

Rotary Club Of Decatur #180  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2004

Members Present: Tom Brinkoetter, Stu Ellis, Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Steve Furrow, Martin Getty, Bill Kienzle, Harold Murphy, Miley Palmer, Penn Shade, Heather Stoa

Special Guests: District Governor Chris Scherer, Assistant District Governor Wayne Honeycutt

President Stu Ellis called the meeting to order at 1:15.

District Governor Chris Scherer opened a dialogue about our concerns and questions.

Attendance: Chris suggested that we adopt a liberal policy of make-ups and noted that in today's world, perfect attendance is unrealistic.

Membership: Younger members need to be recruited and actively involved in order to keep them. It is no longer necessary to go only after the top managers or owners. There are others in the business community who would make good Rotarians. Chris challenged us to give a \$50 scholarship to new members to attend the RI Convention in Chicago.

Increased Giving to RI Foundation: We have set a good goal for our club, and our monthly reports from those who support the Foundation will help set an example for others. The emphasis is on increased giving to the Foundation versus Polio Plus. There are only six countries where polio remains, and the hope is to have it eradicated by the 2005 Convention.

District Communication: Tom will link the District Website with ours. The District newsletter is available on-line and is mailed to officers. Chris is excited about the two-year commitment between our district and a district in Poland and possibly one in China.

Rotary International Staff Attitudes: Communication with RI has been less than pleasant in the past. We paid \$600 to Clubmate for services that we were never able to use. We developed our own Website, but have been unable to receive a refund of our money. Chris will look into this matter, but is not hopeful. He is our link to RI with any grievances that we may have. Rotaract Clubs: Both MU and RCC are interested in establishing Rotaract Clubs on campus. Both schools have service requirements. The downside is that they have a two-four year turnover. Chris urged us to keep up the good work and let him know if he can do anything to help us out during the year.

Miley Palmer moved and Jim Finn seconded a motion to renew our URL for three years. Tom Brinkoetter will do this and submit the bill for reimbursement. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, July 15th at noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Stoa, Secretary

