

Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors Merrill Lynch Board Room—January 9, 2017

Present	Officers	Office	Present	Directors
✓	Ben Gustafson	President		Charlie Arraiz
✓	Tom Stephens	President-Elect	✓	Tim Baldwin
✓	Jan Wright	VP/Secretary	✓	Dave Fox
✓	Bruce Schneidewind	VP/Treasurer	✓	Thom Greenlaw
✓	Joyce Glenn	Past President	✓	Kevin O'Neil
	Dan Umbel	Advisor	✓	Peter Pickerill
	Guests			Cecilia Russo
				Jen Singeisen
			✓	Jim Smart

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Mr. Gustafson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

2. Secretary's Report

Ms. Wright confirmed a quorum. The minutes of the December 12 meeting were **approved** as written. Membership applications were **approved** for Allen Blount, Lee Carroll (reinstatement) and Elaine Gillham. A \$300 Dollars for Doers grant submitted by Charles Sitrin was **approved** for Congregation Agudath Achim's Backpack Buddy program.

3. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Schneidewind reported:

- He moved funds in inactive accounts to consolidate our accounts.
- Nine donations aggregating \$1,000 were received for our club's foundation.
- The Bouchillon, Ham & Dekle group made its first of two instalment payments towards its diamond sponsorship.

Mr. Schneidewind reported on our club's administrative account and explained differences due to timing and not having had meetings. He reported on remaining bills to be paid for the Chili Cook-Off.

4. President's Report

Pancake Breakfast: Mr. O'Neil reported on preparations for the Pancake Breakfast, including marketing, outreach to Publix, and efforts to involve our newest members.

30th Anniversary: Ms. Wright led a brief discussion preparations for our 30th Anniversary, for which a committee has been formed. The committee's members are: Hazel Brown, Melissa Emery, Erv Hietbrink, Tom Stephens, Dan Umbel and Jan Wright. Discussion focused on whether, in addition to having a celebration, Board members also supported having a focused fundraiser or service project to commemorate our 30 years of service to Savannah's at-risk children. Mr. Fox noted that First Tee needs new sponsorship, and that could be a service project that our members would support. Mr. Greenlaw shared his experience with First Tee and voiced strong support for its work helping youth participants develop social and team skills. **Next steps:** Messrs. Fox and Greenlaw will explore what would be involved and to report back to the Board.

Child Protection Guidelines: Ms. Wright reported that Child Protection Guidelines training is required annually. Recognizing that only a subset of our membership is involved in direct service to children, we will dedicate 5-10 minutes of our March 16 meeting (when our speaker will be from Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA)), to remind members of the key guideline parameters; and sign-up sheets will be available for members who would like to participate in the full training program with Ms. Wright or online.

iPlan Strategy: Mr. Gustafson reported that Kiwanis International's "Distinguished Club" criteria have been replaced by a Club Recognition program based on the Inspiration, Image, Impact, Investment parameters of the new iPlan tool. Discussion focused on the usefulness of the iPlan and value of club recognition, with a range of views expressed. **Next steps:** Mr. Gustafson asked our four teams to develop an iPlan for each of these areas, to be presented for Board discussion in coming months.

Hixon Awards: Mr. Gustafson led a discussion about recognizing two members with Hixon awards in 2017. **Agreed:** A motion to do so was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

5. Old Business

Breakfast at Plantation: Mr. Gustafson reported that early participation has been good, and feedback about the food and beverage service has been positive to date.

Membership: Ms. Glenn reported on recent efforts—gate signs, publicity and a recent TWATL article. Ms. Wright reported on the "Kiwanis is a Verb" booklet she learned about as Secretary and ordered for Board members and new members.

Corporate Sponsor Program: Mr. Baldwin reported that he was planning a committee meeting at the end of January and needed info packets to support prospective sponsor engagements. Jan offered to share her electronic files of documentation she had created while supporting the program. Discussion touched on the possibility that some of our newer members may have business relationships that could be sponsor leads.

6. New Business

Division 4 Governor's Rally: Mr. Gustafson reported that he and Messrs. Stephens and Hietbrink would be attending the rally in Jesup on January 19.

Pictorial Member Directory: Ms. Wright reported that, as part of our 30th Anniversary activities, our club will create a pictorial member directory. This tool was suggested by "Kiwanis is a Verb" as effective in helping to integrate new members and keep everyone in touch. **Next steps:** She will reach out to new members to form a committee for this project.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM. The next meeting is will be **February 13**, at the Merrill Lynch board room, starting at 8:05 AM.

Jan Wright
Secretary