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Rotary Club of Bowling Green

Board Meeting Minutes

November 07, 2024, 10:30AM, BGCC

Present: Steve Conlin, Jerid Friar, Andy Newlove, Trevor Jessee, Justin Henck, Jan Knape, Robin Guidera, Sandy Sundermeier, Betty Kahlenberg, Justin Burris

Absent: Atonn Smeltzer, Mike Rywalski

1. Minutes from the October Board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sandy to approve. Second by Robin. Approved.
2. Officer Reports
   1. Treasurer – Sandy reported that receivables are down. We have $1200 in sponsorships for our events. Sandy will give a list of sponsors to Trevor. This will help us out in planning get togethers. In the Holiday Raffle, we have collected $900. Rotarians have until November 21 to turn in money. We haven’t distributed any money of the food pantry. Motion to approve – Andy. Seconded by Trevor. Approved.
   2. Secretary – Betty Kahlenberg all tickets that weren’t picked up for the Holiday Raffle were mailed last Thursday 10/31.
   3. Past President – Justin Burris – no report
   4. President Elect – Justin Henck will report under Membership
3. Old Business
   1. Committee Reports
      1. Fellowship/Social – Robin Guidera – The November 14 event is ready to go. Robin has been in contact with Becketts. They are working within our $800 budget for the evening. It will be a cash bar and appetizers. 5:30 -8:00PM Trevor and Mile Brujic will be our entertainment. Steve will do a welcome and possibly a plug for membership! Rotarians will wear badges.

December 16, Holiday Party Robin was not at our board meeting last month, (October is her CRAZY month) so she wasn’t aware of where we are with the Holiday Party. It will be December 16 here at the Country Club, 5:30 social time, dinner at 6:00. Madrigals will be singing at 7:00. Betty will provide some games for those interested. Jeff is working on menu for the evening. Madrigals will receive $300 for their performance.

* + 1. Membership - Justin Henck and Steve Conlin - Virginia (V) Rosser has reached out to us through RI. A retired BGSU person. Robin will reach out to her and try to get her to our Barrel Room event next week.
       1. Prospects
          1. Akash Singh (Marathon BG),
          2. Jigar Patel (Everyday People)

Justin H will approach the two listed above and ask them to attend our event next Thursday.

* + - 1. Honorary memberships – Kendra Lutes, Meghan Horn, and Jacob Clements from BGSU. Meghan will be installed today as our first Honorary Member! Doris Herringshaw will receive her Paul Harris fellowship this morning.
    1. Fundraising and Community Development Update – Trevor Jessee – Our board had a big discussion on the direction our club is taking and where we want it to go. Large projects are hard to plan and getting more than Board members involved is difficult. Working with BGSU on Day of service in spring. Possibly a clean up at various schools. Looking for needs in community and projects. Sandy still concerned on the income we currently have. Discussion on members just writing a check for this year instead of doing a fundraiser. Possibly working with area Rotary clubs.
    2. Public Image – Atonn Smeltzer - absent
    3. Rotary Foundation – Jerid Friar we have 18 Paul Harris Fellowships at this time
    4. Scholarship Awards - Atonn Smeltzer – no report
    5. Speakers Scheduling – Steve Conlin, Andy Newlove and Trevor Jessee Steve will work with Andy, and Trevor to create a list of community leaders and possible speakers for our club meetings.

1. New Business
   1. Steve Conlin - Saturday, April 26, 2025, District Conference Quadrant Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 11 – Steve and Betty will be attending the meeting on the 11th. The possibility of the BG club hosting the quadrant meeting is still up in the air. Steve will bide his time at the meeting to see the direction it’s going.
   2. Betty Kahlenberg - Kasiisi Project – Betty presented a proposal for the urgent need of a bore hole drilling machine deep within the Kasiisi Project. The ask is $5000 from our club and the Kasissi Board will fundraise the additional $1700 to get this well done. There was much discussion on not only this proposal but also where our fundraising efforts are going. We could write a grant for this money and hope to get it approved, but that delays the wellbeing dug and finished. Sandy did voice concerns over the available resources we currently have. Justin B made a motion that we provide the $5000 funding for the drill, through our current funds. Jerid seconded the motion. Motion passed with Sandy abstaining. The board is hoping to get the Kiwanis to contribute to this project as well which would pay us back part of our money. Jan was heading to the Kiwanis meeting following our board meeting and would reach out to who we would need to contact and hopefully speak to their club.

President Steve called the meeting finished at 11:34 Respectfully submitted, Betty Kahlenberg