Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Merrill Lynch Boardroom August 1, 2016

Directors Present

Joyce Glenn President

Ben Gustafson President-Elect Jay Ahrens V.P. treasurer

Jan Wright Marketing

Ron Weber V.P. Secretary
Dave Fox Fundraising

Charles Arraiz Services

Dan Umbel Board Advisor

Kevin O'Neil

Tom Stephens

Cecilia Russo

Absent Director -

Chris Butler

Phil Van Ess

Tim Baldwin Grants

Bob Norton Past President

Call to Order -

Ms. Glenn called the meeting to order at 8:15am.

Secretary's Report -

Mr. Weber reviewed the June meeting minutes which was approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report -

Mr. Ahrens reviewed the July YTD Financial Report. Club is performing on Budget. The reduction on the Current Fund is due to the moneys transferred to supplement the Grant Distribution. Jay noted that Membership Renewals are tracking approximately \$5000.00 behind last year. The Board elected to resend an e-mail and send a phone message to all members. Mr. Umbel will prepare a letter mailing to those members who have not renewed their membership. The report was approved by voice vote.

President's Report -

Ms. Glenn reported that the Georgia District Lt. Governor asked if our Club could find a volunteer to assist in Public Relations; Cecilia Russo volunteered to contact the Lt. Governor.

Joyce and Ben reported on the International Convention held in Toronto. There were two amendments that were of interest, 1) the right to raise dues every year, and 2) establish

electronic voting so that delegated need not to be present to vote. Both were defeated.

Joyce and Ben were invited to a special cocktail party because of our Club's extraordinary performance in Membership Growth. International has identified Membership Growth as a strategic initiative this year. Mr. Weber will investigate acquiring a Kiwanis road sign and determining what GDOT requirements are mandatory to install the sign on Diamond Causeway. The Board then discussed preparing articles for the T.W.A.T.L and other publications. Ms. Wright suggested having a monthly article on future speakers. Mike Brown will be asked to author the articles.

They attended a meeting on Fundraising. One program that drew his attention is from a California Club which holds a wine tasting event. Joyce suggested that we have a micro brewery beer tasting at the same time as our chili cook-off. This led to a general discussion on Fundraising. There is a bill before congress which, if passed, would prevent Military Bands from performing off Base. This would make our Concert on the Green financially unattractive. The Board was reminded that Mr. Umbel led a committee on the Future of Fundraising and the findings were approved by the Board and published in the May Minutes.

Ms. Glenn led a discussion on Grant Distribution and the funds that are available. Due to the short time till the funds will be distributed (September 29), the Board will hold a special meeting after the September 1st breakfast meeting to review the Grant Distribution recommendations.

The Plantation Club will be closed from August 15 to August 29. The breakfast meetings on August 18 and 25 will be in Marshwood.

Mr. Hart has asked to be replaced staffing the sign-in table. The Board approved having a Board member and a New Member staff the table, and rotates monthly.

Mr. Weber will ask Ms. Leathley to have all Board Member name badges in light blue.

The next meeting is will be September 12, at 8:15.

Ron Weber Secretary