



Exchange Club of Rome

Business Meeting

November 8, 2019, 12:00 PM

1. Call To Order:

Meeting was called to order at 12:05PM by President Eidson. Club member Al Robles led the club in prayer followed by club member John Upton leading the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Birthdays: President Eidson recognized the following club member birthdays:

NOVEMBER

Steve Cox, Larry Walker: 1st

Fred Dent, John King: 2nd

Terry Hughes and Nancy Mount: 4th

Robin Burk, Scotty Hancock, & Skip Howse: 6th

John Cooper: 8th

Rick Sheerin: 10th Susi Edwards: 11th

Richard Dixon: 14th

Thomas Caldwell: 15th

3. Fellowship: No club fellowship was announced by President Eidson or from the floor by club members.

4. Minutes & Correspondence:

President Eidson reported for Club Secretary George Fricks. Business meeting minutes from the October meeting have been posted to the club website and shared with the membership through the club newsletter. One correction was reported by club member Linda Hatcher and duly noted. Club member Bryan Shealy moved to accept the minutes with the correction; motion received a second from club member Mike Elliott. Motion approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

Carol Abrams presented the attached Treasurer Report for review and questions by club members. Club member Bill Goff asked about payments to the National Exchange Club. Treasurer Abrams reported the payment was a quarterly dues payment. No other comments or questions were offered by the club membership. Club member Mike Elliott moved to accept the

treasurer's report; motion received a second from club member Linda Hatcher. Motion approved.

6. Membership Report: President Eidson provided the following membership report. No questions from club members were received.

- a. Membership : 200 – Active; 8 – Active Family Primary; 9 – Active Family Additional
- b. Resignations: NONE
- c. Drops : None
- d. Inductions : None
- e. Ending Membership Balance : 217

7. New Member Applications :

President Eidson read the member application of Christopher Williams into the record for the club. Club member Mike Elliott spoke regarding the application. President Eidson stated any objection to this application were to be provided in writing to club leadership within 7 days.

8. Special Reports : Coosa Valley Fair :

CVFB President Mike Elliott had no report.

***Recess for Exchange Club Business Meeting & call on CVFB President Mike Elliott.

***President Eidson reconvened Exchange Club Business meeting at the conclusion of the CVFB called meeting for elections. Results of the election can be found in the minutes of the CVFB minutes.

9. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. Americanism – John Fortune

Chairman Fortune reported on Americanism activities related to the tomb. He also stated the committee was winding down activities for 2019 and planning for 2020 activities were on-going. He also announced the Americanism Committee would be laying a wreath at Myrtle Hill Cemetery on Monday during the community Veteran's Day program. Also, Post 52 on Calhoun Avenue will be selling barbeque plates this coming Saturday. He stated the Post has agreed to a donation up to \$300 if anyone mentions they are there to support the Exchange Club Tomb program.

- b. Awards – Kirk Milam

Chairman Milam reported on the patches and stars received by the club from the National Exchange Club. He is working towards having a new banner with the latest patches for display. He also indicated we were close to receiving the National Service Award.

- c. CAP & FRC – Tina Bartleson

FRC Executive Director Tina Bartleson provided a brief summary regarding the FRC's Strike Out Child Abuse event. This year's event was substantially larger than last year. She also

mentioned that Toys For Tots was keeping her staff busy this week and they were thankful for all the efforts of our club in providing assistance to families in need.

- d. Community Service & National Day of Service – Dr. Mike Jackson
Chairman Jackson reported the Shed Build the club is doing in conjunction with our National Day of Service project through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity was completed by HfH staff last weekend. He stated the club will look to participate with a build in the Spring of 2020.
- e. Member Support - J.C. Grimes
Chairman Grimes was not in attendance at today's meeting and there was no report.
- f. Programs – Larry Walker, President Elect
President Elect Walker provided a brief overview of programs coming in November and reported programs have been scheduled in spring of 2020.
- g. Public Relations & Social – Charles Norris, Immediate Past President
Immediate Past President Norris was not in attendance for the meeting. President Eidson reported that Mr. Norris was working on plans for the upcoming Christmas party and details would come soon to the club membership.
- h. Youth – Diane Warner
Chairwoman Warner was not available to attend the meeting. Club member Whitten reported a request for yard sale to support Youth Programs was being requested to club leadership. Club Member Scottie Edwards would like to hold this sale in support and asked if the board would discuss. President Eidson reported the board will discuss at the December board meeting after hashing out details regarding availability of space at the Fairgrounds. Club member Whitten also reminded the club concerning Santa for Seniors and asked for support and participation from the club.
- i. Toy for Tots – Linda Hatcher
Chairwoman Hatcher reported Toys for Tots activities were full speed ahead. Registrations were ongoing and the last day for registration would be this Saturday from 10:00 – 4:00 at the Wilder Center. She is also prepping inventory for relocation to the Fairgrounds beginning next week. Also, holiday gift wrapping dates to be held at Barnes and Noble will begin starting Black Friday and run through Christmas. If you would like to participate contact her.

10. Other Business

Club member Frank Redwine mentioned a community program Cyber Seniors that is available to help seniors with any technological assistance from computers to cell phones.

Club member Dr. Bob Williams told members of the relocation of the Free Clinic of Rome to the old FRC space.

Club member Terry Simmons mentioned Redmond services including 4 free trips per year to the ER. Club member Hal Gosnel reiterated this was for any Redmond Urgent Care facility.

11. Exchange Covenant of Service

Prior to reciting the Covenant of Service, President Eidson asked the club to thank our members who have offered themselves for public service and thanked club member Bill Irmischer for his service on the Rome City Commission and congratulated club member Bonny Askew for his election to the Rome City Commission. Club member Sam Evans stated we should also recognize club member Milton Slack for his service. Club member Slack was not in attendance.

Being no other business, President Eidson adjourned the meeting at 12:44PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Eidson
President
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