

MINUTES

ROTARY CLUB OF FIG GARDEN - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING - 27 JULY 2011

PRESENT

Officers

President – Darryl Booth
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Treasurer – Scott Bristol
Secretary – Greg Ruf

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Junso Ogawa

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by President Darryl Booth, concurrent with the FGR Foundation Board Meeting, in the Boardroom of the Stoughton Davidson Accountancy Corporation at 2520 West Shaw Lane, Suite 101, Fresno, California 93711

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda. There being no discussion the Agenda was approved. (MSC)

Consent Items

Membership = 90

June Attendance = 79%

May 2011 Board Meeting Minutes – There being no discussion or corrections; the minutes were approved. (MSC)

Reports

President's Report

President Booth reported that Past President (PP) Bob Bergin is chairing a Bylaws Committee. The initial goal of the Committee was to incorporate the fifth avenue of service, New Generations, into the FGR Bylaws. The task has been expanded to include others items that need updating.

President Booth conveyed the essence of his discussions with the Community Service Committee that they direct their focus toward New Generations (youth) and to look for more Hands-On projects for the membership to get involved with.

President Booth announced to those that were not already aware that a new Club Website has been launched since the District is no longer hosting club websites. A brief description of the website features, including an integrated calendar feature were, discussed. The website address is www.figgardenrotary.org

President Booth advised the Board that the FGR Foundation Investment Committee met in June and that our investments in the permanent fund are still growing. The permanent fund realized a gain of \$14,678 over the past year. President Booth requested that one-half of the gain be transferred to the funds available to Community Services as has been done historically. A motion was made to disperse \$7,339 to Community Service. MSC.

President Booth advised that he is working with the writers and editor of Avenues with a goal of having Avenues published on the Monday following our weekly meetings. Avenues is now being published electronically to save on paper, costs and to allow for rapid revisions if needed.

President Booth announces that VP/PE Stacy Rianda has agreed to chair a Strategic Planning Committee. This is an activity that the District is pushing for.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bristol advised the Board that the 2011-2012 has been completed. Projected Income and Expenses are \$63,325.00 and \$61,445.00, respectively.

Treasurer Bristol reported that aging accounts continue to be a problem with a small group of members, some having a chronic slow pay history. Aging is 90+ days out. One member is out \$1,450 and has only made periodic payments to the club since joining. Another is out \$1,129, with seven members each owing between \$700 and \$1,000.00. Total aging out over 90 days \$15,173.

There was some general discussion around the table about more actively seeking payments. Treasure Bristol suggested having a receivables meeting but no specific action was taken. Historic termination by FGR and RI guidelines for membership termination for accounts over 90 days was included in the discussion. Director Ogden described his recent experience with processing credit card payments in a Rotary endeavor. President Booth discussed the possibility of FGR accepting credit cards for payment. He and Director Ogden will look into this further.

Treasurer Bristol reported on the Club account, with comparisons to the budget and to last year. As of June 30, 2011

Cash + deposits	\$34,258.34
Receivables	\$23,663.05
Income YTD	\$58,038.01
Expenses YTD	\$53,138.12

A motion was made to approve the Treasures report. MSC

Secretary's Report

Membership Status

Secretary Ruf reported that three members have requested consideration for change in membership status to Rotarian Emeritus. The members are:

August Hioco
Gordon Paul
Rich Sakai

Each of the members has 20+ years of Rotary services and with the combined years of service and age now meet or exceed the combined quotient of 85. A motions was made to change teach of their status to Rotarian Emeritus. MSC.

Proposed Members

Membership Committee Chair Bill Robinson reported to the Secretary by email that Tom Howard has been proposed for membership by PP Sasan Rahmatian and Member Brian Souza. The Membership Chair has requested that the candidate's application be considered

for formal furtherance to the Membership Committee for processing. A motion was so made. MSC.

Membership Chair Robinson reported to the Secretary by email that Candidate John Thompson has failed to respond to multiple invitations to attention Fig Garden Rotary Information (FGRI). Chair Robinson requested that the Board consider formal termination of the application. Member Junso Ogawa, who was present at the Board meeting and was one of the two sponsoring members, supported termination of the application at this time. A motion to close the application was put forth. MSC.

Secretary Ruf conveyed Membership Chair Robinson's report that two other candidates are still in the process. They are Ramona Haro and Tom Marsella. Ms. Haro has requested a postponement of the membership process due to business reasons and Mr. Marsella needs to clear some issues with another Rotary club. Ms. Haro's sponsor, member Doris Harpain, is to follow-up with the candidate. Both Ms. Haro's and Mr. Marcella's applications are to be reconsidered next month.

Attendance Deficiencies

Secretary Ruf reported that six members have missed four or more consecutive meetings up through July 8 (too late to post make-ups). Those members are:

- Doug Constant (5)
- Dave Stepp (4)
- Patty Hixson (4)
- Rich Christenson (7)
- Bob Whalen (5)
- Art Farkas (7)

The Board was advised that, absent a Board action, that these members would be terminated. Following some discussion, that did include President Booth stating that he would follow-up with the members personally, a motion was made to forgive the absences and to continue the memberships without interruption. MSC

Secretary Ruf reported that five active members, one member presently on LOA and one member that is presently a Temporary Honorary (TH) member, failed to achieve a 50% attendance record for the second half of Rotary Year 2010-2011. For members on LOA or TH their percentage of attendance was calculated based on those meeting not covered by the LOA or TH status. Those members are:

- Lucy Ollivier (42.9)
- Rich Christenson (41.7)
- Bob Whalen (41.7)
- Marty Dietz (37.5)
- Art Farkas (37.5)
- Susan Geringer (38.9) [On LOA – schools out for summer]
- Sonja Ellis (38.9) [TH]

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Avenues Of Service

Club Service

Director Aznavoorian reported that the recently held duckless duck races held at member Dio Stephanopoulos' residence was a big success enjoyed by all in attendance. Coming activities include:

August	Still open
September 30	FGR Annual retreat
October	Outdoor screening of Rocky Horror Picture Show at Dio's
October 07	Horse Races
November	Not set yet
December 10	Christmas Party

Community Service

Director Oliver stated that the park bench project at Woodward Park would be our big project this year. The bench project will require funds and hands-on support. An application for a District Simplified Grant in the amount of \$1,000 has been submitted. More to come later.

The Committee only forwarded one request for funding consideration to the Board this month, that being for funds in support of a landscape irrigation project at the Comprehensive Addiction Programs, Inc.'s (CAP) facility on White Bridge Avenue in Fresno. Director Oliver stated that CAP is in need of \$2,000 to complete funding of their planned project so construction could get underway. FGR supported the project in the amount of \$1,000 last year. A motion was made to provide the requested \$2,000. MSC

Minutes of the Community Service Committee meeting of July 13, 2011 were distributed to the Board (copy attached)

Vocational Service

Director Sakai reported that three of the six scholarships awarded by FGR to graduating High School seniors last school year have yet to be funded. The recipients still need to submit their proof of registration.

Camp Royal attendee selection will be headed-up by PP Greg Baxter.

Director Sakai is still looking for a member to assist with scholarship selection.

Director Sakai is still evaluating job shadowing versus the speed career session as conducted last year as well as possible additional alternatives. More to come soon.

Rotary Yellow pages is coming. This will be an opportunity to better connect to other Rotarian for business needs. Jeff Dippel will make a presentation at a coming Friday meeting.

International Service

Director Chessum reported that there is no activity with respect to any international project at the present time.

Member Ogawa advised the Board that our incoming youth exchange student will be arriving on August 9 at 6:35 p.m.

President Elect's Report

President Elect Stacy Rianda had no report.

Past President's Report

Past President Deborah Coe Hood had no report.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

Adjournment

President Booth adjourned the Meeting at 8:29 a.m.

Next Meeting

August 24, 2011

Respectfully Submitted By Greg Ruf –Secretary.

FIG GARDEN ROTARY

Community Service Committee
July 13th meeting

Location: McCormick Barstow (Mike Graves' office)
Time: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30am

Chair: Jeff Oliver
Co-Chair: Vacant

Attendance: Bonyhadi, Louna
Booth, Darryl
Graves, Mike
Hinojosa, Fausto
Jereb, Denise
Majors, Brad
Oliver, Jeff
Smith, Diane (COG)
Son Lee, Coline (COG)
Souza, Brian
Stewart, Michael (COG)

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- I. This year's budget is approximately **\$34,000** + additional funds coming from the Foundation. Darryl will let us know what that number is when he gets it.
 - II. This year's Goals
 1. 4 hands-on projects (1 per quarter)
 2. In light of a new Avenue of Service, New Generations, we will try to focus on projects benefiting children.
 - III. Reserved funds for annual projects need to be approved by next meeting such as:
 1. Bike Program
 2. Sober Grad Night
 3. X-Mas Baskets

Jeff will bring the list and dollar amounts to the next meeting for Committee approval.

IV. Requests

1. **City of Fresno, Adopt-A-Park:** Jeff will gather more information for next meeting. FGR is already supporting the parks with our Woodward Park Bench Program.
2. **Children's Hospital in Partnership with Water Safety Council of Fresno County and Fresno Parks & Recreation staff – Swim Lessons, \$5,000:** Brad will find out more information. Is there certain equipment we can buy?
3. **Camp Royal, \$500:** Denise will find out more information.

4. **Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation:** Brad will contact them to learn about their specific needs.
5. **Comprehensive Addiction Program:** At the end of last year we approved \$1,000 to go towards an irrigation project. Jeff and Mark Gilpin toured the facility. They need \$2,000 more in order to start the project. There are other opportunities for FGR to help them such as outdoor tables/benches, playground equipment and landscaping. The Committee approved an additional \$2,000 so they can begin their irrigation project.
6. **Woodward Park Bench Project:** Jeff is in the process of contacting the City, surveying the benches, gathering costs, recruiting labor etc. in order to get a solid estimate of costs and a timeline put together. We have applied for a \$1,000 District Simplified Grant in order to reduce our costs.

V. New Projects

The Committee was asked to come up with some ideas for new projects that we initiate. We would like to pro-actively spend our funds versus waiting for requests from the community. How do we want to impact the community?

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Foundation Chair Report:

Foundation Chair Tom Ogden reported that he still has a number of Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) certificates to distribute.

Chair Ogden requested that 3,000 PHF points, from the roughly 23,000 held by the club, be allocated for use as rewards and stimulus. A motion was so made, and was approved (MSC).

Foundation Treasurer Report:

Foundation Treasurer Fausto Hinojosa was absent so there was no Treasure's report this month.

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