

**Minutes**

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

**Marietta, Georgia**

**2024-2025 Board of Directors**

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

**Board Members:**

* President: Ron Lunk
* President Elect: Lynn Lanier
* Membership: Chris Stokes
* Treasurer: Chad Pendley
* Secretary: Sally Platt
* Immediate Past President: Chris Stokes
* Club Administration Director: Kim Cross - **absent**
* Public Image Director: Sally Platt
* Community Service Director: Rene Lanier
* International Service Director: Buck Buchanan
* Vocational Service Director: Stan Hoover - **absent**
* Youth Service Director: Jim Bunda
* RCMM Foundation Chair (Ex Officio): Mitch Simmons
* President-Elect Nominee – Daniel Owen - **absent**

**Call to Order:**

**Secretary: Sally Platt**

* Approval of June meeting minutes. There being no additions or corrections, the Minutes of the June 2024 meeting were approved.
* Attendance – 65.35% for the month of June
* Red Badge Update – Jennifer Collins, Carter McKinnon, Joe Evans, Sasha Johnson, Makia Metzger

**Treasurer: Chad Pendley**

* Club P&L and Budget – Discussion/Approval
* Foundation P&L and Budget – Discussion/Approval

**Club Administration: Kim Cross - absent**

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

**Public Image: Sally Platt**

* A new Public Image award, called the EPIC award, replaces the Public Image citation. Like the PI citation, the EPIC award will have monthly activities that must be completed. The July activity has been completed.

**Community Service: Rene Lanier**

* Extension Dinners have been scheduled through January, 2025:

Women Men

7/25/24 7/30/24

10/3/24 10/8/24

1/23/25 1/28/25

* A Community Grant proposal to repeat the Arts Alliance arts program at the Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center this coming year has been submitted.
* An application for a competitive District grant has been submitted. This grant in the amount of $5000 will be for a partnership between our club and Dunleith Elementary, a Title 1 school in the city system. It will include buying a washer and dryer, building an outdoor classroom, buying classroom and sports equipment, field day assistance and recognition of special events. There will be a meeting with Dr. Rachel Brown-Miller, Principal at Dunleith, on Thursday, July 11, at 9:30 am at Dunleith to discuss our partnership.
* A BBQ Family Day for the Drug Treatment Court participants will be held on Saturday, July 13, at Laurel Park from 1:00-3:30. Rotarians are asked to assist – wear Rotary shirts.
* A Veterans Court graduation will take place on July 19, which I plan to attend. Adam usually attends to give gift cards to graduates.
* Emily Lembeck Center Health and Wellness Day will be Saturday, July 20, from 9-12. I have a conflict and cannot attend, but I already have rocks painted to do Kindness Rocks if we want to provide them again. ELELC says that is fine.
* Emily Lembeck Center Reading Is Fun Fair will be Saturday, August 20, from 9-12. We will give out goody bags.
* We need to talk about getting a tent and new banners to comply with RI’s new guidelines. It would be great for us to have the tent at events.
* Our annual Veteran’s Day event will be held at First Presbyterian Church again. It is scheduled for November 11. Save the date. We are looking for a speaker.

**Membership Director: Chris Stokes**

* New member update – several prospective members are in the pipeline.
* Jim Boone’s email recommendations
  + Who do you know meetings?
  + Offer a free meal – business card – to prospective members.
  + Pushing corporate membership model
  + Offer 6 free meals to spouses/partners.
  + Fireside chat planned for September 12th.

**International Service: Buck Buchanan**

* Global Grant Update: Mitch Simmons
  + Heart for Africa project – the Global Grant has been submitted to the District and is ready for submission to The Rotary Foundation.

**Scholarships – Buck Buchanan**

* Our Georgia Highlands and Chatt Tech scholarship applications need to be updated. Buck will draft the revisions and send them to others for comments.
* Need to decide what the criteria for the Interact scholarships should be. Chris volunteered to attend Interact meetings at all three schools and speak to the students about the scholarships.

**Youth Service: Jim Bunda**

* Marietta Carnegie Hall Request – a choir composed of students from Marietta High School and Marietta Middle School has been invited to sing in Carnegie Hall. They have requested financial assistance from local organizations to fund travel, meals, and lodging for the students. Following discussion, the amount of $2,000 was approved on a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed. The request for funds will be forwarded to the club foundation for approval.

**President: Ron Lunk**

* Meeting location, food, and logistics have been researched by Buck Buchanan.
* Buck reported that we can meet at the First Methodist Church with catering by Parsley’s for the next two weeks.

**Important Dates**

* Fireside Chat – September 12, 2024
* Veterans Day Program – November 11, 2024
* Golf Tournament – May 19, 2025

**Next Meeting**

August 6, 2024 at Mayes Ward Dobbins

Ron to provide refreshments.

**Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by: Sally Platt**