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

1. **Call to Order Charlie**

*The meeting was called to order at the Holiday Inn by President Charlie at 11:00 am. Attending were Board Members, Charlie Fleming, Rick Leffel, Paul Matthews, Jay Milner, Anjela Filipova, Kemp Gaskill, Gerry Taylor, Ellen Bryson, Joe Trocino, and Dick Field. Also attending were Noris Diaz and Pam Shropshire.*

1. **Administration**

**-Secretary’s Report Dick**

*The minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting were accepted with corrections.*

*Dick reported 64 current members at the end of February with 74% attendance in January.*

*Robin Hardin has been on leave of absence since September. The records do not show when Linda Maples-Harbin and Greg Matthews went on leave of absence.*

*Rick moved and Ellen seconded to grant Martha Henderson’s request for Rule of 85 status and it passed unanimously.*

**-Treasurer’s Report -- attached Charlie**

*Charlie noted that our aged member balance could become a problem again when the invoices go out in a couple of weeks. Account balances are noted in the report plus we have $26,843.85 in the Donor Advised Fund. $1000 has been sent to RYLA to cover 4 students and $1232 has been sent to the District for CART (Alxheimer’s research) from our collections. Ellen moved and Gerry seconded that the report be accepted and it passed unanimously.*

**-Questions Regarding Committee Reports Respective Chairs**

***Membership***

*Gerry presented two proposals for membership: Clif Mullis, a funeral director with Bernstein Funeral Home has been proposed by Pam Shropshire. Emily Escoe, an attorney with Fortson, Bentley and Griffin has been proposed by Gerry Taylor. She will qualify for the Young Rotary Leaders category. The Board unanimously approved submitting these proposals to the membership.*

***Programs***

*Jay reported that the Denny Towers meeting last week went very well. The joint meeting with the Athens Club, the Chamber and our legislative delegation on April 10 is still being arranged. As a result, we will not meet on April 8 so the Board meeting has been moved to April 1.*

***Service Programs***

*Paul received a request for funds from the Acceptance Recovery Center for spring planting and has covered it as part of the grant. He observed that while we have done a lot this year and recorded those activities with Rotary, we may have missed out on a few things such as “Rotary Has Heart” in February and “Days of Rotary” (whatever this is?). Paul moved that we give $100 to the ACC Adult Literacy Council to meet that category of service. Gerry seconded and it passed unanimously. We still lack any recognition of local students under Youth Service and our magazine sharing program seems to have hit a snag with the local hospitals. Ideas? Our nominee for Rotary’s Oxford Scholarship is soon to be interviewed at the District level.*

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

*Angela reported that we have 20 songs and 35 artists nominated so far with the deadline fast approaching. Ellen said we need to step up our social media promotions. It should be at least daily. Charlie said he is on it. We have $7000 in sponsorships so far plus in-kind support such as from the Flagpole and WUGA. They are meeting with Bertis Downs this week to get some ideas for greater involvement with the local music industry as sponsors.*

1. **Other Business**

*-Anjela reported a good experience at PETS and noted that there are some fast approaching deadlines that she must meet. One is the District Grant and based on a survey of club members we will put our primary focus on J.J. Harris Elementary School. One idea is to provide some Little Free Libraries for the school. We will continue our support of Books for Keeps as part of this effort. RI would like for club members to be involved in these service activities instead of just writing a check. Anjela will soon email new and old Board members for input on goals for next year.*

**V. Adjourn** *11:55 am.*

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 1, 2019**

Respectively submitted,

Dick Field, Secretary