

L to R: President Jim Clapham, Tammy Allen, Tim Goodman.

Allen Speaks to Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro held its weekly meeting, Tuesday night, July 24, 2018 at Catered Creations at 7:00. With President Jim Clapham presiding, we had 21 members in attendance and no guests.

The program for the evening was hosted by Tim Goodman, who introduced Kiwanian Tammy Allen, director of Emanuel County Family Connections. Tammy gave us an update on the Summer Literacy Mini-Grant Connections had been awarded for the summer. The mini-grant was awarded by the Sandra Danagan Deal Center for early language and literacy. The grant focused on giving access to book to children in the local community. In the State of Georgia, 63.6 % of children are not reading proficiently by 3rd grade level. In Emanuel County in 2017, the figure was 71.6 %. This grant was funded to get books into the hands of young children in Emanuel County. Because you want children to have fun while learning, the books were not given to them rather they had to "find" them. They took part in a scavenger hunt with the assistance of 8 local business partners. They were given clues on Facebook and in the newspaper to find a partner and go to that business for a book. The books had a theme associated with the business. Another part of the program brought the children together for three Book Bash Parties throughout the month of July using a book for the theme. The children dressed up for the party and were given lunch with the assistance of the school nutrition program. The books chosen for the parties were Pete the Cat, Fly Guy, and Magic Tree House. The Kiwanis Club cooked hot dogs for the Fly Guy party. The grant was funded to distribute books to children 8 & under, but Mill Creek Foundation gave another grant to fund books for older children.

President Jim announced that 4 Kiwanians are headed for the Georgia District Convention on August 17-19 at Jekyll Island.

If you would like to become a member of our Club, please contact our membership Chair Jane Durden at 478-494-4113 or e-mail her at hsdurden@bellsouth.net. If you would like more information about our Club and the many community service projects that we do each year, go to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Club Website: www.swainsborokiwanis.org or go to our Swainsboro Kiwanis Facebook page.

