



The regular meeting of the Board of the Rotary Club of Gilmer County was held at noon on February 1, 2017, at the Davis House Restaurant. Those present were: Andy Ashworth, Scott Chastain, Barry Lee, Jerry Johnson, John Mahan, Penelope Marshall, Jason Payne, Charlie Pults, Kathy Pults and Calvin Rolan. The proposed agenda was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the December 7, 2016 Board meeting had been distributed by email but the Secretary distributed copies of the corrected minutes. These were reviewed and approved. Membership was reported at a total of 32, with 27 active, 1 R85 active, 3 honorary members, and 1 enrolled guest

**Treasurer's Report:** The printed report was distributed, showing the balance in checking today as \$9,626.62, with accounts receivable of \$2,701.00. There was some discussion on the overspending in the Ga. Rotary Student Program (GRSP) at 118% of budget with another semester yet to go. Barry explained some unexpected expenses and explained that the Lake Chatuge / Hiwassee Club will return to the program next year so that all expenses will be shared by four clubs instead of the current three. This will reduce future costs for GRSP. After discussion the report was approved as presented.

**Old Business:**

- The issue of reducing the size of the board was tabled with no report.
- Jason reviewed recent changes made by the Council on Legislation of RI related to meeting requirements. He reported that the survey of the members had 19 responses and showed support for reducing the number of regular meetings. He proposed looking at two meetings per month beginning with the new Rotary year in July. The question of food service showed that members about evenly divided in the poll. Discussion of the location demonstrated strong support for Harrison Hall.

**New Business:**

- Barry reviewed the Award Points and Presidential Citation and various members of the board contributed their information. Barry will circulate a copy of the spreadsheet. All board members were asked to ensure they have a My.Rotary account. The secretary will send all board members a link and instructions on how to sign up.
- Barry reviewed information on the Kenya Clean Water project, with two documents outlining the program. Contact with the Aiken Rotary Club resulted in an invitation for our club to join in the sponsorship of the project in support of the Global Grant application. Further discussion will follow.

**Committees:**

- Community Service: Heath announced a "Rotary Has Heart" project for February to gather canned goods for the Gilmer Community Food Pantry.
- Foundation: Penelope reported that the District Grant was made to Kids First of Gilmer County.
- Membership: John discussed the need for us to develop prospects and recruitment efforts.
- Club Administration: Katherine reported on upcoming programs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry D. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerry D. Johnson, Secretary