

**Rotary Club Of Decatur #180**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 16, 2004**

**Members Present:** Tom Brinkoetter, Stu Ellis, Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Steve Furrow, Martin Getty, Kim Lockart, Bob Lloyd, Harold Murphy, Miley Palmer, Heather Stoa

**President Stu Ellis called the meeting to order at 12:08.**

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved. (Palmer/P. Finn)

**Financial Report:** Harold Murphy presented the report. Income for August was \$7,720.18 and expenses were \$6277.11 The August Penny Fund of \$271.77 went to the Boy Scouts and the \$60 speakers' honorarium went to Brush College Grade School. The report was approved. (J. Finn/Getty)

Thank you notes from Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a RYLA student and Partners in Education were read or passed around.

Cookies and drinks will be purchased for students in the school choirs who will perform for us during the December programs. (Palmer/J. Finn)

The planting at Rotary Park is finished, but a bill from the Park District for plants and materials has not yet been received.

**Membership:** Approval for membership was given for Lora Dills, Director of Sales and Production with Macon Resources (Finn/Finn). The resignation of Jerry Furby was reluctantly accepted. Jim and Paula will invite Jerry's successor to join us. Stu will invite Anthony Walker, the president of the African-American Chamber of Commerce, to a meeting. Stu will follow-up with Rich Smith to schedule a date for Mike McElroy to join. Pen will be asked to follow-up with the St. Mary's CFO.

Heather has purchased new member stickers to attach to the name badges.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Programs:** Jim reported that Rep. Bob Flider will be our speaker on September 20, Police Chief Mark Barthelemy will be September 27; Kathleen Taylor, Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Inn, Steve Caldwell, RCC Center for Business Training and Development and Doug Zemke, MU president, will speak in October.

Stu will talk to Cindy Laegeler about inviting current RYLA students to our meetings. (*Secretary's note: Diane Knaebe is the chair for the 2004-05 selection committee.*)

**Newsletter:** Kim reported that she has been waiting for new member information. If it is not available today, she will go ahead and e-mail the newsletter without it.

**Web site:** Tom's new e-mail address is: [tom@homesight.net](mailto:tom@homesight.net)

#### **Old Business**

**Accounting System Change to QuickBooks:** Bob Lloyd currently keeps club records on Club Mate 4, and does a great job; however, he is the only person who knows how to use it. Support from Rotary International on Club Mate is non-existent. Pros and cons for changing to QuickBooks were discussed. QuickBooks has a not for profit version that would generate 990's; invoices could be prepared; and checking could be done on the computer, eliminating the need to hand write checks, prepare back-up paperwork and balance the checkbook with paper and pencil. Accounts and reports can be easily generated. Bob is concerned about keeping attendance records and generating reports for RI. If others want to learn Club Mate, he will teach them. Heather, Steve, Bob and Harold will meet with Andy Thomas for a demonstration of QuickBooks, and to see if it is advantageous to use QuickBooks for the treasurer and Club Mate for the record keeping, if it is advisable to use the two programs separately, or if data from one can be imported to the other.

**Penny Fund:** United Way is the September Penny Fund. The October Penny Fund will be given to Florida Hurricane Relief. Tom Brinkoetter will get contact information from his former Rotary Club in Naples. The district includes Punta Gordo, which was extremely hard hit by Hurricane Charley. Steve will talk to Bill Kienzle about having the Grants Committee generate a list of recipients for November 2004 to September 2005 to present at the October board meeting. The Grants Committee will be asked to give special consideration to groups requesting grants, but not receiving funding.

## **New Business**

**Centennial Project:** Wegi Stewart and Stu met with the Decatur Metro Club president (and will talk to the Forsyth Club president) to discuss a joint centennial project for Dreamland Lake. Ideas include a Rotary water wheel or helping to restock the lake with fish. Wegi will contact Bill Clevenger about the Park District's needs.

**Chicago Convention 2005:** If our club is interested in marching in the parade or sponsoring a float for \$300, Stu has the information. We have not received cooperation from RI or the District for our weekend package for local Rotarians to see the parade and watch the opening ceremonies. RI does not want Rotarians to attend if they are not attending the entire convention— an exclusive rather than inclusive attitude.

**Presentation schedule:** The second Monday will be teacher of the month. Martin has clarified written guidelines for the acceptance speech. The third Monday will be the Foundation Minute. Steve Furrow will be making this month's presentation. The fourth Monday will be the Scholar/Athlete Awards. Tony will be asked to allow the students to say where they will attend college (alas, no more plugs for his much loved alma mater, MU) and what their future career plans are.

**Publicity:** Kim asked what we do to publicize our club meetings and activities. In the past we have had member sponsored billboards, Business Journal ads and articles, the H&R weekly list of meetings and program committee press releases. Kim will contact Randy Prince about additional free resources available to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20

**The next meeting will be Thursday, October 21st at noon at the Decatur Club.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Stoa, Secretary