

Longview Greggton Rotary Club
Board Meeting Minutes
17 December, 2018
City of Longview Development Services, 410 S. High Street

Club President, Scott Brunner, called the meeting to order at 12:03. The following board members were in attendance: Scott Brunner, Colt Edwards, Randy Harris, Laura Hill, Tim Lewis, Karen Maines, Ingrid Self, Donna Sharp, Wayne Tramel, David Yowell. Also attending: John Jetter.

Secretary's Report:

Donna Sharp neglected to bring the November Minutes. They will be presented at the January meeting, along with these Minutes for approval. Donna Sharp reported that as of 30 November 2018, the club had a total of 95 members (89 active and 6 honorary). Attendance for the month of November = 58%. A question was raised as to how many members qualify for the Rule of 85. Prospective member April Moore has gone through orientation for induction in January. Trey Hattaway's application has been announced to the club, with no objections or concerns. He will be oriented and inducted in January. Scott Forbes has requested a Leave of Absence from the club until September 2019, for medical reasons. Wayne Tramel has requested a leave of absence from the club until December 2019, for business reason. Motion was made by Colt Edwards to accept, second by Karen Maines. Motion carries. Tyler Rainer will be asked to move into Wayne Tramel's service chair position, effective immediately. Colt Edwards will be asked to move into grant allocations, effective immediately.

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Hill reported that the lunch minimum was not met any in the month of November. She further reported, that as of today, 42 members have paid. Follow ups are being made with those still owing dues.

Rotary Foundation:

David Yowell was pleased to report that the Rotary Foundation has recognized Longview Greggton Rotary Club as topping \$400,000. David would like the board to consider a voluntary \$50 donation to the Foundation

as part of the semi annual dues. This would be an easy way to obtain the status of \$100 from every Rotarian every year. It was brought up, that if a Rotarian's dues are being paid by their company, the company would not be able to pay the \$50 voluntary fees to the foundation, as it would not be considered a personal gift. Roughly 15-20 Rotarians personally pay Rotary dues. John Jetter will explore alternatives to accomplish the \$100 every Rotarian every year status.

Club Administration and Programs:

Randy Harris reported that the Hilton Garden Inn, Pinehurst B room, will be the club's new meeting room. Randy has programs scheduled into February.

Fundraising:

Wayne Tramel reported that Charities has awarded \$25,000 to Highway 80 Rescue Mission. Director and fellow Rotarian, Eric Burger, has selected a van for purchase with these funds. Peters Auto Group's pricing was a bit higher than Dallas; the difference will be covered so as to stay local. Newgate mission met with City leadership regarding possible matching funds of up to \$20,000. Newgate wants to improve its façade. One Hundred Women Who Care, awarded Newgate \$13,000 for tables for the facility. Rotarian Casey Beddingfield is helping to find affordable resources for Newgate. Rotary grant applications will open to nonprofits on January 15. Wayne brought up the idea of possibly moving to a long term project. He further mentioned, that the City is wanting to improve the rodeo arena for ~\$4.5M.

Membership:

Donna Koerner has assumed the position of membership chair, after the resignation of Martha Moore. Donna was not in attendance, but many kudos were offered her way for the fun, fellowship and success of the annual Christmas party.

Service Projects:

Colt Edwards reported that the December 8 build day for Beds of Hope was cancelled. A new date in January will be scheduled for the build. The organization is currently raising funds for an ~\$4,000 trailer to transport the beds.

Public Image:

Tim Lewis will be updating the website. Images have been sent, and he is looking for ways to freshen the LGRC site. He is exploring means by which rodeo ticket purchase information will be front and center on the home page, so as to be more noticeable. Shelby Strickland is the Interact liaison. This may not be the best situation. Tim would like to ask Cindy Gabeheart to identify a new person for the 2019-2020 year.

President Elect:

Karen Maines reported that all RYLA students have been selected and notified.

Old Business:

The club is open to recognizing individuals who give back to the community. Karen Maines is exploring a committee to pursue guidelines.

The food and venue committee report:

- Food/Venue: LGRC has signed a six month contract with Hilton Garden Inn. Meetings will not be held at HGI on 1/18 (MLK), 3/15 (Spring Break), 4/12 (will meet a rodeo arena), 4/19 (Good Friday) and 5/24 (Memorial Day). Motion was made to accept this schedule by Karen Maines, second by Ingrid Self. Motion carries. At the end of six months, a one year contract will be signed, if the venue is found to be satisfactory.
- Helping fire victims in California: Ingrid Self is exploring further.
- Charities, Inc: Invoices will be prepared to move allocation funds according to policy.

New Business:

- Bringing board bookkeeping back in house: Motion was made by Karen Maines, seconded by Tim Lewis, to dismiss Kevin Dohanich as bookkeeper, and utilize the services of John Jetter. Motion carries. The Charities board chooses to utilize the services of Kevin Dohanich, which should not impact the board's decision.
- Fireup education program by LFD: The Longview Fire Department is seeing organizations to sponsor educational materials to provide fire education to elementary schools. Due to the fact that LGRC projects have a focus on children and education, Colt Edwards moved that

LGRC sponsor educational materials for 200 children, for a \$500 sponsorship. Wayne Tramel seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The next board meeting date: January 28, noon, City of Longview Developmental Services.

There being no further business, President Brunner adjourned the meeting at 1:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Sharp

Secretary

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