

The Officers and Directors of
The Rotary Club of Augusta
October 15, 2024

President Surendra Gupta opened the fourth board meeting of the Rotary Club of Augusta for the Rotary year 2024-2025 at 4:04 P.M. via zoom.

Present

President Surendra Gupta, Immediate Past President Bill Keogh, President Elect Brenda Durant, Directors: Erin Armstrong, Kevin Grogan, Chris McKinney, Zach Kelehear, Shanda Vaughn

Absent:

President Elect Nominee Dat Hoang, Directors; Dora Hogg and Leigh Teffeteller

Also present:

Peggie Whitehurst

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Surendra Gupta

President Surendra Gupta welcomed the Board of Directors. He stated he is glad that everyone has survived Hurricane Helene. He stated that Rotary District Governor Kelly Knitter called him and said the Rotary District 6920 has been awarded a \$25,000.00 Rotary International Disaster Relief Grant to fund projects related to food and hygiene assistance for communities in our District impacted by Hurricane Helene. Grants up to \$2,500.00 will be awarded to clubs in Rotary District 6920 for Rotarians to do service projects for necessary supplies to help those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

The Rotary Board will decide which charitable organization will receive the money once we receive the money.

IPAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bill Keogh

Classification

There are no proposals waiting for a classification in the queue at this time.

Sunshine

Immediate Past President Bill Keogh stated that Richard Rogers will be resigning from the Rotary Club on October 21, 2024 and he will present the sunshine report on that day.

DG Visit

Immediate Past President stated there is nothing to report at this time since the District Governor will not be here until February 2025.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

Brenda Durant

The financial report for September was approved.

The board minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Member Development

President Elect Nominee Brenda Durant stated that there is nothing new to report.

Memorials/Resolutions/Recognition

It was stated there is nothing to report at this time.

GRSP

It was reported our GRSP student Daniel attended the GRSP meeting in Savannah, Georgia over the past weekend. President Gupta would like for Daniel to apply for the Thomas award. He forwarded the scholarship information to Susan Jernigan.

PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEE'S REPORT

Dat Hoang

Programs

Director Dat Hoang reported that the program slots are filled thru 2024.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Chris McKinney

College Pick"Em:

Director Chris McKinney reported that College Pic-Em is going well.

Website

President Surendra Gupta stated there is no new information at this time.

Public Image

There is nothing new to report at this time.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Kevin Grogan

Hospitality/Greeters

Director Kevin Grogan stated the greeters are all set for the year

Bulletin

Director Kevin Grogan stated that there is nothing new to report.

Roster

Director Kevin Grogan stated he did not hear back from the Roster chairmen regarding any updates. President Gupta reported that he would like for Rotarians to use the electronic version for the roster and he is looking into this and will give more details next month.

Mentorship

There is nothing new to report.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Zach Kelehear

Pledge/Invocation

Director Zach Kellehear stated that all is under control.

CART

It was stated that there are QR codes now on the Cart Blue Buckets.

Foundation

There is no report at this time.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Erin Armstrong

Rotary Info/Red Badge Orientation

Director Erin Armstrong stated that Herb Upton had six new Rotary members attend the Red Badge Orientation last month. The Rotary blue badges have been ordered for the new members.

New Member Engagement

There is nothing to report.

District Local Grants

Director Erin Armstrong reported that the EEE Enhancing Education Environment in Augusta district grant has been approved. The amount is around \$5,100.00.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Dora Hogg

Rotaract

President Gupta reported that the Rotaract President from Augusta University contacted him and stated the Augusta, division of the American Red Cross would like 10 volunteers to help package and serve supplies on October 26, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. He will email the Rotary members and see who will be able to volunteer.

Interact

There is nothing new to report.

Speech Contest

It was reported by President Gupta that the Speech Contest committee met and is starting to work on the Speech contest to be held in February.

RYLA

There is nothing new to report at this time. This committee doesn't get busy until January.

CLUB DIRECTOR

Leigh Porterfield Teffeteller

Signature Fundraiser

It was reported that the Signature Fundraiser beneficiary for this year is GAP Ministries.

Family of Rotary

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Literacy

President Gupta reported that the event for Rotarians to read to students on September 27, 2024, at Immaculate Conception School was canceled due to the hurricane.

Shanda Vaughn

Director Shanda Vaughn reported that the Hull Fund will meet in coming weeks discuss the GRSP student tuition payment of \$7,500.00 to be paid in December for the balance of the tuition.

Club Business

President Surendra Gupta announced he will continue to run the Monday meetings with the Rotary guest speaker making their presentation after the sunshine report.

President Gupta reported there is one student in Augusta that would like to apply for the Rotary Youth Exchange program. He will have more information next month on this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Peggie Whitehurst
Executive Secretary