

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

**2022-2023 Board of Directors Marietta, Georgia**

**Date of Board Meeting: May 2, 2023**

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

* President: Buck Buchanan
* President Elect & Membership: Chris Stokes
* Treasurer: Chad Pendley
* Secretary: Sally Platt
* Immediate Past President: Amy Erskine
* Club Administration Director: Jatunn Gibson
* Public Relations Director & Parliamentarian: Adam Rozen
* Community Service Director: Rene Lanier
* Rotary Foundation Director: Pat McBride
* Vocational Service Chair: Jason Marbutt = **absent**
* Youth Services Chair: Kay Anderson
* Executive Secretary (Ex Officio): Angelique Soulakos
* Special Advisor (Ex Officio): Mitch Simmons

**Call to Order: 5:30pm**

**Secretary: Sally Platt**

* Minutes of last meeting approved as submitted on a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed.
* Attendance for March: 70.7%
* Gordy Nichols status – a letter is being sent to Gordy concerning his dues and membership status.
* Jim Mossman – he had asked for a LOA until the end of June. A letter will be sent to him, inquiring about his intentions.
* Dalton Heiney update – Buck has spoken with him and recommended that he join the Sandy Springs club. He will be terminated from our club, due to his relocation.

**Treasurer: Chad Pendley**

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

**Community Service Projects: Rene Lanier**

* + Upcoming projects – a report detailing recently completed and upcoming projects was distributed to all Board members.
  + Toiletry items for Park Street Elementary School students – they are requesting $3,135 for 88 students.

**Membership Director: Chris Stokes**

* New member update – Joe Evans will be inducted on May 8th.
* Red Badge – 3 new members, Ian, Kim, and Bob, have completed their Red Badge requirements and will receive their blue badges at the next meeting.
* Next Member Social will be in July – date to be determined.
* Fireside chat has been rescheduled to July.

**Foundation Service: Pat McBride**

* Presentation of recognition items will take place as soon as all recognition items are received.

**Global Grant Update: Mitch Simmons**

* President Update 24 -25
* Mitch reported that work on the GG for Eswatini is moving along, albeit slowly. He has confirmed with the District Rotary Foundation Chair that money from the District is being held for this project.
* Sally Platt reported on a potential project with 2 clubs in Nigeria to provide feminine hygiene products to school-aged girls. The project will be headed by the R.C. of North Cobb, but financial participation from other club in the Cobb Rotary Council will be sought. Sally is serving as an advisor to the project.

**Public Relations/Parliamentarian: Adam Rozen**

* Revision of the Bylaws to include a provision for corporate membership was approved on a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed
* Hometown Heroes program has been rescheduled to May 8th.

**Vocational Service – Jason Marbutt**

* Update on the Backpack Buddies project: more information will be forthcoming in the fall when school starts.

**Youth Service: Kay Anderson**

* RYLA update- 3 students will be attending - 1 from Pope H.S. and 2 from Marietta.
* Be the Voice: Valerie Trotter has stated she is opposed to the high cost of the program and believes students could do more god with that money.
* Laws of Life – contest has concluded and winners selected.
* The Marietta H.S. Interact Club received a Zone Interact award.

**President-Elect: Chris Stokes**

* Golf tournament – we’re 87% of the way to our financial goal.
* A planning session for RY 2023-24 will be held on either June 9th or 16th at 2 p.m. at Mayes Ward-Dobbins

**President: Buck Buchanan**

* NAMI Grant Update
  + Collaborative grant application with Cobb Rotary Council to furnish new space for NAMI is in progress
* Year-end Party /Club’s birthday. June 24th at The Gardens at Kennesaw Mountain
* Discussion ensued concerning possibly moving our club’s meeting place, due to ongoing issues with the conference center.
* Our Veterans Day program now is scheduled for Thursday, November 9 at the First Presbyterian Church. Still looking for a speaker.
* The North Cobb club has offered us a free table for 6 people at their Smoke on the Lake fundraiser.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2023 at Mayes Ward Dobbins

Jatunn to provide refreshments.

**Meeting adjourned at: 6:45 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by: Sally Platt**