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Rotary Club of Bowling Green

Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024, 10:30AM, BGCC

Present: Steve Conlin, Justin Henck, Betty Kahlenberg, Robin Guidera, Trevor Jessee, Jerid Friar

Absent: Andy Newlove, Jan Knape, Sandy Sundermeier, Atonn Smeltzer, Mike Rywalski, Justin Burris

1. Board Meeting Minutes – Trevor made motion to accept secretary’s minutes from August meeting. Jerid second. Approved.
2. Officer Reports
   1. Treasurer – Sandy was absent, but had sent her report to Steve. She had notes on the reports of bills she will be paying out – including RI second half dues of $2,000, Dictionary project $1,344 and the final payment on the scoreboard of $1,000. Trevor mad motion to approve. Justin H second. Approved.
   2. Secretary – Betty Kahlenberg
   3. Past President – Justin Burris
   4. President Elect – Justin Henck – defer to membership
3. Old Business
   1. Committee Reports
      1. Fellowship/Social – Robin reported on social committee. First social event will be October 17. 5:30 – 7:30 at the Barrel Room at Becketts. There will be no lunch meeting that day. Discussion on how social events will be paid for. For this first event – it is free for all. The committee will ask club members for sponsorships as we have done in the past to help offset expenses. There will be a cash bar at this function with appetizers served. Rotarians are asked to bring a friend/possible new member to this event.
      2. Membership - Justin and Steve
         1. New members: Paul Stiffler (with Sandy and Jan’s proxy votes we were able to vote on Paul Stiffler’s application.) Trevor made motion to approve. Jerid second. Approved. Paul will need Fireside chat.
         2. Prospects: Akash Singh (Marathon BG) still very interested in joining

Justin H brought up that we should have a meeting where we all bring potential new members. Our social media is getting attention, but we can still do more. No specific date was set for bringing in new prospects.

* + - 1. Honorary memberships – Kendra Lutes, Meghan Horn, and Jacob Clements from BGSU. – No date has been set for their ceremony.
    1. Fundraising and Community Development Update – Trevor reported options yet for Fundraising this year including not having a fundraiser – but planning for 2025. Possibly collecting what members are asked to sell/buy in tickets during the year – and spending more time developing a great fundraising plan for 2025. No decision made and the committee will meet again.
    2. Public Image – Atonn - absent
    3. Rotary Foundation – Jerid is working on recognition points being transferred to others. 401 match – 50/50 from club and member. Ron Stoner wishes to grant Judy Davis a Paul Harris. Betty will meet with Ron and fill out paperwork. Trevor mentioned that Dr. Bell was interested in giving his recognition points to Trevor. Club could use this as an example.
    4. Scholarship Awards - Atonn - absent
    5. Speakers Scheduling – Steve Conlin and Trevor Jessee

Even though there was still part of the agenda left – we turned the meeting over to District Governor Tim Ryan and his message to our board. His first question to use was what were we most proud of.

1. New Business
   1. End Polio Now (Board Discussion)
      1. Club Education of RI’s Efforts and history to Eradicate Polio
      2. Community Awareness of RI’s efforts and programs
      3. Fundraising Ideas