

08/23/2024 Vinings Cumberland Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 23, 2024

In Attendance: Shawn Bendig, Brant Campbell, Jolene Northrop, Annie Roberts, Ann Hudgins, Casey Patrick, Todd Ash, Fiona Grandowski

Meeting called to order by President Shawn Bendig.

Approval of minutes from June Board Meeting with one correction, 53 members instead of 54 – Approved - Unanimous approval

Board Retreat Meeting minutes – Approved – 7 approvals, 1 abstention

Budget

- \$35k available for projects
- Charity acct. 15k rolling over from Matt's year for the Agua Fresca Global Grant. Transfer of \$8.2k from last year's race. \$25K is 5% of the investment account. On 5/31/2024, 5% balance is what we use for local and international projects. This value is not set in stone each year, sometimes we take in more sometimes less.
- Charity budget is approximately \$50k, 15k for the Global Grant, so 35k available for international and local projects.
- \$15k for website, fees, admin, SoS registration.
- \$70k dues income for the year
- \$7.3 K for social
- \$89K total was our income for Matt's year, less expenses of 71k, resulting in net income just over 18k. This was very good since we were devoid of income for several years through covid. This should increase each year and especially will new members.
- We have used about \$4k of Shawn's budget this Rotary year [started July 1].
- Question raised regarding DACDB, question of if this is still needed. Jolene does not recall exactly if this is related to any of the district site requirements. Action: Shawn will reach out to Alec Smythe about this and the possibility to decommission/sunset DACDB to gain cost savings.

Race Update

- Jolene working with Bill on transition of race leadership
- Runner who did not receive a time, Jolene working with Bill to resolve issue from race day
- No longer saving awards.
- Next year we have 4 way test posted at the finish line
- Rough race numbers, 4/1 through 8/23. We collected \$57.5k from sponsors and received a few more thousand of checks from club members. Member sponsors are

\$61K and Charles Heinz memorial is \$2k. Total \$119K. \$33.7k sent so far for expenses and Skip has not been paid at this point which was \$12k expense last year. Probably \$45K will be the cost this year which is more than last year. The costs may be below the race registrations as per Jolene, so this would be a great improvement in that the remainder of sponsorships would be additional income. Report from website needed. Jolene following up.

- Areas for improvement
 - o Table sponsors
 - o Bus logistics –
 - stroller family had to wait
 - confusion on picking up at the pizza restaurant
 - Signage
 - Any other feedback please advise Jolene

Membership

- Dorothy Sullivan is the latest new member.. Many new prospectives are in the pipeline. Net goal for membership this year is 60. Please continue to focus in this area.
- Reminder that Ron needs to be removed on the official date, and create Dorothy Sullivan in the system. Action: Brant to add Dorothy and remove Ron from the membership roles, local, district and international.
- Casey notes we may want to tie some of the recruitment into our social events.
- Red Badge training –
 - o Location secured
 - o Need list of members needed for training – Action: Shawn will work with Jolene to provide a list of members requiring Red Badge training.

District Grant

- \$2.5k for table on Delk www.tableondelk.com . Table in Delk is a DISTRICT PROJECT WHICH WE MATCH IF AWARDED so we match if we receive it or just donate our \$2,500. Shawn and Dave visited last week and it is impressive all of the good work. Maybe we can have them come back and speak to us/be our program and also advise where we can volunteer to help.
- Cobb Rotary social tonight – Free admission and quite a few VCR members are going to be in attendance. Great opportunity to engage with other Cobb Rotary members.

International

- Brant provided an update regarding the Global Grant. Rotary International requested additional detail regarding the Agua Fresca project and its Global Grant. Brant and the Luque Rotary club members have met and also met with the club in Nueva Italia regarding the remaining detail requested. Action: Brant will compile the detail

requested for the Global Grant submission and provide to Rotary International, Diane Lopez.

Interact

- Casey updated that the first meeting of this school year will be next Wednesday. Betty proposed a joint project with the facility at the bike organization.

RYLA

- Communication will start being received in January as per Todd. Todd will continue to lead in the area of RYLA.

Presidents Succession Training

- PDG Ted Propes is leading this effort and will be continue to plan for meetings and managing this effort.

District Conf.

- We will have the same fantastic hospitality suite this year which is offered/provided to us by Bill and Ellen Thornloe.
- We want to promote getting new members to attend
- 25-30 is the goal for attending members as per Shawn
- Shawn would like to have shirts for the event
- We could waive the registration fee for new members. This could be another option to increase new member participation. Casey noted maybe go back a few months
 - o Vote for registration of ~\$250 for new members since January of 2024 to be paid for by the club. This was voted to pay for District Conference registration for new members and was approved.

General Observation

September 6 is the Scout Gold Member luncheon. Donations requested but not required for table reservations. Annie will reserve 1 table seating 10 for our club. 1200-1500 was attendance for the event last year.

- Speaker is from HomeDepot and we have been wanting to have more HD members.
- Event venue is the Cobb Galleria

Train Trip

- First class is already sold out.
- Caboose has been reserved for our club
- September 1st will be the deadline for reserving
- Action: Ann and Shawn will send an email to the club with all the details regarding the train trip and advising of the deadline.

Foundation

- Fiona is following up on foundation next steps.

Christmas Party

- Rotary party at one of our homes, would anyone be able to host in their home?
- Action: Shawn will follow up with Shirley to understand if we can use the space we used last year.
- Casey added that the space is perfect for our club and if possible it would be great to use the venue again this year.

Members who are ill

- Maybe we could send a meal via Spoonful of Comfort or Instead of Flowers for Jessica, Neill and Suzanne's husband
- Also a card passed and signed at a meeting would be a great idea
- Maybe Donation to the Rotary Foundation in their names
- Maybe Donation to the Charles Heinz foundation in there names

Sunshine Chair

- Candidates, Chanel and Linda Muir
- Marshall was the chair, however opted to chair the Family of Rotary for our club, so the position is vacant.

Meeting adjourned by President Shawn Bendig