

Rome Rotary Club Board Meeting - September 21, 2009

This meeting was scheduled to begin at 5:15pm at the Rome Elks Club. It was confusing as to when the meeting actually began. President Bob Herrmann wanted to begin the meeting early to accommodate Michael Occhipinti's schedule. Michael was ready to present his information/request relating to the Rome Rotary Club's 90th Anniversary. Eileen Foreman suggested we should not begin do to the fact that all Board Members expected to attend were not in attendance and it was before 5:15pm. About that time Donna Burch arrived and commented about the heavy smell of smoke. That developed into a discussion of when and why the Board Meeting had been changed from a Friday (smoke free) noon meeting to a 5:15pm meeting. It was stated the change was made to accommodate members who could not attend day meetings. Donna suggested the meeting not be changed to accommodate possible future Board Members until such a time they would be elected to the Board. I agreed with Donna that the meeting should have remained a noon meeting. I reminded the Board that when I was asked by Glen Bahr to be a candidate for the Board, David Kobernuss was adamant that I had to be available for the Friday noon meeting *and* that I would attend the meetings. At the end of the discussion Donna stated she would resign from the Board. Donna left. Sandra Latimer stated we now have a quorum since there is one less Board member. Eileen Foreman suggested the resignation needed to be voted on by the Board; does the Board want to vote? It was decided by President Bob to move on. Mike began his suggestions concerning the Anniversary Dinner. It will be at the Franklin Hotel, Tuesday December 1, 2009. There will be a booklet of members (no photos due to cost). The Franklin will provide a family style dinner with cash bar. The cost will be \$35.00 per couple and \$18.00 per person. David Kobernuss moved to approve the Anniversary dinner and Eileen Foreman seconded the motion; motion passed. The Secretary Report was read. One correction; the Board Meeting was reported as changed to the second Monday of each month; it should have read the third Monday of each month. Glen Bahr motioned to accept the Secretary Report as corrected, Joe Fusco seconded the motion; motion passed. Treasurer's Report presented by Sandra Latimer. Greg Mattacola had a question concerning the reserve amount. A discussion of the budget followed. Dave Kobernuss spoke up to explain the numbers. Dave motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; Joe Fusco seconded; motion passed. Joe Fusco will follow up on Club project - auction. No report available for Teacher of the year. Bill Tuthill reported on the Foundation goal of \$4000.00 (\$3000.00 actual). President Bob presented a Grant Request for the District Conference attendees representing Rome Rotary Club. Greg Mattacola motioned to approve Grant Request for the District Conference Dave Kobernuss seconded; motion passed. President Bob Herrmann, Virginia Herrmann, Bill Tuthill, Karin Tuthill, and Cheryl Matt will be Rome Rotary Club representatives. President Bob discussed the upcoming Foundation Conference. It was motioned by Greg Mattacola that Rome Rotary send delegates to the Foundation Conference with the recommendation to vote "NO"; David seconded the motion; motion passed. Cindy Roubian presented her ideas to continue as Newsletter Editor. Cindy wanted to 'scale down' and build up again according to need and requests. The Board agreed with her suggestions. The meeting ended early due to the fact that the room was needed by the Elks Club Members. In my opinion, this meeting would not have passed the four way test. After careful consideration, I resigned from the Board and as Club Secretary.

Eileen Foreman

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Foreman Secretary