Blue Ridge Mountains Rotary

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Farmington Country Club

January 19, 2022

**Directors Present**

Aimee Andrews, Roger Higgins, Ben Horne, Sam Caughron, Thomas Markham, Eddie Karoliussen, Ronda Puryear, Wayne Murphy, Franklin Daniels, Bruce Woodzell

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Aimee Andrews, President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:25am.

**Prior Meeting Minutes**

***Motion****: Sam Caughron moves to accept the minutes from November 17 meeting. Seconded by Ronda Puryear. Approved by the board.*

**Vice President/Membership**

Ben Horne, Vice President, gave an update on new membership activity.

* Recently inducted three new members: James Brown, Eric Nianouris, and Hayden Ardrey. Andy Jenkins will be inducted soon.
* Marcus Cromwell completed orientation and will be submitting his application soon.
* Jamie Yowell is scheduled to complete orientation.

**President Elect**

Roger Higgins, President-Elect, gave an update on his preparations for next year:

* PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) is underway, which includes nine classes.
* Roger has observed that we are an exception in terms of our membership strength – this is a challenge for Rotary more broadly even though we as a club are doing well.
  + A discussion ensued about the strength of other clubs locally and whether club mergers had ever been discussed. President Aimee Andrews noted that this is not something being discussed at this time.

**Financial Report**

Sam Caughron, Treasurer, gave an update on the financial situation.

* Quick Books: Integration of our data with the new Quick Books platform is underway and being handled by Hantzmon & Wiebel.
* Foundation funds: The foundation fund with CACF is up to $176,000.
* DACDB transition: The goal is to have the DACDB transition complete in time for the April 1 billing.

**Club Service**

Ronda Puryear, Service co-chair, presented the following update:

* IRC Refugee Resettlement: The service chairs had a Zoom call with the Warrenton club which has hosted refugees in the past. They recommended serving as a hub to organize efforts rather than taking on families directly.
  + Co-chair Dan Alley will send an email to the club looking for property managers/owners who may have apartments to rent to refugees.
* Salvation Army: Will try to encourage new members to participate as this is a good way to meet members.

**Club Adminstration**

Wayne Murphy, Club Admin co-chair, gave the following updates:

* New member events: There has been some interest in having a new member event.
* Spring Fling: In the past, this has been hosted at Keith Woodard’s house. The co-chairs will check with Keith to see about holding one this year.

**Diversity Committee**

Eddie K., chair of the committee, gave the following updates.

* Service project: There is interest in doing more service projects in the club, particularly getting back to the level of activity pre-COVID.
  + President-Elect Roger Higgins suggested organizing a service project working with minority communities.

**Club Executive Secretary**

Bruce Woodzell, executive secretary, reported that using DACDB to host our website would cost $530 per year.

**Secretary’s Report**

No report

**Public Relations**

No report

**Program Chairs**

No report

**International / Foundation**

No report

**President’s Report**

No report

**Past President**

No report

There being no further the business the meeting was adjourned at 9:13am.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Markham, Secretary