

11/15/2024 Vinings Cumberland Rotary Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 15, 2024
12 P.M. – 1 P.M.

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

Meeting called to order by President Shawn Bendig.

Quorum confirmed by Brant

Brant requested approval of the minutes from October Board Meeting - Unanimous approval with updates provided by Jolene.

Shawn began the meeting with thoughts of our dear friend Neill. Casey advised that he has spoken to Robin and the funeral service will be on November, 23rd at Smyrna First United Methodist Church.

- We will help with providing or helping with some artifacts (Ann following up)
- Robin honorary member of the club – moved, seconded and unanimously voted/approved
- We can create a Paul Harris with a \$1,000 donation - moved, seconded and unanimously voted/approved
- We have a Rotary project (Calvary Children's Home Picnic) that was to be on the same day as Neill's funeral so we postponed it and will move it to Q1 of 2025.

Budget (Todd)

- Club operating, dues lunch, just over 35k
- Charity account just over 45k
- 5k run for the kids race - 77k. All expenses have been paid (10%, 7k, will go to projects for next year's President)
 - o \$67k sponsorship money (will be finalized over next 2 weeks)
 - Betty mentioned that Nicole had some notes for remaining sponsors
 - o \$64k runner registration
 - o \$127k total income
 - o \$47k was the cost
- Nate Mueller has a conflict with work to make it to meetings, but would like to stay engaged
 - o Moved for online member classification. Shawn moved, it was seconded and unanimously voted/approved
- Shawn raised to give \$100 tip both servers at our Christmas party. Moved, seconded and unanimously voted/approved
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Race Update (Jolene)

- January 29th is the date for the donation luncheon.

- Jolene is working to determine a date for the race grant selection meeting, probably in the Christmas through New Year's timeframe. Board members volunteering are: Betty, Thomas, Todd, Shawn, Annie, Jolene, Fiona and Brant.

Membership (Shawn on behalf of Joe)

- Induction of Jerry Ennis and Jennifer Humphrey will take place next Wednesday, 11/20.
- We have had 3 new members since June with goal for the year of 15, 20% to goal.
- Shawn sent Joe's membership report to the board
- Shawn brought up the satellite club and if we felt we should try to start one at this time. Brant and Casey spoke and felt that as we are rebuilding after the pandemic we should be strengthen and look for someone who has inherent interest in starting a satellite club, and driving it. Now does not seem to be the appropriate time. Others agreed

Local Projects (Betty)

- November
 - o This Saturday morning November, 16 from 10am – 2pm and Sunday the 17th from 2-4 if needed, we have the library spruce up and the Vinings Library
 - o On the 22nd Wally is taking the \$1,000 donation to La Amistad
 - o Donna Drakes H.E.R.O.S \$1,000 donation
- December
 - o H.E.R.O.S – They will receive the toys taken to our Christmas party on December 7th
 - o Youth Villages - Duffle-Shuffle on the 13th Our club is donating \$1,500
 - o The Co-Founder (Scott Williford) of Table on Delk speak and be our program on December 18th. We will also present him with the District Grant (\$2,000) and our club donation (\$3,000) for a total of \$5,000. Scott will speak to us first-hand about volunteering with them and their wishlist.
- January
 - o Betty is working a plan to have Campbell High School Interactors help with the assisted living community memory care
 - o Shawn explained that there is a Cobb Rotary Council of 9 rotary clubs in Cobb County. Shawn volunteered to coordinate the next social event of the council which will take place at the end of January (last Friday). If you have any ideas of fun activities for a group this size please let Shawn know. The last event was held on Marietta square and there were approximately 150 people in attendance.
- February
 - o Jolene mentioned a possible assisted living community event for which she had a contact and Jolene/Betty will follow up with each other. The thought was it may be a Valentine's Day activity.
- General Updates
 - o December 15th is the Boy Scout Atlanta Area Council Eagle Scout Luncheon in which members of our club have been invited to participate by Annie Roberts. We have a table and the club has donated \$1,000. ~15 members of our club have expressed interest to date. The event is hosted at the Cobb Galleria Centre with registration start at 11:30 A.M. and luncheon start at 12 P.M.

- Shawn asked Betty to please follow up with Wally and ensure all of these projects are on our and the district website. There was discussion on how the updates are made to the website and Betty thought it best that Shawn reach out directly to Wally and show him how he can make the updates.

International Projects (Brant)

- Paraguay Agua Fresca project. The required Global Grant responses for Diane Lopez of Rotary International have been provided on 10/29. We are currently awaiting a response. History: The original submission of the Global Grant completed in March, in June the request for additional detail was requested. The Rotary Clubs of Vinings Cumberland and Luque met to discuss the required detail while traveling members from VCR were in Luque. Since then the needed detail has been obtained and compiled and now submitted.
- Bolivia update. Dr. Roser and his assistant Colleen Llewelyn from the Bolivia cleft palate program will present as our speakers/program on December 4th. Shawn, David and Betty are planning to join in the volunteer trip with Dr. Roser in January.
 - Shawn explained what a life changing event this was for David and highly recommends anyone who can join in the trip to do so. Especially Brant with his Spanish abilities.
 - We will be presenting Dr. Roser's program with the \$5K donation during our December 4th meeting.
 - We will use the 'big check' for presenting the funds. Betty currently has the check, but will deliver it to Todd for us to use on December 4.

Foundation (Fiona)

- November is Foundation month
- Fiona will give a broad overview to the club this Wednesday about foundation and then Fiona will contact the club once a month moving forward.
- In January Fiona would like to have an event, maybe in coordination with other clubs.
- It is time now for Fiona to go through and look at where members stand from a Paul Harris perspective. In the past the club has matched and plans to continue to do so. Fiona will communicate with each member on what it will take to get them to the next level.

General Observations (Shawn & Jolene)

- Hurricane Helene – Todd's sister-in-law was impacted and also Shawn explained that a friend, Doc Hennely, has developed water treatment valves that are being distributed in the area for clean water. There was discussion of donating \$500 for each (\$1,000 total). It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.
- Jolene would like to host a rotary youth exchange student next year. She is hoping to build the program

Ongoing Projects (Shawn)

- Red Badge – Shawn and Jolene are following up on the Red Badge meetings
- Presidents Succession Training - Ted Propes will continue to lead these sessions. At present we have not seen any sessions scheduled.
- Website Refresh – Shawn expressed interest in having new pictures and updated information on members

- Thomas is forming a committee to refresh our website and update the information
- Max Bendig will help as well, as needed

Meeting adjourned promptly at 1 P.M. by President Shawn Bendig