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**Board Meeting of the Rotary Club of Western Forsyt March 19, 2024**

Attendees:

Richard Harrington, Andrea Misel, Anant Venkataraman, Damian Birkel, Karen Cox, Tim Johnson, Frank Crowell, Richard Eudy, Scott Ertl, Warren Garner and Stephanie Dean.

President Richard Harrington facilitated the board meeting and reviewed:

* **Plans for the Fourth Quarter of 2023-2024 Rotary Year**
* **Accomplishments First through Fourth Quarters of 2023-2024**.
* **Plans for Fourth Quarter**
* **Upcoming Events**
* **Additional Area’s of Support listed below**.

Treasurer Anant Venkataraman reported that we have a balance of $22,074.59. 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.

In addition, our Rotary Chapter is very healthy and will move up from Gold to Platinum Level and currently has 540+ points. Currently, the Western Forsyth Rotary Club ranks #3 in the District out of 48 clubs. In addition, both our Triple Crown along with our Paul Harris Polio Foundation status will be maintained.

The Board approved the Community Services recommendation to award donations of $1,000.00 each to Kolkata (Calcutta) Mercy, National Sports Media Association and One Love Strong Foundation.

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

Fundraisers and Grants

* Richard Petty Rost - $$14,901.00 Net.
* BBQ's got sales - $2159.21
* Eggstravaganza (projected) - $800.00
* Hope Grant -$715.00.
* Happy/Bucks -$ 109.00

We then discussed the 21 Non-Profits that Rotary will continue to support as detailed on attached document.

Activities and Accomplishments were also reviewed and included:

* Socials – Lake Norman, Family Fun Day, and Holiday Party.
* Attended. High Point Rotary Thanksgiving Luncheon.
* Hold thirty-four programs arranged by fifteen different members.
* Established networking committee.
* Member profile meeting segment.
* Membership Satisfaction Survey.
* Four micro projects.
* Identified 2024-25. The President-elect 2025-26 and 2025-2026 President's nominee.
* Established alternate site meeting once per month.
* Lewisville Firefighter of the Year Award.
* Heart of Rotary networking social event.
* Speed networking event.
* Eggstravaganza March 23rd, 2024.
* Increase membership totals while maintaining high retention and adding diversity.

**Membership**

* Increased club membership by five new members, which offset loss of four for net gain of plus one. There are currently thirty-three members.:
* Increased diversity.

**Committee Reports**

Because of time restrictions very brief updates were given.

Club Fellowship – Dawn VanOrden. We will experiment with Bowling for our next night meeting.

Community Service Projects -Mike Bailey Everything is on track as planned.

Fundraising –The Board approved $220 for Mike Swain to buy ties for the kids at Southfork to learn how to tie a tie.

Andrea reported on our major fundraiser this year. The Monte Carlo Casino Night will be on Tuesday September 9th from 7 to 10pm at the Ramcat.

Membership – Mike Swain reinforced the need to reach out to new people who cannot attend noon meetings but can attend evening meetings. Damian agreed to check the costs of joining both the Lewisville/Clemmons Chamber and Winston-Salem along with costs for the Business After Hours Events.

Networking – Karen Cox shared that ta Love Feast is being planned for 10/8/24 at Unity Moravian Church

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

The meeting was then adjourned.

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**RWF Club Assembly March 19, 2024**

**Plans for Fourth Quarter of 2023-24 Rotary Year**

**Goals:**

* **Engage all members in the club experience**
* **Serve our community**
* **Promote the social aspect of Rotary**
* **Grow our membership**
* **Promote business networking**
* **Support the Rotary Foundation**
* **Envision a Polio-free world**
* **Live the Four-Way test**
* **Promote Hope in our Community and the World**

**Committees:**

**Club Fellowship Dawn Vanorden - Chair**

**Ron Uren**

**Community Services Mike Baley - Chair**

**Edward Allen**

**Don Baker**

**Kanika Brown**

**Eggstravaganza Event Stephanie Williams Dean - Chair**

**Bob Curlee**

**Scott Ertl**

**Fundraising Mike Swain - Chair**

**Gene Blackwelder**

**Anant Venkataraman**

**Richard Harrington**

**Stephanie Williams Dean**

**James Holder**

**Membership Mike Swain - Chair**

**S.D. Patterson**

**Jack Shogan**

**Scott Ertl**

**Networking Karen Cox - Co-Chair**

**Ronda Cooper - Co-Chair**

**Public Image Tim Johnson - Chair**

**Rotary Foundation Ben Sessions - Chair**

**Andrea Misel**

**Youth Services Art Blackwood - Chair**

**Mike Swain**

**Dave Kasper**

**Program Richard Harrington - Chair**

**Frank Crowell**

**Gene Blackwelder**

**Dave Goren**

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**Accomplishments For First Through Third Quarter of 2023-24**

**Fundraisers & Grants:**

* RICHARD PETTY ROAST - **$14,901.00 net**
* BBQ Butts Sale - **$2,159.21**
* District Grant - **$1,900.00**
* **Eggstravaganza (projected) - $800.00**
* **Hope Grant - $715.00**
* **Happy/Sad Bucks - $109.00**

**Continued to support:**

* Paul Harris Foundation
* Guests meals
* District Membership Summit, Foundation Banquet, District Grant Training. PETS
* Rotary Polio Fund - Polio Promise
* Lewisville Elementary Library
* Southfork & Lewisville Elementary Food Pantries
* WS Prep SOM awards

**Areas of Support:**

* Rotary Polio Fund - **$ 1,800.00**
* Monthly spare change collection for CART (Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust) - **$1,142.85**
* Foster Homes Project Birthday - **$500.00**
* Neighborhood Hands Thanksgiving Meal - **$1,500.00**
* Neighborhood Hands Christmas Festival - **gifts from members**
* Maui wildfire contribution - **$255.58**
* Professional in Transition - **$1,500.00**
* LVL & South Fork Food Pantries - **$2,300.00**
* Global Grant (TBD) - **$1,000.00**
* **Hope Grant Forsyth Mental Health - $505.00**
* **Hope Grant Lewisville Family Counseling - $ 415.00**
* **Clemmons Presbyterian Church - $100.00**
* WS Prep scholarship - $ 2,000.00
* **Buoy App - $ 1,000.00**
* **House of Prayer - $ 1,500.00**
* **Proposed pending final approval:**
  + **Calcutta Mercy - $ 1,000.00**
  + **National Sports Media Assoc. - $ 1,000.00**
  + **One Love Strong Foundation - $1,000.00**

**Activities & Accomplishments:**

* Socials - Lake Norman Family Fun Day & Holiday Party
* Attended High Point Rotary Thanksgiving Luncheon
* **Held 34 programs arranged by 15 different members**
* Increase communications with members through weekly updates
* Established Networking Committee
* Member profile meeting segment
* Membership Satisfaction Survey
* Held three **(4) microprojects** (Veteran letters, Firefighter letters, “My Favorite Veteran” discussions & **Valentines to Meals on Wheels recipients**
* **Identified 2024-25 President elect and 2025-26 President Nominee**
* Nominated member for District Governor (Anant)
* **Established alternate site evening meeting once per month**
* **Lewisville Firefighter of the Year Award**
* **Heart of Rotary Networking Social Event**
* **Speed Networking Event**
* **Eggstravaganza - March 23, 2024**

**Membership:**

* Increased club membership by +5 new members, which offset a loss of 4 members for a net gain of +1 (currently at 33 members)
* Increased membership diversity by at least two (1 female & 1 under 40)

**Plans for Fourth Quarter (April-June)**

1. Increase membership to 37 (+4)
2. **Proposed pending final approval:**
   * **Calcutta Mercy - $ 1,000.00**
   * **National Sports Media Assoc. - $ 1,000.00**
   * **One Love Strong Foundation - $1,000.00**
3. **Global Grant support ($1,000)**
4. Establish in-meeting business networking
5. Continue to evaluate alternative meeting times & locations
6. Conduct more microprojects
7. Maintain 90% retainage rate
8. Adopt service only membership classification
9. Increase membership diversity
10. WS Prep Scholarship
11. Conduct two New Member Orientation Programs with AG present
12. Assigns each new member to a committee
13. Send 2 new members to RLI Part 1
14. Maintain Triple Crown Club status
15. Recruit 2 new Bequest Society members
16. President-Elect and President Nominee to attend PETS
17. Conduct two additional club assemblies
18. Develop a strategic plan for club
19. President & President-Elect to attend other club meetings
20. Six members to attend District Conference
21. Ten members to attend Spring District Family of Rotary event
22. Monetary or in-kind donation to District Conference
23. Conduct two meetings concentrated on fellowship (no speaker)
24. Complete District Grant project (food pantries)
25. New members to conduct member profile/minute
26. **Bowling Night social - March 19, 2024**
27. **Achieve Platinum Club Status Award**

**Upcoming Event Dates - Mark Your Calendar**

March 23, 2024 Eggstravaganza

April 25, 2024 District 7690 Conference in New Bern

June 1 2025 District Family of Rotary Picnic at Triad Park in Co

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEETING NOTES:

March 19, 2024 Rotary of Western Forsyth Board

Notes By President Richard Harrington:

The 3rd Quarter meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of

Western Forsyth was held at 11:00 am on March 19th, 2024

Attendees: Richard Harrington, Frank Crowell, Tim Johnson, Anant

Venkataraman, Andrea Misel, Karen Cox, Warre Garner, Scott Ertl, Richard

Eudy, Damen Birkel and Mike Baley.

● Anant presented the treasurer’s report (see attached), which was

approved unanimously by the Board.

● Our financials have resulted in having an additional $ 3,000.00

available for community contributions. The Community Services

Committee recommended that $1,000 awards be made each to

Calcutta Mercy, National Sports Media Assoc. and One Love Strong

Foundation. This motion was passed unanimously.

● Scott gave an update on our 2024 Casino Night Fundraiser, which will

be held from 7:00 - 10:00 pm on September 10. Details on venue and

activities are still being worked out.

● Richard presented a summary of club goals and activities for the

1st-3rd quarters of the 2023-24 Rotary year. This included club goals,

committees, accomplishments, plans for the 4th quarter and

upcoming events. A copy is attached.

● Anant presented an overview of our District Achievement Awards and

announced that our club would achieve Platinum Club Status for the

first time in the history of the club. What an amazing and

well-deserved accomplishment!

● Committee reports were presented by those committee chairs

present including Mike Baley (Community Services), Stephanie Dean

(Eggstravaganza), Mike Swain (Membership & Youth), Karen Cox

(Networking) and Richard Harrington (Programs). Gene Blackwelder

(Rotary Foundation) also submitted a written report in absentia, which

is attached.

● The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.