



The regular meeting of the Board of the Rotary Club of Gilmer County was held at noon on December 7, 2016, at the Davis House Restaurant. Those present were: Andy Ashworth, Barry Lee, Penelope Marshall, Katherine Meyer, Jason Payne, Scott Chastain, Jerry Johnson, Pamela Tutton, John Mahan, and Calvin Rolan. The proposed agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the December 7, 2016 Board meeting had been distributed by email and were approved. Membership was reported at a total of 32, with 28 active, 1 R85 active, and 3 honorary members.

Treasurer's Report: No report in the absence of the Treasurer.

Old Business:

- Review of the District 6910 guidelines for nominations for the W. Lee Arrendale Award for Vocational Excellence and the Robert S. Stubbs Guardian Ethics award. Nominees approved by were Jan Day for the Vocational award and Katherine Meyer for the Ethics award.
- The issue of reducing the size of the board was tabled with no report.
- Addressing the matter of reducing dues to reach more potential member, Jason reviewed recent changes made by the Council on Legislation of RI related to meeting requirements. He proposed surveying the members to determine their feelings on meeting frequency and meal service. He will follow up on this poll.

New Business:

- John raised the question of the onion fund-raiser this year. The consensus of board members was to go ahead with the event. On the issue of billing members who did not sell \$100, motion was made and duly seconded to waive this penalty but to invite donations. After discussion the motion passed.
- Barry reviewed the Presidential Citation and it was determined that a presentation of one of our club projects needed to be featured on the Rotary Central Showcase. The secretary was instructed to send members a link to Rotary Central encouraging them to sign up for a MyRotary account.

Committees:

- Foundation: Penelope reported that the January 16 meeting would include the presentation of the District Grant to Kids First of Gilmer County.
- Club Administration: Katherine reported on upcoming programs.
- Youth Services: Pam reviewed the Shelterbox project and reported she would discuss Laws of Life with sponsor Christine Hartness to get the program underway. She also hoped to set up a mentoring program for Interactors.
- Membership: John reported that Becky Marshall will be inducted into membership on January 9.
- Vocational Service: Scott reported that a vocational visit to the Courthouse was planned for January 30.

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, Club Secretary