

**Minutes Rotary Club of Marietta Metro - District 6900**

**2023-2024 Board of Directors Marietta, Georgia**

**Date of Board Meeting: April 9, 2024**

**Board Members Present (unless noted):**

* President: Chris Stokes
* President Elect: Ron Lunk
* Membership: Ben Frye - **absent**
* Treasurer: Chad Pendley
* Secretary: Sally Platt
* Immediate Past President: Buck Buchanan
* Club Administration Director: Kim Cross
* Public Relations Director & Parliamentarian: Adam Rozen - **absent**
* Community Service Director: Rene Lanier
* Rotary Foundation Director: Pat McBride - **absent**
* Vocational Service Chair: Jason Marbutt  **- absent**
* Youth Service Chair: Kay Anderson
* Special Advisor (Ex Officio): Mitch Simmons - **absent**
* President-Elect Nominee – Lynn Lanier

**Call to Order: 5:35 p.m.**

**Secretary: Sally Platt**

* Minutes of the March meeting are not available.
* Attendance – attendance sheets from 2 club meetings in March aren’t available.
* Red Badge Update – Jennifer Collins, Carter McKinnon, Joe Evans, and Sasha Johnson still need to complete requirements.
* Sasha Johnson and Joe Evans still need to attend a Fireside Chat.
* Public Image citation update – all activities for the 2023-24 Rotary year have been completed.

**Treasurer: Chad Pendley**

* Club P&L and Budget
* Foundation P&L and Budget

**Community Service: Rene Lanier**

* Reconnecting Our Roots Garden has requested some shepherd’s hooks to hang bird feeders for an additional cost of $92.00. This amount is covered under the funds approved by the board earlier this year for garden expenditures.
* Our District Grant for 2023-24 has been approved and closed. We need to choose our project for the coming year and submit our request. One consideration is to repeat the Arts Alliance arts program at the Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center.
* Planning is underway for the new garden space being constructed at Hayes Elementary in West Cobb. The space will tentatively include an outdoor classroom, native plants, opportunities for STEAM projects and a workshop for the school’s Junior Garden Club. We are getting help from their PTA and local schools and churches who want to help. Volunteers are needed to help build benches at the school on April 20, and help with plantings on April 27 at 9:00 am. Matt Burnham is chairing this project.
* Our FODAC collection will take place on April 13 at First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, from 9:00 – 1:30 that day. Randy Cook is Chairing this project.
* Renee McCormick of Four Corners Youth Group has approached us about sponsoring a talent show at the Strand on April 20. The talent show will highlight young people the Four Corners leadership program for at-risk youth. A sponsorship contribution of $500 is requested. We will receive publicity at the event and six admission tickets. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the amount of $500 was approved for this event.

**Club Administration: Kim Cross**

The invocation and raffle schedule are complete through the end of April.

**Membership Director: Ben Frye**

* New member update – several prospective members are in the pipeline. Discussion ensued concerning the engagement of new and existing club members.
* Next Member Social – Tuesday, April 30– location TBA.
* Fireside Chat – date to be determined.

**Global Grant Update: Mitch Simmons**

* Paperwork for the Heart for Africa project was submitted to the district for review. Some revisions are needed and will be made.

**President-Elect: Ron Lunk**

* Golf Tournament – we are 55% of the way toward the goal for fund-raising.
* New Board planning meeting will be on Friday, April 19th.

**President: Chris Stokes**

* District Awards Update: our club received the Governor’s citation.
* The End-of-Year party will be on Friday, June 21st at the Hardage Farms Clubhouse at 6 p.m. It will be a potluck dinner.

**Immediate Past President:** Buck Buchanan

* Meeting Options: Buck distributed a chart of his findings concerning possible options for meeting locations and caterers. A meeting at the First Methodist Church is in the planning stages.

**Next Meeting**

May 7, 2024 at Mayes Ward Dobbins

Chad Pendley to provide refreshments.

**Meeting adjourned at: 6:50 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by: Sally Platt**