

Rotary Club of Decatur #180
Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2005

Board Members Present: Dave Brandon, Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Steve Furrow, Kim Lockart, Harold Murphy, Miley Palmer, Pen Shade, Heather Stoa, Bill Welch, Glenda Williamson

President Dave Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The October minutes were approved (Palmer/Stoa).

Correspondence: Rotary park bench ordering information from a vendor was distributed.
A note was received from Johns Hill Magnet School thanking the club for the donation for books for their library.
A note was received from Grace House thanking the club for the Penny Fund donation.
Dave has received the IL Charitable Organization Tax Form 990. He will forward to Jon French.

Financial Report: Harold Murphy presented the October report. Income was \$13,415. Expenses were \$4,183. Cash on hand is \$53,995. The financial report was approved (P. Finn/J. Finn).

Membership: No resignations were received. Tina Noland was approved for membership via an e-mail sent out to board members by Dave. Terri Kuhle from St. Mary's Hospital will be approached by Pen Shade. Gary Peek from St. Mary's - Dave will follow up with Norma Maddio and Kelly Irwin who were to contact him. Denise Daniels-Johnston from WAND-TV will be contacted by the Finns. Jamie Comstock, new VP of Millikin Academic Affairs, will be contacted by Dave Brandon. Chris Olsen from Tate and Lyle will be contacted by Dave Brandon. Bob Abbott from Mueller - Kim Lockart will meet with him and ask him to designate someone.

New Business: A check for \$1,215 that our club had sent to Chris Scherer, last year's District president, to be used for Rotary International Convention busing of attendees to the Convention from points around Chicago, was returned to our club by Chris. Chris said this particular committee was not giving any of our district clubs recognition for the contributions so he was returning the checks to the respective clubs. This money will be returned to our club's cash balance. A motion was made and passed to add this to other funds marked for 2006 grants (Palmer/Williamson).

Only 6 grant applications have been received to date. The board suggested extending the deadline from December 1 to December 31 to receive additional grant applications. A question was raised concerning does a grant have to be designated for a special project for the receiving organization. The board indicated regular operations could be funded with grant monies. Dave Brandon will follow-up with Paul Stanzione, grants chairman.

Bill Owen has requested through Dave to have Rotaract collect toys for tornado victims in Indiana. Kim Lockart's uncle has agreed to provide a semi-trailer for loading and delivery anywhere in Indiana. Club members would be asked to donate unwrapped toys in gift bags. The board like the idea and wanted a Rotary Club in Evansville, IN to work with our club in the receipt and distribution of the toys to appropriate children. Dave Brandon will make contact.

The January Penny Fund collection will go to the Warm Neighbors program administered through Ameren IP (Furrow/Murphy). The December Penny Fund will go to the wait staff at the Decatur Club as previously decided.

Old Business: The bell ringing project for the Salvation Army has 4 slots still open - Wayne Allen is coordinating. The Turkey Tourney is looking for 6 club members to volunteer as ushers - Dave Coopridger is coordinating this.

Heather is meeting with Tom Brinkoetter to get educated as to how to update the club member part of the website. Dave asked Heather to ask Tom what the best option would be in terms of updating our club management software. The Club Mate currently being utilized by Bob Lloyd has no financial component in terms of check writing for bill payment, etc. Dave will contact the Champaign West Rotary Club to see what software they use.

Miley mentioned that the nominating committee should meet to nominate a treasurer and 5 board members. The immediate past-president chairs this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. (Welch/J. Finn).

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 15 at Noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectively Submitted,
Steve Furrow
Secretary