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Rotary Club of Bowling Green

Board Meeting Minutes

August 01, 2024, 10:30AM, BGCC

Present: Steve Conlin, Justin Henck, Betty Kahlenberg, Sandra Sundermeier, Jan Knape, Trevor Jessee, and Atonn Smeltzer

Absent: Andy Newlove, Jerid Friar, Mike Rywalski, Robin Guidera

1. Trevor made motion to accept secretary’s minutes from July Board meeting. Jan made a second. Approved.
2. Officer Reports
   1. Treasurer – Sandy Sundermeier – presented an Aged Member Balance sheet showing those Rotarians 30-90 not paid up. Justin will send out an email to those on list to catch them up. Sandy responded stating that Justin had previously followed up on late balances. She will be following up with paper invoices. Sandy has paid our District dues $1,628 and $24,713 to Kids Coalition Against Hunger and $5,000 to the BSAF. The year Close out statement will be corrected for the September Board meeting. Trevor made motion to accept treasurer report – Justin Henck made second. Approved. Sandy also has written the $5,000 to the Country Club for bathroom remodel. (Not part of our financial sheet) Sandy also pointed out that our cash flow barely covers our expenses.
   2. Secretary – Betty Kahlenberg – hold till KCAH report
   3. Past President – Justin Burris – he was grateful for the wonderful response to the KCAH event a week ago.
   4. President Elect – Justin Henck – no report
3. Old Business
   1. KCAH follow-up, thank you notes, and special recognition. We have thank you notes in our cabinet that need to be sent to the heads of each organization at the event. Trevor presented the idea to give a $25 gift card to Meghan Horn, Jacob Clements, and Kendra Lutes – all BGSU employees for their contributions to the KCAH event. Betty made motion; Justin made second. Approved. Steve will create letter to the editor (Sentinel, BG Independent News) with a huge thank you and also *this is our chance to deepen relationships with these organizations and community at large* somehow in his thank yous. AND…Justin Burris and Mike Kuhlin will send out thank yous to sponsors of Nashville Nights.
   2. Committee Reports
      1. Fellowship/Social – Robin Guidera Trevor gave report. Several items are on the slate for fellowship throughout the year. October – will be an After-hours party at Beckett’s. 6:30 – 8:30 music provided by Mile Brujic and Trevor Jessee! Date TBD

December will be a Holiday Party of some type Date TBD

March 18 will be Trivia Night at Junipers. Meet at 5:30 – game at 7:00.

June – Brewing Green and Jac and Dos Pizza Night – Date TBD

Each of the events above would also allow Rotarians to bring guests.

* + 1. Membership - Justin Henck and Steve Conlin presented David Drain for admittance to the club. Unanimously approved. Will be entered following his Fireside Chat. Jan Knape is his sponsor.

Steve presented from RI – the description of an Honorary membership.

*Honorary membership is used to recognize people who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service and embody Rotary ideals, or those considered friends of Rotary for their support of Rotary’s causes. They are exempt from paying RI dues, have no vote in Rotary matters, are not eligible to hold any club office, and are not included in a club’s membership numbers in Rotary’s database. Active members are called Rotarians, while honorary members are called honorary Rotarians.* The plan is to move Bob Vincent to Honorary statis (after Sandy speaks with Dinah), Atonn made a motion to ask Clint Corpe, Kendra, Jacob and Meghan to become Honorary members. Jan made the second. Approved.The hope is these people would consider being part of future projects with our club. There are many different types of memberships – we need to continue exploring what works for our club keeping in mind and negative consequences from Honorary memberships. Along this same line – Jan would like the board to consider adding Darla Boyk to Honorary statis at some point in time.

* + 1. Fundraising – Trevor, Jan and Betty met – Trevor reported we have several ideas that will be presented in September to the board. An email has been sent to several Rotarians to hopefully engage them on the subcommittee. We have a meeting scheduled for August 15 at 1:00.
    2. Community Development – Currently this committee is part of the fund-raising committee. Following the August 15 meeting – it may be a separate committee.
    3. Public Image – Atonn Smeltzer and Mike Kuhlin Steve pointed out that there has been a lack in communication with our club presenting our upcoming meeting and speaker subject to the media. Jan is to ask Wayne Bell if he would consider sending an email to the Sentinel, BG Independent News (and I thought there was a third venue)
    4. Rotary Foundation – Jerid Friar Jerid will be running the meeting on August 8 and also presenting Ron Stoner and hopefully John Maurer their Paul Harris + pins.
    5. Scholarship Awards - Atonn Smeltzer no report
    6. Speakers – Steve Conlin and Trevor Jessee

1. New Business
   1. Black Swamp Arts Festival Sponsorship
      1. Promoting our brand – Justin Burris and Steve will work to get our due recognition from BSAF. Justin will email BSAF to help market our brand. We also need to get sign up sheets around for our Rotary shifts.
      2. Volunteering – a BSAF visible location for Rotary shifts.