

**ST. SIMONS ISLAND ROTARY CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
District Governor Meeting  
September 9, 2003**

**Present:** Clyde Taylor, Barbara Chal, Maria Vogt, Jim Szwast, Allen Berry, Ted Wright, Kevin Lokey, Dick Wicker, Pat Storino, Maria Vogt, Bud Dorsey, John Parkins, Tom Parker, Leon Benefield

**Absent:** Marie Dodd, Jim Bruce, Leslie Mattingly, Nat Johnson, Stan Kyker,

**Red Badge Member :** John Buchanan, Bill Halderson

Red Badge Members introduced to the Board.

**President's Comments: (Clyde Taylor)**

Reading of the minutes deferred to next Board meeting.

Leon Benefield introduced to the Board.

Three areas identified to make the club more successful:

Quality weekly programs

Membership/Retention

Fund raising activities

Clyde presented a brochure with an insert about the St. Simons Club that has been developed by Leslie Mattingly. Members are encouraged to use and distribute to interested/potential members. Suggest that Bill McDougall have and distribute these as needed.

**Treasurer's Report (Jim Szwast)**

80% of income comes from dues. 69% goes to fixed expenses, 28% goes to variable expenses. Approximately \$14,000 in bank. No notable deviations in budget. Still have many outstanding late dues. Rotobucks owes \$300 to operating account. Motion made to approve, seconded and carried.

**Community Service (Tom Parker)**

Child in Crisis program to help children in need between the time that the need is identified and government program intervention.

Mr. Benefield interjected that one club has a "Coat Day" to help provide for the needy.

**Club Service & Membership (Jim Bruce)**

John Buchanan reported on the reduction of the cost of the Spray bulletin to \$43.80 a month compared to the previous \$200/month!



### **Programs and Fellowship (Kevin Lokey)**

Continues to schedule interesting programs/speakers.

### **International Service (Dick Wicker)**

Continue to be involved in Polio Irradiation. This club has given more money than many countries! Exploring new fund raising events. Some ideas are: telephone book project, Seafood festival centered around our Taps at Twilight.

We also are working with the Boys & Girls Club to provide a place for children after school hours. Mr. Benefield shared success story regarding a club who did a big print telephone book (Peachtree City) and how financially successful they were.

Dick reported on the drive to get 100% Paul Harris sustaining members. At present we have 81% participation. They are canvassing every member not participating.

Mr. Benefield pointed out that now up to 20% of funds can be spent in this district. Giver can designate funds to be spent in district.

Committee is also working on Bequest Giving. Plan to spend some time letting membership know about this option.

GRSP - we are the lead host club.

Group Study Exchange, not sure if we are going to have one this year. We have solicitations of applicants in two island papers.

### **Vocational Services (Ted Wright)**

Remains short a committee member (Bill Keim's committee).

Vocational Recognition Awards, Personal & Business, to be held in the near future and plan to do a Seniors Honors day.

Working on Adult Literacy Program exploring opportunities to help local center. Mr. Benefield recommended a person to contact to see the program he has developed. Some clubs have initiated doing mock interviews, career days etc.

### **Club Historian (Allen Berry)**

Presented Mr. Benefield with our First 50 years booklet.

In the process of collecting pictures, articles, etc. with all available information (names, dates and events). Plan to do a historical presentation to the Club and invite William Way (original president of the club) to the presentation.

### **Club Relations & Public Relations (Pat Storino)**

Five public announcements covering 3 events have been published. 5 more submitted to local media.

These announcements help our membership/retention by exposing the club and hopefully getting new members.

**President- Elect (Leslie Mattingly)**

No report

**Comments from Leon Benefield:**

Spoke of District Simplified Grants (mentioned earlier) and the Medical Equipment Transport. This program will gather surplus medical equipment and ship to places in the world that need it. It is not up and running yet, a stumbling block is the need for warehouse storage space in a port area. The operating budget will be 460,000. Funded by International Services money (\$15/Rotarian/year). Central and South America will be primary recipients of this venture. Walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, x-ray equipment, hospital beds, etc. are wanted.

Mr. Benefield also congratulated the club for our generous donations to the Polio Irradiation and the Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

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