International and District.) That should essentially be the same for any area Rotary Club and take away the price competition portion of the equation.

Annual dues for new members would not begin until the first day of the quarter after they have been accepted as a member. Meal Charges would begin immediately after they have been accepted as a member but would be parallel to the “pay as you go” charges for an exempt member for the first year of membership. Of course, at any time a new member wishes to convert to the full-attendance pricing, that option would be open. There would be no age limit concerning new members’ eligibility for the Promotional “pay as you go” program.

If we do revise the payment structure for exempt members in order to encourage attendance, those changes can also be applied to the new member period during their Promotional period. This program should be more palatable to prospective members, equivalent to a program we already have in place, easy to understand, and straightforward for the treasurer to administer.

The Road to the Paul Harris House

My Fellow Rotarians,

As Rotary International works this year to commemorate Paul Harris' legacy, renovating his house into a museum in Chicago, we thought this would be a great opportunity to challenge those of you who haven't, to become Paul Harris fellows. If you've already met the mark, we challenge you to do it again.

Your club is in a unique position in 2019 to offer points towards a Paul Harris fellow award. Each point awarded to you equals \$1 credit toward the award.

The Athens Rotary Clubs has 18,000 points!

Our goal is to award all 18,000 points to you. We want more Paul Harris fellows to come out of this club in 2019 than any time in the past and earning those points will be simple.

All Members, you will receive:

- 100 points for every guest you introduce who becomes an Athens Rotary member
- 1 point for every dollar you donate to the Paul Harris House
- 1 point for every dollar you donate to the Athens Rotary General Fund
- 10 points for every 1 hour of service time in an Athens Rotary community service project

Exempt Members have an additional chance to earn:

- 10 points for every official Noon meeting you attend

Finally, for any person applying for the Paul Harris fellow award, your cost will only be a combination of 900 points and dollars. The Athens Rotary Club will chip in your last 100 points to get you to 1000.

These points will only be awarded as long as they're available, and once they're gone, we cannot guarantee any more. We encourage you all to act quickly and take advantage of this opportunity while it lasts.