



Date: 30-11-2024

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1598th MEETING:	
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:	
1598 th regular fortnightly meeting (RFM) of Rotary Club of Motijheel held on Saturday 9 th November 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. CM PP Imran Ahmed Chowdhury, PHF recited the Rotary Invocation while all the Rotarians stood up and pronounced the same in chorus.	
3. CONFIRMATION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:	
Minute of RFM no.1597 was not ready as President was travelling overseas on his official matter. Hence no minute was presented for approval.	
4. FELICITATION:	
Rtn. Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF announced the name of Rotarians, R-Ann and R-Lets whose birthday and wedding anniversary will fall during the period between 10-11-2024 to 24-11-2024 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:	
<p>(1) President discussed about the e-mail dated 24/10/2024 received from John Hewko, Secretary General and CEO of Rotary International and e-mail dated 27/10/2024 from RIPSAs conveying RI Board's decision which was taken in October 2024 meeting that the non-districted status of Rotary Clubs in Bangladesh will continue for an indefinite period. All members present at the meeting were surprised to note this decision by RI and couldn't accept it as they found it completely unfair and injustice to Rotarians of Bangladesh. Their opinion is if there are Rotarians who are not doing the right things which conform with the Rotary spirit and motto then their Rotary membership should be cancelled or suspended because all the Rotarians of Bangladesh can't suffer for these few people's wrong deeds. Members present decided to discuss this more in depth in future meetings to determine how concerted we can approach this decision by RI to regain the district status of Rotary Clubs in Bangladesh.</p> <p>(2) President discussed about the e-mail dated 25/09/2024 received from RI Editorial Board with digital version of November 2024 issue of Rotary Magazine which he circulated to all members of RCM by e-mail on 30/10/2024. President requested all members to read the Rotary Magazine as it is very much resourceful and gives an idea about that Rotarians are doing around the world for humanity.</p>	
7. CLUB ACTIVITIES:	
<p>(a) Event Chair appraised in details the members present on the progress in organizing the 36th installation ceremony of Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Motijheel. Event Chair said he is expecting that the installation ceremony will be an excellent event. Charter Member Rtn. Masih Malik Chowdhury, FCA, FCS, LLB, MPHF proposed to the organizing committee to keep a slot in the program to express tribute to the Charter President Late Rtn. Alhaj M Nurul Alam, PHF. Event Chair informed the meeting that 1 minute silence will be observed in the memories of Charter President as well as an obituary will be published in the souvenir and a project will be dedicated to the memories of Charter President. President suggested the organizing committee to present gift worth BDT 1,200 to BDT 1,500 to all our children who will perform in the cultural program. Members were happy with the progress and thanked the Event Chair for his excellent work.</p>	

(b) President informed the members present that on project no.16 so far commitments of BDT 43,835 have been received. More commitment is needed to complete the project. On 03/11/2024 President wrote a letter to the Director of MCHTI conveying the decision of RCM members taken in the RFM no.1597 held on 26/10/2024. Mrs. Mosht. Skikha Sarkar, Social Welfare Officer of Maternal and Child Health Training Institute (MCHTI), Azimpur, Dhaka called President on 04/11/2024 to acknowledge the letter and to convey that Director of MCHTI earnestly requested RCM members to reconsider for supplying minimum the following equipment.

1. Desktop Fetal Doppler Machine: Bestman BF600 (Tabletop Fetal Doppler) – 2 nos.
2. Blood pressure machine – 6 nos.
3. Puls Oximeter machine (Model BT-72) - 1 no.
4. Surgical Gown – 50 pcs.
5. Nebulizer – 2 pcs.

President have checked the markets and found that above 5 items requested by the Director of MCHTI will cost BDT 1,40,000 instead of approved BDT 1,10,000, Total commitment received till now is BDT 43,835. We need more commitment to complete this project. President stated that the Director of MCHTI and their Social Welfare Officer accepted President's invitation to attend 36th installation ceremony and a give a speech on condition of pregnant women, mother, child, maternal health and childcare. After President's deliberation members present accepted the proposal of President to increase the budget of this project to BDT 1,40,000 subject to approval by the Board.

(c) President informed the members that Dr. Sharmin Chowdhury, a brilliant thesis student of the Department of Biochemistry of SSMC, is facing a challenging battle against colon cancer with metastasis. She is a government doctor, and her husband Dr. Ruhul Amin Tuhin is also a government doctor. They have a son of 4.5 years old and a daughter of 10 months old. This diagnosis devastated her family and placed a significant financial burden on her family because the treatment of this disease is very costly. The cost of advanced treatments, specialized medications, and prolonged hospital stays is overwhelming. They reached out to us as Rotarian, to extend a helping hand and provide much-needed support to her to fight against this disease. Our generous contribution will directly support her medical expenses, allowing her to focus on her recovery. President stated we should note that she is a doctor, our country incurred huge amounts of public money to make her a doctor. Also, she and her husband are both BCS (Health) cadre officers, so they don't have the financial ability to pick up such huge cost of treatment. Therefore, it is our moral obligation to support this doctor for her treatment. RCM's First Lady brought this project and proposed to contribute BDT 1,00,000 from her own savings. She urged all members of RCM to donate as much as possible to help her. President's appeal was recognized by the members and they took this as project no.17 of RY2024-25 subject to approval by the Board which will be implemented in the 36th installation ceremony and be dedicated to the memories of Late Charter President.

8) Miscellaneous:

(a) Rtn. PP Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF informed the meeting that RCM's new website www.rotaryclubmotijheel-bd.com has been launched and now members can login to the new website. He urged the President and the members to visit the website and suggested if amendments are required. He also reported that BDT 6,432.61 was paid for domain registration and BDT 2,094 was paid for hosting for 1 year. Total cost incurred is BDT 8,526.61. He said his daughter and him designed that new website and



uploaded all the materials available with them. President thanked Rtn. PP Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF his daughter R-Let. Sushmita Bhowmik (Tuly) with sincere regards for their excellent voluntary work. President also assured that he will check the contents of the website later and give his suggestions if any for amendment of the information it contains.

9) STATISTICS:

Sergeant at Arms Rtn. S M Rahmatul Mujeeb, PHF gave the statistics of the meeting as under:

Member on Roll	38
Excused attendance	12
Member present	07
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 30th 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)



Regular Fortnightly Meeting no.1598

Date: 09-11-2024

Pictures:





36th Installation Ceremony

Date: 16-11-2024

Pictures:









Project:

Name of the project: Pushti Box

Date of implementation: 23/11/2024

Pictures:





Project:

Name of the project: Financial support to Dr. Sharmin Chowdhury to fight cancer

Date of implementation: 16/11/2024

Pictures:

