**Rotary Club of St. Simons Island
Board of Directors Meeting—February 14, 2012
11:30 a.m. at Sea Palms**

**Present:** Mike Muldowney, Chad Dixon, Brooke Pridmore, Bill Warren, Bill Gussman, Susan Hardwick, Paul Pieschel, Page Faulk, and Red Badge members Danny Silva, Beverly Trainor, and Jean Hurst

**Announcements**

* The Club’s application for a GRSP student has been submitted. The student our four area clubs selected is Maria L. Trabanino from El Salvador. She will attend the College of Coastal Georgia, starting in August. The application is in the works with many steps yet to cover. We still need a Host Family identified from our Club (area clubs are sharing hosting duties).
* GSE Team from Turkey (four women and one man) will be here in early May for several days. Three Club members have already volunteered to host GSE members. We’ll need additional host families.
* Meetings are planned with the Davis Love Foundation regarding charitable contributions funded by the Club’s sponsorship of Meet the Pros and Swing for Kids (activities in conjunction with the McGladrey Classic). The objective is to have a win-win for our club and DLF. Board Member Bill Warren distributed an update on activities of the core committee that planned the 2011 events and is planning the 2012 events. With money needed to be distributed in the near future to our charities, we will probably have to have a special Board meeting in the next few weeks to determine our relationship with the Davis Love Foundation.
* The scholarship application process has started. Scott Cown visited with the three high school guidance counselors to review the process and request applications. This year we have developed a form that can be filled in using Microsoft Word. Applications are due March 1. See web site. (We usually have 30-40 applicants each year.)
* The Speech Contest is coming up in late March or early April.
* President Mike reported that $28,000 has been contributed in the past year to the CART Fund (which is used to fight Alzheimer’s disease) by clubs in our district. Among the 65 clubs, St. Simons Island Rotary ranked second in contributions at $2,500.

**Scheduled topics**

* Approval of Minutes from 1/10/12 (The minutes had not been received.)
* Financial review – Chad Dixon: Chad said financials are “looking pretty good.” President Mike noted that several members who have been behind in their dues in the past are once again delinquent.
* Sea Palms foreclosure situation: President Mike and Board Member Susan Hardwick, who is a real estate agent, both said they have received information that only certain properties in Sea Palms’ holdings are the target of foreclosure, while the company continues to conduct “business as usual.” This led into a discussion on the difficulty of finding a suitable Rotary meeting place other than Sea Palms.
* DSG projects review: Board Member Bill Gussman said he continues to work with St. Simons Elementary School on plans for an organic garden. Our Club applied for a District Simplified Grant of $5,600, and was approved for $1,600. Bill is working with school officials to get materials donated to work within the reduced budget. Also, President Mike, reporting on another project, said the base coat of paint went on the “Imagination Room” walls at McIntyre Court Boys and Girls Club, and Mike’s wife, Nancy, is working on the mural in the reading room. This project, too, has benefitted from donated materials.
* Charity Committee has met to review history and begin to make recommendations for this year. We need to reserve funds for the GRSP student and expenses
* Robert (Boo) Rice was approved for membership on a motion by Susan Hardwick and second by Page Faulk. His sponsor is Tuffy Adams. Bob has more than 30 years’ experience as a Rotarian.
* Jennifer Stratton was approved for membership on a motion by Paul Pieschel and second by Susan Hardwick. Her sponsor is Jim Bruce. Jennifer is executive director of the Marsh’s Edge retirement community.
* Mary Jenrette was approved for membership on a motion by Paul Pieshel and second by Page Faulk. Her sponsor is Marie Dodd. Mary works in private wealth management at SunTrust Bank.

**Director Comments**

* Director Bill Gussman asked about Rotary International’s desire to have all clubs document the amount of time members devote to club activities. President Mike responded that keeping up with that time is an RI request this club year, but will be mandated next year. Director Paul Pieschel suggested that we create some kind of email reminder to help members remember to document their time. President Mike said he would work on this.
* Paul Pieschel also reminded the Board that Vince Dooley, the former coach and athletic director at the University of Georgia, will be speaking to our Club on March 20. Dooley traditionally draws a large attendance when he speaks to us.
* Director Page Faulk announced that Jerry Scheuneman, who has been in charge of Classification Talks for some time, wants to retire from those duties and will be replaced by Bobby Gerhardt. This led to a discussion on making classification talks mandatory for all new members. This resulted in a motion from Bill Gussman to require new members to make a commitment to present a Classification Talk within their first year of membership. The motion, seconded by Susan Hardwick, passed unanimously.

**Adjourn—12:30 PM**

**Next Meeting: 11:30 a.m., March 13, at Sea Palms**

**Submitted by Bill Warren, substituting for Susan Imhoff and Te Turner.**