

**Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
North Florida Safety Council
July 15, 2014**

The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation annual meeting was called to order at 5:40PM by Chairman Susan Spain. The following board members were present: Ed Book, Buddy Crevasse, Wes Eubank, Greg Fleming, Grace Horvath, Chad King, Parker Lawrence, Bill Matchell, Dana Nemenyi, Jason Shank, Jim Shimeall, Susan Spain and Doug Wilcox. Those in attendance introduced themselves noting the Rotary club they represent.

Susan Spain then turned the meeting over to the 2015 Wild Game Feastmaster, Jason Shank. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the February 18, 2013, July 23, 2013 and September 5, 2013 board meetings. Buddy Crevasse moved to approve and Grace Horvath seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Feastmaster Shank then asked the board to confirm the officers, attorney and directors. The officers are Secretary Kirk Smith, Treasurer F Wesley Eubank, Attorney F. Parker Lawrence and additional directors: Martin Dickinson, Tony Domenech, Jim Shimeall and Greg Young. Buddy Crevasse moved for approval and Doug Wilcox seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Feastmaster Shank then asked the board to approve the executive committee which consists of the officers and three appointed directors. The appointed directors are Greg Fleming, Grace Horvath and Dana Nemenyi. Doug Wilcox moved for approval and Buddy Crevasse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next order of business was to approve the resolution for bank signors. The signors shall be F. Wesley Eubank, Ivan A. Oelrich, Jason P. Shank, Kirk R. Smith and Susan B. Spain. Wes Eubank moved for approval and Dana Nemenyi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Feastmaster Shank then described several items in the Bylaws that needed amending. There is no directive as to how the RCGF secretary should be appointed. The suggested change was that in Article IV, Section 2(i) the President of the Rotary Club of Gainesville would appoint the secretary. Article VI Section 1 contained a mathematical error. It should read that the Executive Committee shall be comprised of the officers of the Foundation as specified in Article V, Section 1, and three other members of the board, selected by the board for a total of eight (8) members not 9. The third amendment was to hold an annual review of the financial statements by a qualified person. The person will be selected by the Executive Committee and will not be a current member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. This is in line with Rotary International. Dana Nemenyi moved and Grace Horvath seconded the motion to accept all three amendments to the Bylaws. The vote was unanimous.

The board recommended the Wild Game Feast be held on Thursday March 5, 2015. Ticket prices would remain at \$60.00. There will be an early purchase discount of 6 tickets for \$300 if purchased and paid for before February 1, 2015. Buddy Crevasse moved and Wes Eubank seconded the motion to follow the board recommendation. The vote was unanimous.

The board recommended the Seafood Spectacular be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014. The ticket price will be held at \$35 and there will be a special purchase price of \$140.00 for buying five tickets. There are no restrictions on purchase date or payment. Chad King moved to accept this recommendation and Grace Horvath seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dana Nemenyi suggested the board needed to consider putting a roof on the stage. The roof would protect the electrical equipment and band. A meeting hall is also needed to house memorabilia. This would help sell Rotary during the event. Wes Eubank reported that the RCGF has approximately \$23,000 from a jeep raffle to use for these items.

An August 15 deadline was suggested for Rotary generated projects for WGF funds. Wes Eubank moved that if the RCGF board hears from a club by August 15th, the board will meet on Wednesday, August 20th to discuss the project. If no projects are brought forward, a September 15th deadline will be set for 501 (c)(3) organizations to apply. Feastmaster Shank emphasized the need to determine the recipient before the mid-October sponsorship kick-off. Chad King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Doug Wilcox presented alternatives to mitigate the parking issues at the Wild Game Feast site. At the 2014 WGF chaos ensued when vehicles got stuck, blocked the in and out lanes and traffic backed up for a mile on SR26. The suggestion is to place crushed stone in each of the 9 drive paths of the parking rows 5" deep, 24' wide and 180' long. It will take approximately 18 truckloads at a cost of approximately \$68,000. If the lanes are reduced to 12' it will reduce costs by \$27,500 to \$41,000. The process would include flattening ruts in the main parking lots and compacting the whole field and squeezing air out so water can't seep in. South of the yellow gate, the ruts would be filled with sand for a cost of \$595. A drain leader system will be installed at the barn. The cost of adding drain piping from the large barn gutter system to the area near the stage is \$6750 and to add drain piping from the old barn gutter system to North of the barn is \$2750. It will cost \$940 to fill potholes with lime rock and compact. The board recognized the issue of attendance drop-off and possible injuries/lawsuits if the parking lot problems are not corrected. The Explorers were also a problem due to lack of training and good supervision. In the future 7-10 Rotarian volunteers will manage Explorers and parking. We will also request 15 Explorers. Doug Wilcox suggested using a barricade to get cars to drive on high points and to insure all rows are filled before new ones are opened. Dana Nemenyi moved that the board authorize \$70,000 for the improvements enumerated by Doug. Buddy Crevasse seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. It was suggested that the WGF advertising piece emphasize the parking lot improvements.

RCGF is now part of the Amazon.com Smile program. One half of one percent of all purchases will go to RCGF when selected at checkout. Wes has been working on the RCGF website, www.rotarygainesville.org/RCGF/. It contains ticket sales, bylaws, Feastmasters, grants, etc. \$2,090,000 has been awarded in grants from prior feasts

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan B. Spain, Chairman for Kirk Smith, Secretary