

**Rotary Club of Decatur
Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2005**

Members Present: Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Steve Furrow, Martin Getty, Kevin Kehoe, Kim Lockart, Harold Murphy, Kit Paulin, Pen Shade, Paul Stanzione, Heather Stoa

Other Rotarians Present: Bill Clevenger, Bob Lloyd, Wegi Stewart

Visitors: Erv Arends and Don Sheffer with the Dreamland Lake Project

Secretary Heather Stoa, filling in for President Stu Ellis, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The February minutes were approved. (P. Finn, J. Finn)

Dreamland Lake Project: Erv Arends, Don Sheffer, Bill Clevenger, and Wegi Stewart gave an explanation of the pavilion they are asking Rotary #180 to finance. It will be 30' x 44' shelter made of laminated beams with asphalt shingles. The Decatur Park District would erect it. They are asking for \$15,000 from our club (\$5,000 each year for 3 years). The Metro club would chip in \$2,500. The Forsyth club has elected not to participate. The project would start July 1, 2006. A motion was passed to approve a \$15,000 donation not to exceed 3 years to pay with the stipulation that we would get naming rights with recognition within the pavilion (Stewart/J. Finn).

Financial Report: Harold Murphy presented the report. Income for February was \$5,415 and expenses were \$3,208. The February Penny Fund of \$196.19 was given for tsunami relief (forwarded to Aurora, IL club). The \$60 speakers' honorarium went to Franklin School. Cash on hand is \$37,153, \$10,482 is in money market, and \$11,351 is in member's current accounts.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Membership: Bud Wilcox, new manager of the Civic Center, was approved for membership (Getty, J. Finn). Resignations were regretfully accepted from Steve Reid, Reuben Chambers, and Dennis Honnold. Possible new members include, Kirk Brintlinger, Kevin Koslofski (visited with Kim Lockart on March 21), and Jan Matthew (scheduled to visit with Heather Stoa on March 28). A discussion of attendance was held. Heather Stoa recommended allowing Fred Birch, who has health problems, to attend when he can. A motion was passed to allow make-up credit for attending the Partners in Education luncheon/meeting (J. Finn/Getty).

Grants: This committee is comprised of Paul Stanzione, chair, Jimmy Sober, and Vi Eggers. 21 applications were received. They elected to fund the 21 organizations each at the \$500 level for a total of \$10,500. YLI will be handled separately (see below). The organizations receiving funding include:

Growing Strong	Bullying curriculum
The Achievers	IL Teen Institute leadership program
LSA Drama	Problem-solving through drams
Starr Therapeutic	Horse riding for special needs children
Camp One Way	Camp for children—upgrade to dock and boats
Sister Cities/YMCA	Hosting 21 youth for Oct international exchange
CASA	Children's court advocate training
Mexican Orphanage	Renovation project
Project Success	School supplies for homeless children
Blind Mission Project	Eye care to underprivileged
Easter Seals	EARTH—horticultural program for disabled youth
Decatur Public Library	Update books for children, esp bookmobile or int'l
Parenting Awareness in Special Ed	Child care for autism support group
Youth Advocate	Summer lawn care youth job skills to srs and disabled
YWCA	Multi-cultural library
J.A. Success Skills	Trg for those significantly behind at risk of dropping out
Decatur Arts Council	Int'l supplies for supplementing local school progs
YMCA Leaders Club	Supplies and curriculum for team building and comm. svc
Shemamo Girl Scouts	High tech camp partnership with Richland CC
Sheriff in Education	Help at risk youth in educ with incentives to attend/achieve
LSA Choral/Music	Music and travel to music events

Motion to fund the above organizations passed (Stanzione/P. Finn).

YLI: There was a lot of discussion about the funding of YLI. Although there are a lot of area programs for youth, this is one of the few aimed at top youth. A motion was passed to fund this program in the amount of \$3,000 for school year 2005-06 (Getty/J. Finn).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 21 at noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Furrow, Treasurer (filling in for Heather Stoa, Secretary)