

St. Simons Island Rotary Club
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2004

Present: Leslie Mattingly, Kevin Lokey, Jim Szwest, Clyde Taylor, Mike Harris, Bud Dorsey, Jim Bruce, Bill Halderson, Dick Wicker, Maria Vogt, Tom Parker, Susan Hardwick, Sam Shaw.

Absent: Ted Wright, David Williams, Marie Dodd

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Brooke Pridemore, Red Badge member, was in attendance. The treasurer's report was given by Jim Szwest and was approved; the minutes were approved for the August meeting. Maria Vogt gave the secretary's report.

After some discussion, the board voted to place John Edwards on permanent medical leave from the club. Jim Szwest reported on members who are in arrears on their dues. Discussion followed on ways to get these monies remitted. The subject of the annual cost for the membership directory was tabled in order to have more time to see if there is any way not to have a cost increase for it.

Chuck Cansler gave a recap on the Veteran's Walk Project and presented figures regarding the sales and the overall operation. He requested an increase of the cost of the bricks to \$65.00. A vote was taken not to increase the cost from \$50.00, which is the cost today.

David Williams gave his report on programs and said the speakers were booked through October. Mike Harris gave an update on the Centennial Project for St. Simons Island, indicating that things were moving ahead with Ed Cheshire, Architect; and Fendig Signs for design and pricing.

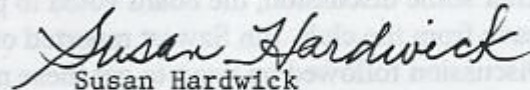
Bill Cushman and David Ritter were approved as new members. The subject of how to honor long time members when they leave the club was tabled. It was noted that the Quarterly Foundation Reports had been found noting who are Paul Harris Fellows.

Tom Parker gave his report on community service and noted the names of sub-chairman serving on his committee. Due to the absence of Ted Wright, a report was not given regarding vocational service. Bill Halderson, club relations/public relations chairman reported that his committee sub-chairman were working on better inter-club communications.

Dick Wicker, chairman of international service said that our Georgia Rotary Exchange Student, Iain Brown, has begun his studies at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro and is enjoying this experience.

Sam Shaw, presented a charitable project request. The Marion Medical Mission, Marion, IL., is an ecumenical, Christian, front-line, hands-on, volunteer, nonprofit organization that strives to respond to Christ's call by showing our love for Him by taking care of God's people, Sam explained. MMM works in central and northern Malawi, southern Tanzania and eastern Zambia. The MMM projects are ones that directly impact the African people. Shallow wells are built for schools, agriculture and hospitals, stressing self-help and sustainability. Sam made his request for the club to consider giving to this project after showing a detailed video of the MMM work. "For only \$300 we can furnish a shallow well for a village in Malawi, Tanzania or Zambia," he urged. These wells provide clear, protective drinking water for the villages served by MMM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Susan Hardwick
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