

**Rotary Club of Decatur
Board Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2005**

Members Present: Paul Stanzione, Pen Shade, Kevin Kehoe, Kim Lockart, Stu Ellis, Robin Crowe, Paula Finn, Jim Finn, Steve Furrow

Other Rotarians Present: Bob Lloyd

Visitors: None

President Stu Ellis called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The March minutes were approved (Kehoe/Crowe).

Stu circulated for informational purposes various correspondences he received on car tags, Rotary lottery, centennial bell, bridge tournament, Rotary convention associated events, and Project Success.

Financial Report: Bob Lloyd indicated that as Harold Murphy was absent, limited financial data was available. It is projected that we should end up with \$23,000 at the end of this fiscal year (June 30). Next fiscal year should be similar. March and April financial data will be presented at the May board meeting. It was noted that the District Polio Plus chair has asked for our unpaid balance (27 clubs in district have not paid their pledges). As our club did not make a pledge, there is no unpaid balance.

Membership: A resignation was regretfully accepted from Tom Brinkoetter (P. Finn/J. Finn), who cited his expanding business outside of Decatur as his reason. Susan Keane requested to have a "guest" from her place of business visit Rotary meetings as she is on pregnancy bed-rest. As guests are welcome anytime, no board action was taken. Bob Hawkins is requesting hold status on his membership. No action was taken on this. A motion passed for pre-approval of membership for Richard Lee Tirey from Flora Gems (Shade/J.Finn). A motion passed for pre-approval of Parker Templeton who is an assistant administrator at St. Mary's Hospital (Shade/Stanzione). Mr. Templeton has visited the club as a guest of Pen Shade.

Grants: The Grants Committee recommended the following organizations be beneficiaries of the monthly Penny Fund according to Paul Stanzione:

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| May | Richland Social Science 280 for Orphanage in Kenya |
| June | Race For The Cure |
| July | Big Brothers, Big Sisters |
| August | Relay For Life |

A motion passed to approve these (P.Finn/Crowe).

Program Committee: Lori Kerans, Millikin women's basketball coach will be presenting at Rotary April 25 and will bring some team members with her. This team recently won the Division III National Championship.

- Stu Ellis reported that the concrete pad for the pavilion is scheduled to be completed soon according to Jim Kieffer from the Decatur Park District. Rotarians who would like to volunteer to help with skilled or unskilled labor to help build the pavilion in early May will be solicited. Stu will provide final details. A makeup will be given for volunteer work on this (Brandon/Shade). A dedication ceremony and Rotary picnic meeting will be held when the pavilion is complete. Stu will forward details to all members.

New Business: Incoming President Dave Brandon reported that for the changing of the presidents for the new year beginning in July, that possible ideas for a celebration included after work refreshments at the Decatur Club or at Millikin University. Dave would prefer a Wednesday or Thursday night. No action was taken.

Stu reported that concerning an inbound Rotary youth exchange student, a \$700 processing fee plus a \$50 monthly stipend to the student is required. We did not host a student this year due to lack of housing arrangements. A commitment will be needed by June 30 if the Club wants to proceed with this. An announcement will be made at Monday meetings to see if housing can be secured.

Stu reported that he only received 11 positive responses for the Rotary District Cards/Cubs game.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 19 at noon at The Decatur Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Furrow, Treasurer (filling in for Heather Stoa,
secretary)