

**St. Simons Island Rotary Club
Board of Directors Meeting
9/13/2011 @ Sea Palms**

Members Present:

Mike Muldowney, President, Chad Dixon, Page Faulk, Wally Forsythe, Bill Gussman, Susan Hardwick, Ginny Johnson, John Matthews, Linda Muir, Weldon Neal, Paul Pieschel, Te Turner, Bill Warren

Call to Order

Pres. Muldowney called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and announced that a quorum was present. Ann Nigro and Emily Harper were introduced as visitors and new members.

President's Announcements

Pres. Muldowney made the following announcements:

1. The October 25th meeting will be held at Bonefish.
2. An additional 30 copies of the directory have been printed for those desiring a hard copy and willing to pay \$5.
3. The Fall Social will be Oct 18th at the King & Prince.
4. Red Badge Boot Camp will be held next week.
5. We have applied for two District Simplified Grants. One is for a "Baby Steps" Imagination Room at Boys & Girls Club's McIntyre Court facility (\$3000). The second is for the science program at St. Simons Elementary (\$5600). The district has about \$38,000 to allocate over the 65 clubs.
6. President Mike will be out of the country from 11/12 until 12/12 and will miss four meetings which will be run by John Matthews.

Discussion Topics

1. **On a motion by Susan Hardwick and seconded by Wally Forsythe, the minutes of the July and August meetings were approved as submitted.**
2. President Mike passed out copies of the proposed budget for the 2011-1012 fiscal year. The main changes from last year are the dues increase, increased fees to district and Rotary International and an estimated \$10,000 in net proceeds from the McGladrey fundraiser. After discussion, **a motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Bill Warren, seconded by Wally Forsythe and was passed unanimously.**
3. Chad Dixon gave his Treasurer's report stating that we have \$11,000 in the checking account and that Sea Palms will be paid today. Outstanding receivables total \$3,000, with nothing big. The dues increase was implemented without problems. **The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved on a motion by Wally Forsythe and seconded by John Matthews.**
4. Wally Forsythe gave a status update on the McGladrey fundraiser. We are advertizing on the electronic billboard at the end of the causeway and hole sponsors and silent

auction items are starting to come in. Ticket sales for the Meet the Pro event are still somewhat slowly. A search is on for additional corporate underwriters.

5. We received approximately 30 responses to the membership survey, some of whom indicated an interest in getting involved with a committee, but there is no way to identify those respondents. President Mike will make an announcement at lunch encouraging members to contact the respective committee chairpersons to volunteer.
6. President Mike reported that he received good feedback from District Governor Matthews regarding his visit. A misperception at Rotary International that our club was only contributing \$44/ member has been corrected. We do a decent job, contributing \$131 per capita to RI.
7. A resignation request has been received from Stu Graham. He took a LOA shortly after becoming a member and never became active in the club. **On a motion duly made by Susan Hardwick and seconded by Bill Gussman, the Board voted to approve his request unanimously.** His resignation is effective June 30th.
8. Brian Peebles has moved to Kansas City and has submitted his resignation request effective September 30th. **On a motion duly made by Page Faulk and seconded by John Matthews, the Board voted to approve his request unanimously.**
9. Tom Parker is spending three out of four weeks in Atlanta and has requested to extend his LOA through the end of February. **A motion to approve his request made by Bill Warren and seconded by John Matthews was approved unanimously.**
10. Myra Albert has taken on a new work assignment in California and has requested that her LOA be extended through March 15th. **A motion to approve this request made by Page Faulk and passed by Bill Warren was approved unanimously.**
11. **President Mike moved that the Board offer Dick Wicker a medical LOA while he works on his rehab. Paul Pieschel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.**
12. President Mike indicated that we are a little behind on dues collections and that reminders will go out this week. A few members failed to pay the \$10 increase, probably due to autopay systems.
13. An application for new membership has been received from John D. "Denny" Silva. Denny is a CPA and a business and tax consultant, a graduate of Georgia Southern and is sponsored by Ben Lee and Sonny Doehring. **On a motion duly made by Susan Hardwick and seconded by Te Turner, the Board voted unanimously to approve his membership application.**
14. An application for new membership has been received from Lisa A. Wicker. Lisa is CEO of Atlantic Family Solutions, attended Georgia College and State University of Georgia and is sponsored by Cindi Phillips. **On a motion duly made by Wally Forsythe and seconded by Susan Hardwick, the Board voted unanimously to approve her membership application.**
15. An application for new membership has been received from Britt A. Figueroa. Britt is Founder & CEO of Boobiehead.com, attended The University of Houston and is sponsored by John Matthews. **On a motion duly made by John Matthews and seconded by Bill Warren, the Board voted unanimously to approve her membership application.**
16. An application for new membership has been received from Donna M. Davis. Donna is a Director of the American Red Cross, attended Brunswick H.S. & Brewton Parker

College and is sponsored by Ben Lee. **On a motion duly made by Susan Hardwick and seconded by Te Turner, the Board voted unanimously to approve her membership application.**

17. A membership application has been received from John A. Gibson. John is Deputy Director of the US Department of Immigration based at FLETC, attended the University of Maine and is sponsored by Mike Muldowney. He is a former member of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island. **On a motion duly made by Mike Muldowney and seconded by John Matthews, the Board voted unanimously to approve his membership application.**

18. The next regular meeting of the Board will be October 11, 2011 at Sea Palms.

Director and Committee Reports

Paul Pieschel reported that he is continuing to schedule future programs. The President of Berry College will speak later this month. He is considering inviting Ben Slade to come talk about the Land Trust at a future meeting. This would be particularly appropriate since they have requested that the club make a \$1000 donation to the Land Trust. Classification talks will be scheduled for October 11th.

Page Faulk and Linda Muir reported on the various efforts of the Baby Steps committee. Reach Out and Read is a program to get children's books in the hands of parents of young children and we are attempting to find pediatric offices in Glynn County willing to participate. Linda also mentioned the District Simplified Grant submission to help fund the Reading Room space. A number of other moderately priced projects are under consideration.

Paul Pieschel's efforts on behalf of the Membership Committee were commended as being instrumental in the uptick of New Member Applications.

Bill Warren suggested that those present visit the club website where a number of new photos have been posted.

A replacement will need to be found for Bob Sprouse who had to step down as coordinator of the Red Badge Boot Camps. John Matthews is filling in this month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted,



Roy "Te" Turner
Assistant Secretary