

The Rotary Clubs of Gainesville Foundation, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
August 25th, 2020

The RCGF board of directors met on August 25th, 2020, at the North Florida Safety Council facility and with Zoom Meeting. Present were: Chairman Mathew Braddy, President and Feast Master Colleen Keene, Wesley Eubank, Ed Book, Kirk Smith, Parker Lawrence, David Gracy, Rory Causseaux, Steve Dalton, Greg Fleming, Sherry Houston, Dwight McKey, Lynda Reinhart, Bobbie Robinson, Ryan Thompson, Zakiya Smith-Dore, Helen Gylstrom, Jason Shank, Steve Elder, Patrick Irby, T.J. Pyche, David Coker, and Leza Mueller.

Chairman Mathew Braddy, called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. Mathew introduced Colleen Keene as President of the Foundation Board and the 2021 Feast Master. Colleen then led the meeting.

Topics of discussion were:

- I. Approval of minutes from August 7th, 2019. Motion by Kirk Smith to approve minutes from last meeting, seconded by Mathew Braddy. All in approval.
- II. Confirmation of new board members; Patrick Irby, Helen Gylstrom, and Zakiya Smith-Dore. Motion to approve by Kirk Smith and seconded by Wesley Eubank. All in approval.
- III. Confirmation of the following officers: Secretary – Kirk Smith, Treasurer - Wesley Eubank, and Attorney Parker Lawrence. Motion to approve by Rory Causseaux and seconded by Ed Book. All in approval.
- IV. Approval of 3 additional members of the executive committee. Rory Causseaux, Ed Book, and Lynda Reinhart. Motion to approve by Steve Dalton seconded by Wesley Eubank. All in approval.
- V. Discussion of COVID 19 and its effect on the 2020 Seafood Spectacular and the 2021 Wild Games Feast.
- VI. The preferred focus of the group was concerning the 2020 Seafood Spectacular (SS). Several points were brought up by committee members.
 - a. Parker Lawrence – there is no insurance available from Rotary from for events such as ours. Mathew and Chad reviewed our umbrella insurance policy and it specifically states that pandemics are not covered by our current insurance policy.
 - b. Current county requirements do not allow over 50 people to gather in one place.
 - c. The current indoor occupancy for restaurants is at 50% capacity.
 - d. We could sell seating by the table, households don't have to socially distance.
 - e. We could limit the SS to just 50 people, numbers go down based on number of cooks and servers for the meals.
 - f. Make the SS event for Rotary members only.
 - g. Move the event to Saturday this year.
 - h. How many spools and tables do we have and how many people could we accommodate and maintain social distancing. How many people if we use the two barns, the pavilion and the grounds.
 - i. U of F is limiting all get togethers at 250 people. This is fluid though.

- j. The SS normally generates \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 profit annually
 - k. The primary function of the SS is to provide a social event for club members.
 - l. We should limit the WGF funds to one year at a time. If we had already committed funds for the 2021 WGF we would be on the hook for money we may not possibly generate.
- VII. There was a motion by Steve Elder to form a committee to review our options for moving forward with the SS. Seconded by Steve Dalton. All in approval.
 - VIII. There was a request by the Feast Master to have everyone submit any thoughts or ideas for the SS. Please email feastmaster@rotarygainesville.orgsite. Please submit by the end of the day on Friday, August 28th, 2020. Hopefully the new committee will meet in two weeks, September 9th, 2020.
 - IX. Discussion of the status of prior projects and the three projects that were approved last year. Matthew stated that the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank had their new coolers installed and thanked us. Ed Book updated us on The Rotary Generations Park Play Zones should be finished within 45 days. Ed showed us updated photos of the site. It looks great. What started out as a \$100,00.00 committee from Rotary, became a 2.1 million dollar outdoor park. Our compliments to Ed for championing this construction project. Rotary asked the county for an update on the Splash Park. The plans are not finalized yet but they hope to have them complete soon. It will take 12 to 18 months to complete the project once it starts. Rory Causseaux updated us on the Newberry High School Renovations and that the project is complete. Everyone was very complementary on the work performed. They are hoping for a virtual ribbon cutting ceremony. The Smile Mobile Dental Clinic has been funded and they are prepared to be fully operational with their mobile clinic.
 - X. New business. None discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.