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

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

**Date of Board Meeting: July 7, 2023**

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

* President: Chris Stokes
* President Elect Ron Lunk - **absent**
* President Elect Nominee:
* 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
* Youth Service Chair: Kay Anderson
* Special Advisor (Ex Officio): Mitch Simmons

Also present was club member Stan Hoover**.**

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

**Secretary: Sally Platt**

* Minutes of last meeting were approved as submitted on a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed.
* Attendance for May: 66%
* Red Badge Update: The Red Badge requirements are being revised. Jennifer Collins, Mike Goins, Stan Hoover, and Mike McCracken, all inducted during the 2022-23 Rotary year, still need to complete their Red Badge requirements, as well as Joe Evans and Nick Gaba.
* Leave of Absence: Jatunn Gibson has requested a leave of absence for an indefinite period. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve her LOA request for a period of one year.

**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 – the amount of $3,135 was requested for this project. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the requested amount. Details on purchasing the supplies and assembling the bags will be forthcoming.
  + Veterans Program – the speaker who had agreed to come has now changed his mind and we need to look for another speaker.

**Club Administration: Kim Cross**

**Membership Director: Ben Frye**

* New member update – Nick Gaba will be inducted on July 24.
* Red Badge – requirements are being updated. Red Badge members will be asked to complete 8 of the 10 requirements.
* Next Member Social will be on August 16 at the Melt Yard.
* Fireside chat has been rescheduled to August 2 at Ben’s home.

**Global Grant Update: Mitch Simmons**

* 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 clubs in the Cobb Rotary Council will be sought. Sally is serving as an advisor to the project.

**Vocational Service: Jason Marbutt**

* Jason reported that he recommends declining to proceed with the Backpack Buddies project. The Backpack Buddies organization is revising their operation.

**Youth Service: Kay Anderson**

* Laws of Life – Ron Lunk will make a concerted attempt to meet with the English teachers at MHS to get them involved.
* The Marietta H.S. Interact Club received a Zone Interact award.
* Ron Lunk is researching the possibility of starting a community based Rotaract club, since the club at KSU seems to be defunct.
* Three scholarships will be presented to Interact students at our meeting on August 7th.

**President-Elect: Ron Lunk**

* The golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024.

**President: Chris Stokes**

* Sporting Clays Update: flyers are in draft form, but need some slight revision.
* NAMI Grant Update – A plan for the building is expected to be available by the end of December.
* Jennifer Collins has volunteered to help with the Christmas party.
* Discussion ensued concerning the possibility of moving the venue of our weekly meetings.

**Immediate Past President: Buck Buchanan**

* Discussion ensued concerning moving the venue for our weekly meetings due to rising costs and difficult communication with the management of our current venue. Buck provided Board members with information on 3 potential venues: (1) the conference center where we currently meet; (2) the Gardens at Kennesaw Mountain/Parsley’s Catering; and (3) First Presbyterian Church. Discussion ensued. Kim Cross will design a survey to be sent to all club members concerning their likes/dislikes and preferences for a meeting venue.

Next Meeting: August 7, 2023 at Mayes Ward Dobbins

Kay to provide refreshments.

**Meeting adjourned at: 7:20 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by: Sally Platt**