

**Decatur Rotary Club #180
Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2005**

Board Members Present: Dave Brandon, Paula Finn, Jim Finn, Steve Furrow, Kevin Kehoe, Diana Knaebe, Kim Lockart, Harold Murphy, Miley Palmer, Paul Stanzione, Heather Stoa, Glenda Williamson

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

Approval of Minutes: The November minutes were approved (Palmer/Stanzione).

Correspondence: IL Tax Form 990 was given to Jon French by Dave Brandon.

A note was received from Chelsea Ostrander from Eisenhower H.S. thanking the club for honoring her as a student/athlete.

A note was received from Randy Prince from the Chamber of Commerce thanking the club for providing ushers for the Annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon.

A letter was received with information about an opportunity to purchase Rotary Centennial license plates.

Financial Report: Harold Murphy presented the November report. Income was \$6,967. Expenses were \$4,756. Cash on hand is \$65,172. A \$15,000 check will be presented to a Decatur Park District representative at the regular meeting on December 19 as the last payment in the pledge the club made for Rotary Park.

The financial report was approved (Murphy/J. Finn).

Membership: Robert “Bert” Gray (Decatur Area Arts Council) was proposed as a new member by Jim Finn. His membership was approved (Brandon/Williamson).

Dave will follow-up with Richard Nolte regarding his continuation of membership.

The board approved dropping Doris Keller from the membership rolls (Stoa/Palmer).

Other follow-ups:

Todd Nelson (H & R Publisher)—Glenda Williamson.

Dave Slade (Decatur City deputy police chief)—Dave Brandon.

Terri Kuhle (St Mary’s Hospital) declined to commit.

Jamie Comstock (VP of Academic Affairs at Millikin) can’t commit to weekly meeting at this time.

Jerry Dawson (Macon Co. Sheriff)—Dave Brandon.

David Taylor (First Congregational Church pastor)—Miley Palmer.

Chris Olsen (Tate and Lyle)—Dave Brandon.

Bob Abbott (Mueller) declined to commit.

Denise Daniels-Johnston (WAND-TV) is visiting the club meeting on December 19.

Ruth Swift (Fair Havens Nursing Home)—Kim Lockart has contacted about visiting a meeting in January.

Gary Peek (St Mary’s)—Dave Brandon to contact Norma Maddio re follow-up with him.

New Business: A second check for \$1,700 for money our club had assessed from members and forwarded for RI Convention busing of attendees in Chicago was returned to the club from the District. The board approved spending it for Incoming President Heather Stoa to attend the RI Convention in June 2006 in Copenhagen, Denmark (Brandon/Palmer).

The board took no action on the Rotary Centennial license plate solicitation.

Grants: Paul Stanzione, chair, indicated committee members to choose grant recipients for 2006 include Vi Eggers, Jim Sober, Mike Wakeland, and Susan Keane. The deadline for receiving grant applications is December 31. 18 applications have been received to date. These grants are aimed at organizations. Individuals who apply for travel assistance will be told by Paul to go through the Rotary Scholars program (web site address link available from the District web site which can be linked from the club web site). Board action on grants will be taken at January board meeting.

Old Business: The toy collection project for Indiana tornado victims was not launched as the Rotaract students had final exams and semester end projects that didn't allow enough time to pursue. Future action was tabled until the January board meeting—Dave will follow-up with the Rotaract Club.

New computer software—Dave surveyed several area clubs and QuickBooks is the favorite. A replacement for ClubMate is being investigated. A question was raised about the billing of members but it was pointed out that an Excel spreadsheet could cover this. Dave has indicated he will assume business manager responsibilities from Bob Lloyd at the end of his presidential term. Bob is interested in passing the torch.

Rotarian of the Quarter-Dave will follow-up with Kit Paulin to continue this award.

Family Committee—Debbie Schneiderjan has agreed to assume chair of this committee. Get well cards will be sent to Bill Blake and Bill Shade.

Miley Palmer presented a situation concerning a local family with Christmas and long-term needs. The board decided to have Miley present to the club on December 19 and take up a free-will collection.

The following agreed to serve as board members for the Class of 2009 (a 3-year term beginning July 2006): Lora Dills, David Goebel, Glen Dalluge, and Melinda Hawbaker. Lucy Murphy agreed to be club treasurer for 2006-07.

One additional board member is needed to fill out this class. Several were suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. (Lockart/Murphy).

The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 19 at Noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Furrow
Secretary