Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach August Board Meeting

 August 3, 2022

14 Present: Tonya Baudek, Marcia Black, Rick Campana, Sarah Fargo, Pierre Guite, Ron Heymann, Amy Hopkins, Nick Klein, Ken Krassy, David Metzloff, Bob Pollock, Loree Seibert, Keith Strausburg, and Ray Whitehead.

The meeting began at 10:39am with the welcome and opening remarks by Tonya. She mentioned liking our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubfernandina>) to increase visibility.

Service Project updates by Ken and Nick regarding America’s Youth. Projects discussed for fall are planting/landscaping and school supplies. Ken and Nick will also coordinate w/the director of America’s Youth for additional ideas. Service Projects were also discussed by Ray for Habitat. Oct 23 at Mocama Beer Company, there’s a competition (She Nailed It) beginning at 3pm, with doors opening at 2. Rain date is Oct 24 and entry fee is $1000. 4 women per team and we have one team signed up for our club.

Next item on the agenda was administrative reports. Roster clean-up and profile pics for all club members is a goal. Rick gave the income & expense statements: $120k in bank between 4 accounts and $17k of unspent scholarship money. Bob brought up how Bradley mentioned a scholarship endowment program. Grant and endowment options were discussed and will be discussed again, later.

Current quarterly dues for active members are $215, which includes lunch. LOA, no lunch or Zoomers quarterly dues is $55. Possible updates on bylaws regarding how long do members have LOA? Lunch cost is $15 for guests, visitors, and honorary members. We pay utilities for Boy Scouts and the average cost is $150/month. Concerning the Boy Scouts costs, Tonya mentioned having a General Assembly (GA) meeting for all members and open this topic for discussion. The money for the Boy Scout Fundraiser, selling Boston BBQ Butts, does not go into our club.

Regarding Foundation collections for Paul Harris, it was brought up that $25/quarter or $100/annual payments could be implemented online.

Ninety-eight percent of our fundraising goes to our community. Our first quarter fund raising (happy dollars) if for America’s Youth, second quarter is Shelter Box, third quarter is Keep Nassau Beautiful and fourth quarter is Hope House (Salvation Army). Ray stated there is a lack of publicity for Shelter Box. Tonya responded by saying it is based out of the west coast and this could be one factor. Other comments included Erica’s request for backpacks. Erica who is known in the community and rides her bike, posted this need. Pierre mentioned Carlene McDuffy who helps run a house for men. Grace’s Kitchen, FIT (Families in Transition) and a church at the corner of Jasmine and 14th Street were also discussed.

Motions were made, seconded, and approved for the following:

Sarah Fargo as Assistant Treasurer

New Finance Committee of Tonya Baudek, Rick Campana, Sarah Fargo, Ron Heymann, Pedro Tamayo, and Keith Strausburg.

Purchase the Rotary’s 4-Way Test Banner (cost approx. $100)

Pierre mentioned getting a large Rotary patch/emblem to wear while he does his fundraising bike ride to Fight Children’s Cancer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Submitted by Marcia Black.