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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1597th MEETING:

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

1597th regular fortnightly meeting (RFM) of Rotary Club of Motijheel held on Saturday 26th October 2024 at 8.30 am at InterContinental Hotel, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000. Club President, Rtn. S M Moinul Islam, PHF, B presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

2. ROTARY INVOCATION:

Rtn. Satya Ranjan Saha, MPH recited the Rotary Invocation while all the Rotarians stood up and pronounced the same in chorus.

3. CONFIRMATION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Rtn. Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF read out the minute of last RFM no.1595 and 1596 in front of the members present. After discussion Rtn. PP Syed Forhad Abbas Hussain, MPH proposed to accept the minutes and Rtn. Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF second the proposal and the minutes were accepted and approved by the members present.

4. FELICITATION:

Rtn. Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF announced the name of Rotarians, R-Ann and R-Lets whose birthday and wedding anniversary will fall during the period between 26-10-2024 to 08-11-2024 and felicitated them in their respective anniversaries.

5. VISITING GUESTS:

No guest/Rotarian/Rotaractor/Interactor was present the meeting.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MAIL, IF ANY:

- (1) President briefly discussed about the contents of August 2024 version of RMN with the members present.
- (2) President discussed about the e-mail dated 24/09/2024 on recognition opportunities in RY 2024-25 to nominate outstanding clubs, members, and nonmembers for a variety of awards. Recognizing people for their accomplishments in service helps to create a positive culture and engages both our club members and our communities.
- (3) President discussed about the e-mail dated 25/09/2024 on how to Learn from clubs around the world that are taking intentional action to engage members — creating distinctive experiences, conducting meaningful projects, and trying new ideas that make them more vibrant, active, and visible in their communities.
- (4) President discussed about the e-mail dated 26/09/2024 on making Rotary's public image a priority - Ideas of strengthening Rotary's Brand received from PR of Rotary International.
- (5) President discussed about the e-mail dated 21/10/2024 to apprise members present that some exciting changes will make it easier and faster for clubs to connect with the more than 30,000 prospective members each year who indicate their interest at rotary.org/join. When someone who's interested in joining a club submits their interest, their information becomes a membership lead. The current system sends the membership lead to district leaders, who review each lead and assign it for follow-up to a club that fits the person's needs. These prospective members will be able to select the club they find most interesting and suitable based on the information presented about it, such as location and meeting time. Soon, however, Rotary will be launching a new system to manage membership leads. This system, using technology from Salesforce, will streamline the process and allow clubs to directly receive leads and contact prospective members.
- (6) President discussed about the e-mail dated 24/10/2024 received from RI Secretary General & CEO John Hewko conveying that in October 2024 meeting RI Board decided to extend the non-districted status of the clubs in Bangladesh indefinitely. He again

urges all clubs and members in Bangladesh to fully cooperate with Special Advisor Ashish Ghosh and his team and focus solely on the fundamental Rotary work of making a difference in their communities and strengthening their clubs. He once again reminds to cooperate fully with Past Governor Ashish Ghosh and his team, including Past District Governor Ishtiaque Zaman, who will serve as the Country Coordinator for the non-districted clubs in Bangladesh. If the persistent conflicts and power struggles do not subside in the coming months, the Board will have no choice but to take further corrective action. He said each member and club must now decide how to use their limited time, energy, and resources: participating in fruitless leadership power struggles or strengthening Rotary service and friendship. He believes that our organization's motto of "Service Above Self" will provide the necessary guidance at this crucial moment. For what other reason did each of us commit ourselves to Rotary membership in the first place? He suggested not to send any further communications on these matters to the RI President, the RI Board, the TRF Chair, the TRF Trustees, or to any RI or TRF staff person in Evanston or Dehli. No response will be given to communications sent to these persons or bodies. Rather, ALL COMMUNICATIONS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO SPECIAL ADVISOR ASHISH GHOSH OR HIS TEAM FOR HANDLING AND RESPONSE. After detailed discussion it was decided that Rtn Khandkar Shafiqul Haque, AKS will write to RIPSA individually expressing serious concerns about continuing contribution in TRF when global grant project for Bangladesh remains suspend for indefinite period.

7. CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- (a) The Treasurer presented RCM Accounts for Q1 of RY 2024-25 before the members present. Members noted the account presented and found that a total commitment of BDT 5,60,000 has been collected during this quarter to execute 9 projects. Members appreciated the efforts of the Board of Directors and considered this a good performance and praise them for continuing the good work during the next 9 months.
- (b) Members present noted that budget for 12 clubs joint project "Pushti Box" was increased to BDT 36,000 and accordingly July'24 and August'24 projects have already been implemented. But one of the participating clubs, RC Dhaka Sorbo Joya, decided not to continue their participation for the next 10 months. Hence the budget is required to increase to BDT 40,000 from BDT 36,000 so that the remaining 11 clubs can equally share the additional cost of last month's project between them and equally share RC Dhaka Sorbo Joya's share of next 9 months' projects. After discussion members present agreed to increase the budget for this project from BDT 36,000 to BDT 40,000 including BKASH charge to complete this year long joint project and suggested to President to do a study for 6 months on the beneficiaries of the project to measure the actual impact. Rtn Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF proposed to accept the demanded increase of the budget and Rtn Syed Forhad Abbas Hussain, MPH second the proposal.
- (c) Event Chair appraised the members' present about the progress of the preparation of organizing the 36th installation ceremony on 16th November 2024. A revised budget of BDT 3,97,300 has been presented before the members for consideration. Event Chair also appraised about the venue, publication of souvenir, Chief Guest, other guests to be invited, reception of guests, dinner, induction of a new member, execution of a project, program schedule etc. Members present expressed their satisfaction with the preparation. Souvenir publication cost has been finalized with Utso Prakashani at BDT 1,00,000 for 200 copies after threadbare discussion as 2 other quotations were received from other publishers.

- (d) Proposal of Ms. Tania Sultana, Social Welfare Officer of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital vide her letter to the President of RCM on 25/09/2024 appealing for giving Educational Scholarship of BDT 65,000 to a poor student Miss Sanjida Akther Mou for studying MLOP (Ophthalmic Assistant Certificate Course) in Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital was discussed at length. Since her father expired and her family is very poor and can't afford to support her studying on this course members present agreed to accept this as project no.10 for RY 2024-25 subject to Board's approval. Members noted that Ms. Tania Sultana, Social Welfare Officer of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital already obtained commitment of BDT 30,000 from a different Rotary Club hence RCM will raise only the balance required BDT 36,000.
- (e) BNSB is a specialized Eye Hospital in Bangladesh. They have many branches. Moulvibazar branch covers full Sylhet division and up to Brahmanbaria, Bhairab. This is not a private organization but supported by Government and private donors. This is like an NGO. We provided them with some wheelchairs from RCM's first wheelchairs project. All those wheelchairs are broken. BNSB, Moulvibazar approached Rtn PP Abdus Shakur Chowdhury, MPH, MC, B, MD to donate five wheelchairs. Rtn. PP Abdus Shakur Chowdhury MPH, MC, B, MD proposed to take this project and Rtn. PP Imran Ahmed Chowdhury, MPH second the proposal. He checked with a local supplier, M/S New Modern Super Drug, Moulvibazar which quoted BDT 32,500 to supply five wheelchairs to BNSB, Moulvibazar. President proposed to members in the WhatsApp Group to accept this as project no.11. They accepted it and committed to give BDT 32,500. As a matter of urgency this project was implemented on 1st October 2024. Members present highly praised Rtn. PP Abdus Shakur Chowdhury, MPH, MC, B, MD to propose this project and successfully implemented it very quickly. Members recognized this project subject to approval by Board.
- (f) Mr. Md. Selim, a poor car driver from Koralia village of Chandpur district applied for BDT 20,000 financial support for the tonsillectomy operation of his wife Mrs. Jannatul Ferdous. President placed the application in RCM WhatsApp Group and members have agreed to give financial support for the operation and accepted this as project no.12 of RCM. 10 members combinedly contributed BDT 20,000 and the money was paid to Mr. Md. Selim on 8th October 2024. Members recognized the project subject to approval by the Board.
- (g) Ms. Tania Sultana, Social Welfare Officer of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital sent an appeal to respected Treasurer of RCM to donate fund for Glaucoma Operation (Eye bulb set up) of a speech disabled boy of 22 years old Rahman Gazi. She stated that the total cost required for this operation is BDT 38,705. Rahman Gazi collected BDT 17,000 of his own. He needs BDT 21,705. Members noted the urgency and after consultation with the Treasurer Rtn. PP Manoranjan Bhakta, FCA, MPH, B has taken this as project no.13 and Rtn. CM PP Masih Malik Chowdhury, FCA, FCS, LLB, MPH instantly gave commitment of BDT 10,000 for this project. Eight other members also made commitments to this project. This project no.13 has been accepted by the members present subject to approval by the Board.
- (h) President and Secretary of RCNDC were invited to participate in RFM no.1593 held on 17th August 2024 by the President. In the meeting President suggested them to propose 3 attractive projects during RY 2024-25 which will be sponsored by RCM. On 13th October 2024 RCNDC sent an application to President stating that they are going to organize a summit on climate change on 2nd November 2024 at Notre Dame College where they are expecting 500 teachers, students, researchers and resource person to attend. The program will consist of quiz battle, extempore speech, analyst's report, poster design, crisis solver, power point presentation etc. The total cost of the project is estimated to



be BDT 41,000. RCNDC proposed 3 kinds of sponsorships options, BDT 30,000 to become Co-organizer, BDT 15,000 to become Platinum sponsor and BDT 10,000 to be gold sponsor of the program. President decided RCM will be the Co-organizer of the program at BDT 30,000. BDT 30,000 was paid to RCNDC on 23rd October 2024. This 1st intra climate change summit Kivotos organized by Rotaract Club of Notre Dame College (RCNDC) is RCM's Project no.14. Members recognized this project subject to approval by the Board.

- (i) Discussion was held on President's proposal to provide an Auto Rickshaw a flood victim of Hiazora village, Nangolkot, Cumilla District Mr. Monir Hossain who was a rickshaw puller. Both his legs suffered fatal injuries because of a road accident in December 2022 whilst riding his own rickshaw. He applied for financial assistance to President for buying an auto rickshaw at cost between BDT 1,20,000 to BDT 1,30,000. Members present in RFM no.1595 discussed the possibility of donating an auto rickshaw and asked to obtain further information as to where he wants to manufacture this auto rickshaw? How much will be the cost? How long time it may take to deliver if ordered? What is the design of the auto rickshaw as it must be suitable for the applicant to ride and drive because both his legs are crippled? President inquired about all these information. The applicant obtained a quotation of BDT 1,26,000 for supplying a readymade auto rickshaw from a local supplier, Saydul Enterprise and Auto Showroom. He also provided a photo of the readymade auto rickshaw and confirmed that this auto rickshaw will be adjusted with his physical capability so that he can ride and drive it without any problem. President recommends club members to take this a project no.15 of RCM at total cost of BDT 1,26,000. After the discussion members present were happy to accept this as project no.15 of RY 2024-25 subject to approval by the Board.

- (j) On 17th September 2024 Mrs. Mosht. Skikha Sarkar, Social Welfare Officer of Maternal and Child Health Training Institute (MCHTI), Azimpur, Dhaka wrote a letter to the Presidents of all the participating Rotary Clubs in the Pushti Box joint project with request to donate the following items to MCHTI so that they can provide service to the pregnant women, mother and their child.

1. Desktop Fetal Doppler Machine: Bestman BF600 (Tabletop Fetal Doppler) – 2 nos.
2. Rubar sheet – 120 yds.
3. Blood pressure machine – 6 nos.
4. Bedsheet – 60 pcs.
5. Puls Oximeter machine (Model BT-72) - 2 nos.
6. Draw sheet – 80 yds.
7. Surgical Gown – 50 pcs.
8. Nebulizer – 2 pcs.

Members noted that President posted a proposal on this project on 23rd September 2024 in RCM's WhatsApp Group for consideration by the members of RCM. MCHTI is a government organization. They give treatment to pregnant women, mother and child at a very nominal fee. Government supply is very limited and most of the medical instruments are either unusable or out of order due to excessive use as result of huge number of patients they receive for treatment per day. Therefore, they are unable to give proper treatment to all the patients who come every day. The Directors, Doctors and Officers of MCHTI persuades voluntary organizations to donate medicine, supplies and medical instruments to MCHTI for these poor pregnant women, mother and child. On average per day, they get more than 100 pregnant women, mother and child for treatment. President have checked with a medical equipment supplier and found that BDT 1,09,100 will be required for supplying the following equipment.

- (i) Desktop Fetal Doppler Machine: Bestman BF600 (Tabletop Fetal Doppler) – 1 nos.

- (ii) Rubar sheet – 10 pcs.
- (iii) Blood pressure machine – 6 nos.
- (iv) Bedsheet – 10 pcs.
- (v) Puls Oximeter machine (Model BT-72) - 1 no.
- (vi) Draw sheet – 10 pcs.
- (vii) Surgical Gown – 20 pcs.
- (viii) Nebulizer – 2 pcs.

President urged the members to seriously consider this as project no.16 because the outreach of this project is very wide, and impact is far reaching as it will cover minimum 30000 pregnant women, mother and child in one year. Members present accepted this project and agreed to raise BDT 1,10,000 for implementation of this project subject to approval by the Board.

8) Miscellaneous:

- (a) President reported to the members present in the meeting that the RCM website is not function and couldn't be accessed and attempts to reactivate the website failed. Hence, new domain will be needed to purchase and be hosted. Rtn. PP Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF stated that he checked with a new hosting company, and they gave an estimate of BDT 10,000 for a new domain and hosting for one year. Rtn. PP Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF said that his daughter R-Let. Sushmita Bhowmik (Tuly) will design the new website and upload all the information as a volunteer. Members present thanked Rtn. PP Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF and R-Let. Sushmita Bhowmik (Tuly) for their kind proposal to help and agreed to redesign the website and purchase a new domain and host it at an approximate cost of BDT 10,000 subject to approval by the Board.
- (b) President proposed the members to plan about organizing next picnic now because it will be difficult to find a spot if not booked immediately. Members present discussed and agreed to constitute an organizing committee as follows for spot selection and organizing the picnic during the 1st week of January 2025.
 - (i) Rtn. PP Manoranjan Bhakta, FCA, MPHF, B – Event Chair
 - (ii) Rtn. Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF - Member
 - (iii) Rtn PP satya Ranjan Saha, MPHF – Member
 - (iv) Rtn PP Md Mahibullah Mamun, PHF – Member
 - (v) Rtn Mohammed Abdul Khaleque, PHF – Member

The organizing committee has been requested to finalize a suitable spot and place their recommendations within 1 month.

9) STATISTICS:

Sergeant at Arms Rtn. Mohammed Abdul Khaleque, PHF gave the statistics of the meeting as under:

Member on Roll	38
Excused attendance	12
Member present	10
Rotarian Guest	00
Rotaractor	00
Guest	00

10) SECRETARY'S BUSINESS:

Club Secretary Rtn. Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF informed next RFM will be held on Saturday at 8.30 am on 9th November 2024 at InterContinental Hotel, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 and



requested all members to attend the meeting on time.

11) ADJOURNMENT:

Having no other issues on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Rtn. Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF
Club Secretary (2024-2025)

Rtn. S M Moinul Islam, PHF, B
Club President (2024-25)

35th Charter Anniversary

Date: 18-10-2024

Pictures:





Regular Fortnightly Meeting no.1597

Date: 26-10-2024

Pictures:



Project:

Name of the project: Pushti Box

Date of implementation: 02/11/2024

Pictures:



Project:

Name of the project: 1st intra climate change summit Kivotos organized by Rotaract Club of Notre Dame College (RCNDC)

Date of implementation: 02/11/2024

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