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**THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 5, 2025 – 4:30 PM**

**Cooper Room**

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Meeting called to order by Thad Peterson at 4:35 – agenda approved.

1. **Treasurer’s Report** – Ed Heskamp – Treasuer’s report attached (pg 4) Only changes are receipts from the ad book and reissuing the checks from the CSO event that was canceled. No outstanding checks and working on reconciling some statement issues with TRUIST bank.
2. **Committee/Board updates**
	1. Lisa McDonald – Communications – January was very busy developing business cards, membership and media posts. Lisa also issued a Tidelines article highlighting the club’s efforts. Video posted on facebook/Instagram about the March meeting. Lisa reported that our Instagram account has 105 followers and 108 views; our Facebook account has 58 followers and 282 views.
	2. Charlie Septer – Child abuse prevention – Charlie spoke about a joint meeting with Child Advocacy Network (CAN) led by Patti Gordon of the local AME church. This is an exciting, coordinated effort to utilize the ministerial committee to help connect our resources to those who are most in need. Patti is eager to share information about available resources with other churches. There is a community event scheduled for June 28 (HALOS) Family Festival – ECKS is encouraged to participate and we will explore having a booth and/or some interactive games to get some exposure and create awareness.
	3. Ed Leary – Youth and education – We recognized 8 students of the month in the Fall. Thad asked about the Education dinner and what is needed for us to implement that – the date is approaching for this event and is scheduled for April 2nd membership meeting. Ed said that everything is all set and that we just need to invite the three scholarship recipients and their families.

Thad mentioned that the National Exchange Club offers a high school level of membership and many clubs throughout the country partner with chapters organized at the high schools. Thad inquired if there would be any interest in pursuing that in our ECKS club community – St. John’s HS. Bill Nelson questioned how this is and would be funded. It was decided that Thad would meet with the high school principal to explore potential interest in starting a HS Exchange Club program.

* 1. Bob Schick – Health, housing and social services – No report
	2. Jack Wilson – Americanism – Working on replacing the balls on the flag poles to construct a new way to attach flags they will fly freely and wrap up on the poles. Jack has enough volunteers to get this accomplished.
	3. Chuck Riehl – Membership – Five new members in January and February. We are very close to replacing the button box – Dave Cruz and Teri Lash working on magnetic name tags. This will cost $6.75/ea for quantity of 100 or over. It will cost about $600-$700 to get produced. Proposed storing these name tags on-site and not have individuals take them home. Found a case that will keep them organized by name like we currently do.

Jack Wilson made a motion to approve the expense of the nametags and Lisa McDonald seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued about whether a “mailer” would be effective way to recruit new members on Kiawah and KRE. Lisa has been working with Chuck and membership to finalize a new membership brochure to distribute at events and to the Kiawah communities.

* 1. Rich Gwynn – Handbook – Richard reported that the pace is picking up on securing ads for the 2025 handbook. Have collected $32,500 with 41 contracts in hand. Expecting 3 big commitments this day – 3/4/2025. Has checks worht $18,000 for the Treasurer. Has communicated personally with all Sales Leads to make sure that we are on track for ad sales. Ed Britt is handling all non-revenue items. Richard will be away for two and a half weeks and then will finalize.

It was decided that credit card payments would best be handled with a form that Bill Nelson will share.

* 1. Bill Nelson – Meeting – The Club is increasing the cost of dinner to $46.54/pp

We need to consider increasing the cost of dinner to guests. Do we need to increase membership dues? Board agreed to do nothing until July 1st at the start of a new fiscal year. This issue will be tabled until late April or early May.

1. **Other new business**
	1. Angel Oak award – As of this date we have 13 nominations for the Angel Oak award. Ed Heskamp delivered two more nominations to Thad at the meeting.
	2. Child Abuse Network – Charlie Septer spoke about a joint meeting with Child Advocacy Network (CAN) led by Patti Gordon of the local AME church. This is an exciting, coordinated effort to utilize the ministerial committee to help connect our resources to those who are most in need. Patti is eager to share information about available resources with other churches. There is a community event scheduled for June 28 (HALOS) Family Festival – ECKS is encouraged to participate and we will explore having a booth and/or some interactive games to get some exposure and create awareness.
	3. Education Dinner – refer to committee reports (#3)
	4. Other

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm

The next ECK-S Board Meeting will be April 2 at 4:30 pm in the Cooper Room.

