**St. Simons Island Rotary Club**

**Special Called Board Meeting**

**November 4, 2014**

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island was held at the Clubhouse – Retreat Golf Course, St. Simons Island, GA on **November 4. 2014**. The meeting convened at 11:35 am with a quorum present, with President-Elect Jennifer Broadus presiding, Sherrye Gibbs, Secretary and Honored Guest, District Governor Ted Thompson.

**Members Present:** Te Turner, Denny Silva, John Matthews, Jennifer Broadus, Wally Forsythe, Craig Bolint, John Gibson, Drew Holland

**Members Absent:** Stan Humphries, Susan Imhoff, Ben Lee, Leslie Lamkin

**Guests:** District Governor Ted Thompson, Charolette Thompson

**Approval of minutes:**

**Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting. Motion carried**.

**President’s Comments:**

President-Elect Jennifer Broadus called the meeting to order; Wally Forsythe introduced District Governor Ted Thompson and his wife to the members of the Board. Board Members introduced themselves to DG Thompson and stated their role in the Board. Jennifer then asked each Board Member to give a brief committee report .

**Financial Review:**

Based on the fact that we had a Board Meeting on 10/28 where financials were approved, Denny Silva reported there were no additional financials to review.

**Membership:**

**Te Turner** reported that new member Michelle Dittrich will be presented her Red Badge and Rotary Pin at today’s meeting by President-Elect Jennifer Broadus. Denny Silvareported that Calder Kinney does not want to have to pay any dues, so the recently approved LOA may not be appropriate for him. He will probably resign. Denny will contact him to verify his intentions.

**Report from Club Directors:**

**Drew Holland** told DG Thompson that his committee is responsible for Community Service. Drew advised that our Military community service is being reorganized. The following members have agreed to participate: Lisa Martin, Taps at Twilight; David Boland, Clint Winne and Vernon Martin, Flags; and Beverly Trainor, Veterans Walk. Wally Forsythe invited the DG and his wife to attend Taps at Twilight on Memorial Day 2015.

**Leslie Lamkin** was not present to present Club Communications. Jennifer Broadus reported that we have a redesigned dynamic website; we are also active with Social Media. Jennifer stated that we are “committed” this year to get the word out about our club.

**Te Turner** handles Club Service, Membership and Fundraising. His goal is to beef up recruitment and work on member retention. Reported that Meet the McGladrey Pros (10/20) raised over $10,000 from the Silent Auction alone toward our fundraising for 2014; the 2nd part of the fundraiser is scheduled for November 21 with Swing for the Kids golf tournament, seeking hole sponsors and teams.

**John Gibson,** International Service, told the DG about member Charles Lewis who works in partnership with Marion Missions digging water wells in Malawi; he also reported that Hamsa Thota has raised funds for a number of international projects on behalf of Rotary including clean water projects, school desks, sewing machines and school desks.John also mentioned the GRSP Rotary Student that we sponsor/fund/house each year.

**Susan** **Imhoff** was not present to discuss Programs & Fellowship. However, several members reported that Susan is in charge of our First Tuesday after-hours meetings where all members are encouraged to attend.

**Craig Bolint**, Vocational Service, asked Denny Silva to tell the DG about the Mentor Program which he did. Craig also reported that Millard Allen is in charge of Community Image Awards and that Jim Henderson/Jean Hurst manage the annual high school speech contest. Craig stated that Meet the Members comes under his direction and that finding members willing to speak is often difficult.

**John Matthews** reported that the nominating committee has a slate of officers/directors. They are: President – Jennifer Broadus, President-Elect – Paul Pieschel, Treasurer – Denny Silva, Secretary – Sherrye Gibbs, Sergeant-at-Arms – Bobby Rice, Directors – Leslie Lamkin, Te Turner, Craig Bolint, Drew Holland, Beverly Trainor and Amanda Jones. Voting to take place in December. The DG asked the question: How are Directors Selected? John explained the process.

**DG Ted Thompson** asked if we had applied for a District Grant. Wally Forsythe responded that historically we apply for two every year. DG asked if we were involved in the Dictionary Project. Our response was no and that with the age of electronics not sure if this was worthwhile. Rotary Youth Leadership Award? Yes. Interact/Rotaract? Yes. Rotary Leadership Institute? Yes, Jennifer Broadus is attending in February.

**Old Business:**

Jennifer Broadus stated that Rotary Day will be held Spring 2015. Still being defined with entertainment, food, carnival, festival that displays Rotary’s commitment to the community. Each committee with have a table display with visuals representing everything we do to serve the community. DG Thompson recommended we send photos/articles to the Rotary District Newsletter**.**

**New Business:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20. The next meeting is TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary Date of Approval

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