**Minutes of the Classic City Rotary Board Meeting on February 11, 2019**

1. **Call to Order Charlie**

*The meeting was called to order at the Holiday Inn by President Charlie at 11:01 am. Attending were Board Members, Charlie Fleming, Cris Waite-Morgan, Rick Leffel, Heather McElroy, Paul Matthews, Jay Milner, Anjela Filipova, Kemp Gaskill, Gerry Taylor, Ellen Bryson, and Dick Field. Also attending was Rob Yongue.*

1. **Administration**

**-Secretary’s Report Dick**

*The minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were accepted with corrections.*

*Dick reported 62 current members at the end of January with 76% attendance in December. Tracy Norman has transferred to the Oglethorpe County Club and Jerry Cody and Debbie Heisman have resigned. Leon Jourolmon has transferred in for the Hartwell Club. Deborah Gonzalez joined last week and Noris Diaz is expected to join today.*

*Members with poor attendance were discussed and reports of contacts with them were encouraging. There are no longer any serious deficiencies in paying dues.*

*Jay will contact Robin Hardin about changing membership status. Charlie with contact Linda Maples-Harber about transferring clubs.*

*The Board agreed that we should continue to give club personalized pens to our speakers and Dick will replenish our supply as necessary.*

**-Treasurer’s Report -- attached Cris**

*Cris noted that our aged member balance is much improved over last month. Account balances are noted in the report plus we have $29,385 in the Donor Advised Fund. The expenditures from the District Grant were hard to find. RYLA check needs to be sent. Gerry moved and Ellen seconded that the report be accepted and it passed unanimously. There was considerable discussion about penalties for late dues. This may coincide with alternative payment methods which are also being considered. Charlie will be surveying the membership about this. Unfortunately, DACdb is still not set up to handle this. It was decided to table this issue until more information is available and to continue to remind members weekly of their dues. If we introduce a penalty, it will require changes to our Bylaws.*

*Cris noted that a large gift has helped us achieve our CART (Alzheimer’s research) goal but we will continue to collect change in the blue buckets.*

**-Questions Regarding Committee Reports Respective Chairs**

***Rotary Foundation***

*Kemp provided a detailed report on our accomplishments to date in the Annual Fund ($10,471.51) and Polio Plus ($925.00).*

***Programs***

*In addition to his update, Jay noted that he is trying to schedule a spring event on the roof of the Georgia Theatre.*

***Membership***

*Gerry reiterated Dick’s report on membership changes and members registered for RLI. He also suggested we participate in the House of Friendship at the District Conference. Ellen noted that we need a more attractive display and Charlie agreed to look into this.*

***Service Programs***

*Paul highlighted a few things in his report noting that expenditures from the District Grant for Acceptance Recovery Center materials have been made. Rob reported that he has met with representatives of J.J. Harris and Athens Academy regarding activities with them. We will have to pay for a bus to transport students to our meeting to present their winning essays. This is within our budget. Athens Academy will be sending us a request to monetarily support their Rise Against Hunger event.*

*The Philanthropy Committee has recommended awarding $220 to Clarke Middle School to support FFA dues for 20 low-income students as requested by the AmeriCorps volunteer there. Cris moved and Heather seconded that this be approved and it passed unanimously.*

**III. Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Update**

*Anjela reported on the Vic Chesnutt Kickoff function at Hendershot’s on Feb 8. Attendance was very strong including at least 12 club members and a few spouses. Pictures from this will be sent to WUGA and the District to promote. The response to our raffle was good and Charlie will call the winner during the club meeting to give away 2 tickets to the event. We already have 25 nominations and sponsorships are beginning to come in. Members will be billed for 4 VIP tickets ($120) which they may use, give away, or resell.*

1. **Other Business**

*-Rick reported that we have nominated Nancy Denson for the Lee Arringdale Award.*

*-Heather asked about a joint meeting with the Athens Club and the Chamber of Commerce with the local delegation. Charlie will investigate this.*

**V. Adjourn** *11:52 am.*

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019**

 Respectively submitted,

 Dick Field, Secretary