



Date: 11-01-2025

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1601st MEETING:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

1601st regular fortnightly meeting (RFM) of Rotary Club of Motijheel held on Saturday 21st December 2024 at 8.30am at Hotel InterContinental, 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. Rtn Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF 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.1601 in front of the members present. After discussion Rtn. PP Md Anisul Haque, MPHf proposed to accept the minutes and Rtn. PP Satya Ranjan Saha, MPHf, second the proposal and the minutes was accepted and approved by the members present.

4. **FELICITATION:**

Rtn. PP Satya Ranjan Saha, MPHf announced the name of Rotarians, R-Ann and R-Lets whose birthday and wedding anniversary will fall during the period between 23-12-2024 to 05-01-2025 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 briefed the member present about RI e-mail dated 11/12/2024 on ideas for strengthening membership. He said the e-mail talked about the goal to grow Rotary by increasing membership to 1.25 million Rotarians and 125,000 Rotaractors by 2030. This growth goal aims to celebrate a remarkable milestone, Rotary's 125th anniversary, marking a century and a quarter of service, leadership, and friendship around the world. RI stated that together, we strive to create a vibrant and diverse organization that embodies Rotary's core values and mission. Developing new clubs is one important strategy for membership growth.
- (2) President discussed about the e-mail dated 12/12/2024 received from Brian King, Director of Membership Development of RI conveying launching of an improved system for managing membership leads early in the new calendar year. RI is excited about this process that will make it easier and faster for clubs to connect with prospective members.
- (3) President said on 13/12/2024 he received an e-mail from Ganesh Venkatakrishnan, Head - Financial Services of RI South Asia Office providing the link to access SAO newsletter "RESOURCE" for the month of December 2024 which members can access to know more about recent projects in the region.
- (4) President apprised that vide e-mail dated 13/12/2024 from Council Services of RI a report has been provided on the conclusion of the 2024 Council on Resolutions (COR) with the Report of Action. In this report, the following will be found:
 - A letter from Council Services.
 - Resolutions that were adopted.
 - Vote tallies for the adopted items.
- (5) President conveyed to the members present that on 17/12/2024 he received an e-mail from The Rotary Foundation encouraging to extend support to The Rotary Foundation. It said donors help members implement projects that strengthen communities across the globe. They hope that donors will consider making additional gifts to continue to fund these sustainable and life-changing projects. When donors give the gift of Rotary, they can make a big impact. Gifts can protect children from diseases like polio, supply



filters that clean people's drinking water, help families replace livestock after disasters, or supply medical equipment that gives newborns a healthy start.

- (6) President informed the members that on 18/12/2024 he received an e-mail from Caroline Kwak, Regional Grants Officer of Rotary Grants confirming the closure of Rotary Global Grant GG2126391 initiated by Rotary Club of Motijheel.

7. CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- (1) **Annual Picnic 2024-25:** In absence of Event Chair, President apprised the members present that a few members of the organizing committee along with President on 7th December 2024 physically inspected the venue The Slow Deck and reported to Event Chair that the total area of this venue is very small. In such small premises it will be difficult to make seating arrangements for 50+ Rotarians along with their family members and children with guests to have a fun time. They have no playground inside the premises, but they proposed that the adjacent school playground can be used to organize the games, sports and any other outdoor activities. They have amenities in the recreation room for indoor games but those are not suitable for the children but for the adults. There is no nearby place for sightseeing for the attendees except boating on the mighty river Padma which will be very costly as the committee came to know after inquiry. So, the committee perceived that the attendees would become bored within an hour of arrival. This venue is suitable for a small family gathering or outing but not for groups like RCM members with family to have a picnic. Under the circumstances Rtn. Satya Ranjan Saha, MPHF obtained offers from Brac CDM and Dera Resort & Spa. After detailed discussion members resolved that on 4th January 2025 Rotary Club of Motijheel will organize the annual picnic 2024-25 at Dera Resort & Spa, Manikgonj. The subscription fee for adults (above 10 years of age) will be BDT 3,000 per person, 50% of BDT 3,000/- will be per head subscription for age between 5-10 years, below age of 5 years there is no subscription and per driver subscription will be BDT 1,000/- +. A budget of BDT 3,12,300 was presented for consideration and approval. However, the organizing committee has been provided with a budget of BDT 2,50,000 and advised to keep the cost as minimum as possible.

- (2) **Project no.20:** No discussion was held because Rtn. Md. Enamul Hoque, PHF was not present to report after his visit to Brac Limb and Brace Fitting Center to know if artificial legs can be provided to Mr. Rubel Hossain and how much it will cost to RCM.

- (3) **RIPSA Team's Official Club Visit:** President informed the members present that on 14/12/2024 he received an e-mail from Deputy Coordinator of D64, Rtn PP M Mahmudul Hasam, MPHF that RIPSA's Team comprising Co-coordinator/Deputy Coordinator along with other RIPSA TEAM members will be making an official visit to RCM as part of RIPSA's efforts to support and enhance club performance. They would like to (1) Meet Members. (2) Examine Documents. (3) Discuss about various forthcoming D64 programs, present situation of Rotary in Bangladesh, RI projects and specific topics on RI for a productive and impactful visit. President emphasized the need of preparation in next RFM and presence of all members, Board Directors and Committee Chairs during RIPSA Team's official visit.

8) Miscellaneous:

- (1) President apprised the members present about the Town Hall meeting conducted by RIPSA's Country Coordinator on 18/12/2024 in which he represented Rotary Club of Motijheel. President briefed the members about the discussions held in that meeting.

9) STATISTICS:

Sergeant at Arms Rtn. S M R Mujeeb (Mukshud), PHF gave the statistics of the meeting as under:



Member on Roll	39
Excused attendance	12
Member present	08
Rotarian Guest	00
Rotaractor	00
Guest	00

10) SECRETARY'S BUSINESS:

Club Secretary, Rtn. Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF announced that the next RFM will be held on Saturday at 8.30am on 11th January 2025 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.

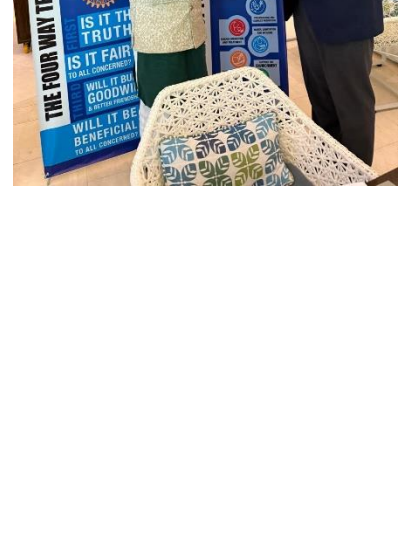
Rtn. Ayesha Siddiqua, ACA, PHF
Club Secretary (2024-2025)

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

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Date: 21-12-2024

Pictures:



Project:

Name of the project: Pushti Box

Date of implementation: 21/12/2024

Pictures:

