The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM. The following Board members were in attendance:

Addeline Alaniz-Edwards (President) Marci Mowery (Service Committee Co-Chair)

Megan Mines Hall (Immediate Past President) Tom Miller (Service Committee Co-Chair)

Jim Aiello (President Elect) Alaine Keisling (Sergeant at Arms)

Janet Ritter (Secretary, Vice President) Amy Earnest (Co-Chair, Pint 5K)

Joe Hoover (Treasurer)

Action items are listed in red.

1. **President Addeline’s Goals for the Year**
2. Membership – Although a side question was raised about RYLA and discussion focused on that, President Elect Jim helped the group focus on the topic at hand, which was membership. How to increase our membership and make our meetings relevant?
3. Suggestions were raised:
   1. Have one social meeting per month
   2. Have the topic of one meeting per month be Rotary education
   3. For months with 5 weeks, use the 5th week to introduce the club members to each committee, with its purpose and a sign-up sheet
   4. Strategic Plan – When was the last time that was done? President Elect Jim suggested that he will lead a session on January 12 and he needs all ideas from the club.
4. Youth – Neither co-chair Yolanda nor Becky could attend this board meeting, but Secretary Jan is a member of the Youth committee and tried to answer questions on the committee’s behalf.
5. RYLA
   1. We typically send two (2) students
      1. Do we have 2 students to send this summer?
      2. Have we spoken with the administration of Steelton Highspire High School about this program?
      3. If we are not getting any kind of enthusiasm from Steelton Highspire, should we look for another city high school to partner with for the 4-Way Test Speech Contest and for RYLA?
      4. And if we need to look elsewhere for RYLA participants, a suggestion was made that the Youth Committee chairs send requirements and qualifications of RYLA students to all members or our club, who may know students who fit the bill.
   2. Recommendation for Committee Co-Chairs to contact and meet with Steelton Highspire High School administrators to see the interest level of 11th grade students attending RYLA and then speaking at one of our club meetings after having attended.
6. Dictionary Project
   1. This project had been organized in conjunction with the Rotary Club of the West Shore. They have asked us to partner with them in handing out dictionaries.
   2. West Shore has paid for all dictionaries and several members of the Youth Committee feel that we should be buying dictionaries, in order to participate in this worthy project.
   3. We have been asked by the Superintendent of the Harrisburg School District to include every elementary school, so that all third graders may have their very own dictionary.
   4. This expense should be a line item in our budget, so that the committee knows how much funding they have to spend on literacy and other programs for the youth that we serve.
   5. Add Committee expenses as a part of next year’s budget.
7. Newsletter
8. Alaine feels that she will now have time to be able to publish our newsletter again
9. She asks that all committee chairs and Speaker Seekers notify her of upcoming events for our club. If you’re able, please provide a brief bio of the speakers who will be speaking for the next several meetings
10. Greenbelt Park
11. Matt Sembach will address the club about supporting a park in Harrisburg, through volunteer time for maintenance and upkeep.
12. Community Service
13. Co-chairs Marci and Tom M. agreed that helping Dress for Success on February 16 could work out assuming the following:
    1. Tom had originally arranged to ask club volunteers to help out at the Bethesda Mission Women’s Shelter that night.

1] Timing could be difficult for club members to spend the night, if they are working the next day

2] It was decided that in keeping with the monthly theme of Maternal & Women’s Health), Tom will check with the Bethesda Mission Volunteer Coordinator to see if April might be a good month for us to volunteer (giving club members more time to check schedules for availability).

b. Jan be speaking with the Dress for Success organizers to make sure February 16 is the correct date, we are needed in order to help them.

c. Common Grounds Café

1] Marci will get an invoice for the food needed for the breakfast our club will sponsor

2] Tom will look for a large check that can be used to photograph our sponsorship of the breakfast, showing the dollar amount we are giving the café.

1. **Point 5K**

A. Co-Chair Amy is working with Alicia from ABC to coordinate our event with ABC’s anniversary party – **May 14, 2016**.

B. Sarah Thomas will be helping Amy with planning

C. Amy plans to have committee meetings each month of 2016 until the event date.

D. Promote on Facebook and use ABC’s flyer for their anniversary party

E. Amy asked Jan if she could have January 19 for a Point 5K planning meeting with the club. Jan responded that she thought Hector had a speaker on hand for that night, but she will double check with Hector.

1. **Guayaquil, Ecuador**
   * + 1. Treasurer Joe had informed us (repeatedly) that our club has $5000 put aside for a mission to Ecuador (through club fundraising and district grants). Will we be using this money for Ecuador or is there another global project we can use the money for?
2. Jan indicated that Hector had confirmed, prior to leaving for Ecuador, that if the Rotary Club of Guayaquil Sur did not sign the agreement by January 31, 2016, we may use this money for another project.
3. If we don’t use this money for Guayaquil, what obligation do we have to those who’ve donated to this cause? Shall we inform them of another international project we plan to utilize their donations to help fund?

3) Addeline suggested a project in Quito that can use our help.

1. **Treasurer’s Update**

A. Joe also indicated that he received a check from the District for RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute). It was suggested that this money be distributed to those who attended RLI this year. The Board agreed with this distribution of district reimbursement.

B. Happy dollars – We tabled a discussion on whether all happy dollars should go to the Foundation or only those dollars collected during the first club meeting of each month. This will be added to next month’s Board Meeting agenda.

1. **Action Items**
   * 1. **President Elect Jim:**
        1. Will lead a 5-year Strategic Planning session with club members on **January 12, 2016**.
        2. Will add line items to the 2016-17 budget for committee expenses.

B. **Secretary Jan** will do the following:

1) Advise Youth Committee co-chairs to contact Steelton Highspire High School administration about finding eligible students to attend 2016 RYLA, and then make a presentation at our club about their experiences at RYLA (**Completed: Committee members met with students/administrators on January 19)**.

2) Speak with Dress for Success organizers to confirm February 15 date for our club to help at Harrisburg Mall (**Completed: February 16 is a firm date)**

3) Confirm with fellow Speaker Seeker Hector, whether he has a speaker for January 19, 2016 (**Completed: January 19 is free for Amy to discuss .5K)**

C**.** Service Committee Co-Chair Tom will check with Bethesda Mission Women’s Shelter Coordinator to see if our club may volunteer in April, instead of February.

D. .5K Co-chair Amy will plan a session with our club on **January 19, 2016** to speak about promotion and smooth planning for our event on May 14, 2016.

E. **President Addeline** will add a discussion item to the February Board Meeting agenda on Happy Dollars.

The meeting concluded at 7:30 PM.