

**Board meeting of the Rotary Club of Western Forsyth January 2, 2024**

Attendees:

Richard Harrington, Andrea Misel, Anant Venkataraman, Damian Birkel, Ronda Cooper, Dawn VanOrden,

Gene Blackwelder, Mike Swain, Kanika Brown, Matt Blades, Robert McGurty

President Richard Harrington facilitated the board meeting to discuss our activities for the past six months and our plans for the next six months.

Treasurer Anant Venkataraman reported that we have a balance of $22,483.35. He is projecting income of $1500 for our Easter Eggstravaganza and expenses of $2000. We also have budgeted $2000 for the scholarship for the Winston Salem Preparatory Academy and $1000 for a Global Grant.

Richard highlighted our accomplishments during the past six months which have included:

* Assigning everyone to a committee
* A successful Comedy Roast and BBQ Butts Sale
* A successful campaign for Polio Plus
* Adding a CART campaign for our club
* Support for Lewisville Elementary School’s library and food pantry
* Support for South Fork Elementary School’s tutoring program and food pantry
* The Winston Salem Prep Student of the Month
* Donating presents to the Forsyth County Foster Children Birthday Project
* Participation in the Neighborhood Hands Thanksgiving Food Distribution and Christmas Toy Drive
* Contribution to the Maui Wildfire Rotary campaign
* Two socials – Lake Norman and Christmas party
* Added an alternative meeting time and site at Little Richard’s in the evening on the second Tuesday of the month
* Held three microprojects for Veterans and firefighters

We then discussed goals for the upcoming six months which included:

* Increase membership totals while maintaining high retention and adding diversity
* Discuss service only membership
* Easter Eggstravaganza on March 23, 2024
* Winston Salem Prep Scholarship
* Increase socials and networking events which includes a speed networking on January 2, 2024
* Conduct more microprojects
* Send members to district training and events such as Rotary Leadership, PETS training and District Conference
* Recruit two new Bequest Society members
* Maintain Triple Crown Status

**Committee reports**:

Club Fellowship – Dawn VanOrden. We just held our Christmas party. She asked for ideas for two more socials.

Fundraising – incoming president Andrea Misel is holding a Fundraising idea meeting next Tuesday at 12 noon. She asked that people attend.

Membership – Mike Swain suggested that we use our evening meetings to reach out to new people who cannot attend noon meetings but can attend evening meetings.

Networking – Karen Cox and Ronda Cooper shared that they have two Networking meetings scheduled for February.

Foundation – In 1986, Rotary International made a commitment to rid the world of new polio cases. October is National Polio Month. We invited Debbie Scott to speak on Polio Plus. She asked everyone to donate money to the cause. The club members donated $1736. Anant Venkataraman matched this amount with a donation of $1736. The club added additional funds. Grand total the club donated $5627 to Polio Plus, the highest amount in the history of the club. Rotary also has an Annual Fund. Last year, our club became 100% Paul Harris Fellows, and we donated $12,539.80 to the Annual Fund, the highest per capita donation in the entire district. Frank Crowell became a Paul Harris Fellow in November.

Program – Richard Harrington shared that nine different people have organized 22 different programs so far this year.

Andrea Misel is our President Elect and Karen Cox is our President Nominee. They will both be attending the district President Elect Training this year.

The meeting was adjourned.