

**Rotary Club of Decatur
#180
Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2011**

Board Members Present: Paul Stanzione, Diana Knaebe, Jack O’Riley, David Goebel, Tim Nolan, Steve Hill, Julie Moore, Stacey Young, Nicole Bateman, Terry Lovekamp, Tami Crouch, and Susan Keane.

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 by President Paul Stanzione.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved following a motion (Goebel/Hill.) **Motion carried.**

Financial Report: Motion to approve the financial report (Knaebe/Goebel.) **Motion Carried.**

Committee Reports:

Grants: Jack O’Riley asked for confirmation that \$11,000 is the amount we want to distribute, and if it acceptable that the committee is allowed to spread over more than 11 applicants. This year there are 36 applicants for youth grants, which is a 40% increase over last year. Per board discussion, the \$11,000 is the budgeted amount for grants, and the committee is empowered to spread out the funds as it sees fit. No board action is needed.

Public Relations: Noted that when grants are awarded, news releases should be sent to area media. Additionally, the committee would like additional information about the Junior Rotary Program.

Family: In October, two “Thinking of You” notes were sent to Rotarians, along with thank you notes to our speakers. Tami will send letters to Rotarians who are missing meetings. Diana reports the committee has offered to do home visits for the homebound Rotarians.

Foundation: Tabled due to Howard Edwards’ absence at the board meeting.

Membership: We should look at the DLI Graduation list for potential new members. We also have plenty of brochures in the box, and should have them available at the check-in table. We have a white card on the table for Wes Shade. Motion to accept, and send on to the membership (Nolan/Hill.) **Motion carried.**

Programs: Two programs still open in January and two in February. We will have a Club Assembly on Monday.

Old Business: Remember to note changes in the meeting schedule during the holidays and a reminder that we are having a Club Social on December 29th.

By-Laws discussion regarding Senior Active Status. Consensus was to leave bylaws as they are now. Discussion regarding Leave of Absence policy. Diana Knaebe volunteered to review the by-laws for proper amending or changing for the intent of review in the leave of absence issue. The issue can be voted on as an action item at the January Board meeting, and taken to membership for a vote in February.

Do-Good Dollars for January: After the Grant Committee finishes its work; they will refer those not funded as potential receivers for Do Good Dollars.

Adjournment: 12:58 (Nolan/Goebel). **Motion Carried.**

The next board meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Moore, Secretary