

The Board held its meeting on January 7, 2016 in the private dining room of Shane's Rib Shack. Those present were: Jerry Johnson, Barry Lee, John Mahan, Katherine Meyer, Jason Payne, Charlie Pults, Kathy Pults, and Earl Whiteley.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December 3 meeting had been mailed and were approved as received. The Secretary reported that active membership was now at 25.

Treasurer's Report: Printed copies of the current financial report were presented and accepted. As of this date the report showed a checking account balance of \$12,230.00, with receivables of \$643.00. There was some discussion of the remaining charity disbursements and Charlie indicated he would bring a recommendation in the New Business section.

Old Business:

- Kelly McBride, Interact sponsor at Gilmer High School, was approved as an Honorary Member of the club.
- Katherine reminded members of the surveys.
- John Mahan agreed to serve again as coordinator of the Onion Sale fund-raising project.

New Business:

- Reminder of this year's District Conference April 14-17 in Savannah. Registration is now open.
- GRSP student selection was discussed. The President-Elect is to represent the club in the selection process. It was agreed that we would seek a male student since our volunteer for host family is a single male.
- President-Elect David Richey will also begin the nomination process, which is already in overdue according to the bylaw timetable.
- Katherine reported that the Arrendale and Stubbs Award nominations are due this month and that she would submit club nominees.
- A request has been received to transfer to our membership from Marjorie J. Williams, who has been a member of two Rotary Clubs, most recently the Rotary Club of Champaign, Illinois, and has been attending our meetings since moving to the area. It was agreed to submit the proposal to the membership for possible objection.

Director Reports:

- Jason reported for Community Service on the charity organizations. Discussion ensued on the contributions budgeted. Requests have totaled \$9,700. Treasurer Charlie reported that he has become concerned about the feasibility of the level of support. Barry moved that any done receiving a large donation or district matching grant from our club shall receive no more than \$250 as a donation from the club the following year. Seconded by Charlie and, after discussion, approved. Motion made by Earl to reduce the budget allocation of each organization exceeding \$250, who have not yet received their allotment this year by half. Seconded by Charlie. After further discussion this motion was tabled and it was agreed that Jason would reconsider the allocations and bring a recommendation at a subsequent board meeting for further action.
- Barry asked board members to help provide auction items for the Sergeant-at-Arms budget.
- Kathy report that extra knitted caps would be donated to Head Start students.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry D. Johnson, Club Secretary