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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1599 th MEETING:	
1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:	
1599 th regular fortnightly meeting (RFM) of Rotary Club of Motijheel held on Saturday 30 th 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. PP Manoranjan Bhakta, FCA, MPHF, B recited the Rotary Invocation while all the Rotarians stood up and pronounced the same in chorus.	
3. CONFIRMATION OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:	
President Rtn. S M Moinul Islam, PHF, B read out the minutes of RFM no.1597 and 1598 both in front of the members present. After discussion President Rtn. S M Moinul Islam, PHF, B and Rtn. PP Syed Forhad Abbas Hussain, MPHF proposed to accept the minutes respectively and Rtn. PP Manoranjan Bhakta, FCA, MPHF, B and Rtn. PP Imran Ahmed Chowdhury, PHF respectively 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 28-11-2024 to 14-12-2024 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 briefly discussed about the contents of e-mail dated 07/11/2024 from Rotary's Learning and Development Team and requested the young Rotarians to take the Rotary Foundation Basics course to know how The Rotary Foundation uses donations, different types of grants, programs, and opportunities to contribute to that make a difference in our community and in the world.</p> <p>(2) President very briefly stated about the e-mail dated 08/11/2024 from RISAO and said RI's South Asian Office also now monitors activities of Rotary Clubs in Bangladesh.</p> <p>(3) Highlighting that RI President Stephanie A. Urchick and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Mark Daniel Maloney stated in the e-mail dated 13/11/2024, President stated the importance of gifts to Rotary Endowment fund in addition to giving to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus Fund. He stated that these contributions protect the long-term sustainability of Rotary's programs, building a lasting legacy. Rotarians leadership is essential to helping Rotary achieve the goal of having US\$2.025 billion in Endowment by 2025.</p> <p>(4) President enlightened members present on the e-mail dated 19/11/2024 from Rotary Support Centre on helping club and district leaders achieve success and how to celebrate Rotary Foundation Month.</p> <p>(5) President shortly discussed the e-mail dated 20/11/2024 from RI South Asia Office on Action Plan.</p> <p>(6) President talked about RIPSAs Monthly Newsletter (RMN) October 2024 Issue received vide e-mail dated 24/11/2024 from Co-Coordinator of D64 Rtn. Mohammad Zihadul Islam as 2 projects executed by RCM have been published in this issue. President thanked all members for their kind contribution in executing these projects.</p> <p>(7) President requested all members to diary the dates of 3 most important programs for the incoming leaders of the clubs notified by e-mail dated 26/11/2024 received from Rtn PP Masud Parvez, Co-Coordinator (Admin), Zone-3, D64.</p> <p>22nd February 2025 – Annual Rotary Conference & Half Yearly RIPSAs Award at Chattogram.</p>	

26th April 2025 – The Incoming Leaders Training Seminar (ILTS) at Comilla.

6th June 2025 – “Magic of Rotary” and Thanks Giving Dinner & Annual Award at Dhaka

- (8) President informed all members that digital version of Rotary Magazine December 2024 issue was received vide e-mail dated 28/11/2024 from Rotary Magazine Editorial Team which President circulated to all members of RCM on the same date by e-mail.

7. CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- (a) President reminded about election of directors and officers and annual meeting under section 1 of article 3 and section 1 of article 5 respectively of RCM Bylaws. President urges the members present to discuss on this and to take decision how we nominate/elect President, Club Secretary and Treasurer for Rotary Year 2025-26. Rtn. Satya Ranjan Saha, CM Rtn Imran Ahmed Chowdhury, Rtn Syed Forhad Abbas Hussain and CM Rtn Masih Malik Chowdhury participated in the discussion. CM Rtn Masih Malik Chowdhury informed the members that he invited Rtn Md Hasanuzzaman to his office on last Thursday morning for tea. Eventually President and Vice President Rtn Satya Ranjan Saha came to his office also to discuss about next Board of Directors. He stated that after a very cordial meeting with Rtn Md Hasanuzzaman, he agreed to attend RFM no.1599 and participate in the discussion of nomination of the next Board of Directors. But unfortunately, he just now received a WhatsApp message from Rtn Md Hasanuzzaman that his mother suddenly fell ill, and he took his mother to a doctor urgently for treatment. Due to this unavoidable circumstance he is unable to attend the meeting for which he regretted. CM Rtn Masih Malik Chowdhury therefore proposed holding this discussion in RFM no.1601 to be held on 21st December 2024. Post discussion the meeting unanimously resolved to select Rtn Hasanuzzaman as President Elect for Rotary Year 2024-25. Members present expressed pleasure in this decision and wished to welcome the President Elect in a meeting later.

- (b) President stated that 19 members out of 38 members did not pay any dues till date. Payment of 2nd semi-annual RI dues will be due for payment in January 2025 for those who will remain in the club roaster with RI. Members present resolved that President should pay 2nd semi-annual RI dues of all members of RCM when it will fall due for payment irrespective of members cleared the annual dues or not. President to personally talk with the members who didn't pay 1-to-1 basis and pursue through their respective introducers.

- (c) **Project no.18:** President placed before the meeting that on 26/11/2024, Ms. Tania Sultana, Social Welfare Officer of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital approached Respected Treasurer Rtn. PP Manoranjan Bhakta, FCA, MPHF, B to provide financial assistance of BDT 15,000 to Mr. Biren Chandra Pal of Village-Balia Ghata, PO-Chouhadditola, Godagari, Rajshahi for cataract operation at Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital. This person is very poor and needs this operation. President said we can take this project to help this poor man. President informed the meeting that on 25/09/2024 (accepted in RFM no.1597 held on 26/10/2024) we took project no.10 to provide education scholarship to Miss Sanjida Akther Mou for studying Ophthalmic Assistant Certificate Course at Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital. Project cost was BDT 36,000 and we have got commitment for full amount and already collected BDT 30,000. Sadly Ms. Tania Sultana, Social Welfare Officer of Ispahani Islamia Eye Institute and Hospital, recently informed Respected Treasurer Rtn. PP Manoranjan Bhakta, FCA, MPHF, B Miss Sanjida Akther Mou didn't pass the final viva admission test and therefore unable to get admission in this course. Therefore, we can use BDT 15,000 from the collected amount of BDT 30,000 for project no.10 for project no.18 and keep the balance amount BDT 12,200 for utilizing in future projects and complete the collection of the



balance committed amount of BDT 6,000 from the members committed. President sought agreement of the members present on the following. (i) cancellation of project no.10. (ii) collection of the balance commitment of BDT 6,000 in respect of project no.10 from the members committed although project is cancelled. (iii) post approval of taking project no.18. (iv) utilization of BDT 15,000 from the commitments collected. Rtn. PP Imran Ahmed Chowdhury, PHF proposed members to accept these proposals by President and Rtn. PP Syed Forhad Abbas Hussain, MPHf second the proposal.

(d) President informed that reminder received by WhatsApp message for payment of D64 annual dues. President also stated that payment of D64 annual dues of BDT 1,000 per capita has been set as one of the criteria for getting Half-yearly RIPSAs. Members present reflected on President's submission and said according to decision of RI there is no district in Bangladesh and therefore there shouldn't be any activities of district and all costs and expenses of RIPSAs should be borne by RI. Members inquired if any budget was proposed by D64, and any approval was given? Whether any invoice was issued by D64 to RCM. President said no budget was placed or approved and no invoice was issued for payment. Only WhatsApp messages with bank details were issued for payment of D64 annual dues. Members resolved that President should write to RIPSAs asking these questions and upon getting his response RCM will pay D64 annual dues only against invoice.

(e) President informed the members that Half-Yearly RIPSAs Award will be given on 22nd February 2025 on 10 different categories based on the performance of the clubs as on 7th January 2025. President said RCM did very well during last 5 months period except a few categories. One of them is publicity in social, electronic and print media, in other words in contributing to public image creation of RI. Members present commented that it is not necessary to get an award in each category. Rtn. PP Sujit Kumar Bhowmik, PHF said RCM project no.16 is a very good project which is going to be executed today MCHTI. He said if a press release is prepared, he can then arrange it to publish it in print and electronic media.

(f) President placed before the meeting that still persuasion has been going on for contributing in D64 Disaster Management Initiative by RIPSAs. Members asked if any account was published on the contribution collected till now. President told the members that list of the collected amount with the name of the contributing clubs have been posted in the WhatsApp Group. Several meetings were held to decide the scope of rehabilitation works, areas to cover and type of projects to be executed. Most of the Presidents and Immediate Past Presidents of the clubs under D64 attended these meetings. All the projects were finalized based on the consensus of the Presidents attended these meetings. President said he was also invited to join the team constituted for execution of these projects. Photos of the execution of each of these projects were posted in the WhatsApp Group. President informed that a few members recommended President to make some contribution of his own. President said he didn't do this because we all together joined Rotary to do projects as a group not as an individual. President urged members to decided to make some contribution to D64 disaster management initiative as contribution will be collected till 31st December 2024. Members have resolved that no contribution will be made even if this becomes one of the criteria for getting Half-Yearly RIPSAs Award.

8) Miscellaneous:

(a) Annual Picnic 2025: Event Chair and Rtn. PP Manoranjan Bhakta, FCA, MPHf, B with the assistance of Rtn PP Abdus Shakur Chowdhury, MPHf, MC, B, MD placed a proposal to organize the picnic on 3rd January 2025 at The Slow Deck located at Gaodia Road,

Louhojang, Munshiganj. A written proposal received from the Slow Deck was placed in the meeting. After detailed discussion 3rd January 2025 was finalized for picnic and the Slow Deck as venue. A budget of BDT 2,50,000 was agreed upon for the picnic with BDT 3,500 as subscription fee per person above 5 years of age. BDT 1,000 to be paid per driver. Rtn PP Abdus Shakur Chowdhury, MPH, MC, B, MD was requested to make the booking as soon as possible. He immediately made the booking. President will give notice in the WhatsApp Group soon inviting the members to register their names with family members and driver as early as possible so that the picnic can be organized smoothly.

(b) Winter clothes distribution (Project no.19): Rtn. PP Manoranjan Bhakta, FCA, MPH, B placed in the meeting that KSS Export Buying in Facebook made an offer to sell hoodies at only BDT 100 per piece. He proposed this year instead of blankets we can consider distributing hoodies. After detailed discussion members resolved that this year, we will do this project as early as possible in December 2024. A budget of BDT 1,50,000 has been proposed and agreed for this project. It was agreed that these hoodies will be distributed at Sorerhat Orphanage, Bagha, Rajshahi and Gangchil Disabled School, Manikgonj. If other members wish they can also nominate other orphanages for winter clothes distribution.

(c) 1900th Regular Fortnightly Meeting: Members present decided to organize 1600th RFM in befitting manner. President proposed to invite Oral Cancer Specialist Dr S M Anwar Sadat for speaking on Oral Cancer Care and Research for helping Rotarians to work in future with the private universities to organize a campaign for creating awareness about oral cancer. It has been decided that the 1600th RFM will be held at 6.30pm on 13th December 2024 to make it convenient for the guest speaker to attend as he is busy on the other days of the week. Rtn PP Syed Forhad Abbas Hussain, MPH and Rtn PP Satya Ranjan Saha, MPH proposed to host dinner after the meeting.

9) STATISTICS:

In absence of Sergeant at Arms, Vice President 2 Rtn. Mohammed Abdul Khaleque, PHF gave the statistics of the meeting as under:

Member on Roll	38
Excused attendance	12
Member present	09
Rotarian Guest	00
Rotaractor	00
Guest	00

10) SECRETARY'S BUSINESS:

In absence of Club Secretary, Vice President 2, Rtn. Mohammed Abdul Khaleque, PHF informed next RFM is 1600th meeting of RCM. Since it is a milestone meeting, it will be celebrated in befitting manner on Friday 13th December 2024 at 6.30pm at Club 89 Ltd, House-11, Road-33, Gulshan-1, Dhaka. A guest speaker will be invited to speak on a topic and dinner will be jointly hosted by Rtn. PP Syed Forhad Abbas Hussain, MPH and Rtn. PP Satya Ranjan Saha, MPH. He 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.1599

Date: 30-11-2024

Pictures:



Project:

Name of the project: Financial assistance for cataract operation of Mr. Biren Chandra Pal

Date of implementation: 28/11/2024

Pictures:



Project:

Name of the project: Donating medical instruments and equipment to Maternal and Child Health Training Institute (MCHTI), Azimpur, Dhaka

Date of implementation: 30/11/2024

Pictures:

