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Rotary Club of Bowling Green

Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2024, 10:30AM, BGCC

**Present:** Jerid Friar, Andy Newlove, Steve Conlin, Justin Burris, Sandy Sundermeier, Justin Henck, Betty Kahlenberg, Atonn Smeltzer

**Absent:** Jan Knape, Trevor Jessee, Mike Rywalski, Robin Guidera

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the September Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Jerid, Seconded by Sandy. All approved.
3. Officer Reports
   1. Treasurer – Sandy Sundermeier – reported that:
      1. We earned a couple of thousand dollars in the Edward Jones account.
      2. She reported that several members have paid for their Paul Harris recognition. We will acknowledge them as they pay. Justin Henck’s business is going to match his $500 donation.
      3. Don Ulum mailed a check for $100 for Tim Emmerich’s Paul Harris account.
      4. Sandy said several have not paid their dues, but she sent invoices earlier than in the past. She will give them a reminder.
      5. Atonn made motion to approve the financial report. Justin Burris second. Approved.
   2. Secretary – Betty Kahlenberg - no report
   3. Past President – Justin Burris – glad to be back.
   4. President Elect – Justin Henck – will report on membership below
4. Old Business
   1. Committee Reports
      1. Fellowship/Social – Robin Guidera absent today
         1. Update to the November 14 event at the Barrel Room. Trevor let Steve know that he will contact those who said they would be a sponsor. Sponsorships could cover both the November 14 event and a year-end holiday party.
         2. January 2025 Holiday Party? Discussion on having a holiday party / January party. Board decided to move forward. Looking at a December date. Betty will contact Mrs. Vaughn to see if Madrigals can sing some spirit for us! Steve and Betty will help pull this together
      2. Membership - Justin Henck and Steve Conlin
         1. New members: Paul Stiffler to be inducted today
         2. Prospects: Akash Singh (Marathon BG) and Jigar Patel (Everyday People)

Justin thinks they will be both be coming to the Barrel Event.

* + - 1. Honorary memberships – Kendra Lutes, Meghan Horn, and Jacob Clements from BGSU. (Need to schedule induction dates)
      2. Prospects to be invited to attend the 11/14 social event
      3. Tony Vetter will be removed from membership
    1. Fundraising and Community Development Update – Trevor Jessee

The board decided to move forward with the annual holiday cash raffle. This will cover the funding of the three high school senior $1,500 scholarships.

* + 1. Public Image – Atonn Smeltzer – Atonn mentioned that Mike Kuhlin is doing a great job keeping things fresh. We need to utilize the large check whenever we donate money.
    2. Rotary Foundation – Jerid Friar – statements for Paul Harris recognition have been handed out. Only a couple left to pass out. We will continue to work for Rotary International!
    3. Scholarship Awards - Atonn Smeltzer - Any changes or embellishments will be done by February. He will reach out to committee to follow up.
    4. Speakers Scheduling – Steve Conlin and Trevor Jessee - Steve is asking for help. Jerid suggested to ask at the President monthly meeting for presidents to share their speaker list. Board had discussion on how to fill the empty spots and have more responsibility on Rotarians. Andy will work with Steve to help get speakers with his contacts. We could also schedule elected officials for updates, but not for a re-election message. Justin Henck suggested that each board member bring a list of at least 2 speakers to help fill in the list. Justin Burris agreed.

1. New Business
   1. End Polio Now October 24 (Board Discussion) As of today we do not have a special speaker for October 24. Atonn is reaching out to Rotary Area 3 and 4 contacts. At the very least, we should educate the club on:
      1. RI’s Efforts and history to Eradicate Polio
      2. Generate some community awareness of RI’s efforts and programs. Steve will reach out to Clint Corpe to get on the Morning Show on October24.
   2. Board meeting schedule changes:
      1. From November 14 to November 07 as we are not meeting on November 14
      2. From December 12 to December 05 as we are trying to schedule the holiday party for December 12 or 16.