

Rotary Club of Decatur  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2008

**Board Members Present:** John Cook, Glen Dalluge, Phil Zeni, Lora Dills, Delmar Sandage, Steve Furrow, Erin McKee, Paul Stanzione, Andy Thomas, Al Luchetti, Jane Shade, Sue Watts, Pen Shade, Diana Knaebe

**Call to Order** at 12:00 by President Pen Shade

**Minutes:** The September 18, minutes were approved (Stanzione/Zeni)

**Correspondence:** Lucy Murphy deposited \$6000 to our local Rotary Endowment Fund. Received requested to sponsor the Rotary Float in the Rose Parade, ask members for \$3.00 per person. Discussion around how we get this request annually but do not believe we have ever given. Pen asked Paul if we don't our Do Good Dollars for October to the Food Drive – yes, we did.

**Financial Report:** Paul and Andy were present to review the Financial Report dated September 30, 2008. As of September 30, the Club's Total Assets and Liabilities 2008 Liabilities was \$50,773; dues receivable \$6581. Income for the first three months was \$18,643 and Expenses were \$437. In Expenses the Individual Contributions needs to be moved to the Other Expenses International. Andy reported that this was an error and will be fixed on next month's statement. There were Expenses of \$18,588 including Do Good Dollars, Speaker Honorium, meal expenses and District Dues. Net Income was \$55. Report submitted for approval as prepared by MCK and presented by Paul. Explanations and questions were presented. Andy still needs to get a List of Paul Harris Fellows to Glen to verify its accuracy before it is sent on. Andy indicated that bills are going out for this quarter with an explanation of how the Paul Harris payments need to be made. He realized that the Assessment for the Polio Plus was not yet on the statements. He will see if the statements have been sent, if not, it can be added. The group decided that if they statements are already out, just to charge everyone the full amount on the next statement will be fine. The Net Income shows a \$5000 loss as the final payment to the Park District has been made. The Financial Report was approved (Sandage/Cook).

**Committee Reports:**

**Semi-Annual Report:** Was sent out in September.

**Family:** Nothing new to report. Bob Wiedrich is back home but no one is sure how he is doing.

**Foundation:** Still need to send in money. Miley Palmer has agreed to do a Rotary Foundation Minute in November during Rotary Foundation Month. Glenn indicated that there are 2 people that will be receiving Paul Harris Awards by the end of the year.

**Membership:** The list of prospective members was briefed with the following changes:

Karen Brown, too busy, take off list.

(left over from September add Cindy Deadrick)

Andy Cave- Take off list

Scott Hall – Decatur Conference Center, Sue will follow up with him

Mark Hansen, Joyner Radio and Ron Pulera, WAND-GM, Phil Zeni has asked and both have a lot with pressures on the job and current issues so we need to take them off for now.

Bart Rose, Regions Bank, Diana said he is interested in visiting however his 3<sup>rd</sup> child on way and would like to wait till things settle down.

Beth Stringer, Jane Shade asked and found out she has a conflict

Amy Tuttle, Macon Resources visited recently, Lora Dills said they are checking to see whether the 2 of them should be involved.

Eric McRae, unknown status

Jamie Gower, Decatur Park District – maybe could serve as an alternate since Bill Clevenger is unable to make many meetings. Pen will contact Bill to offer this suggestion.

Dan Lightner, Randy Prince was to follow up – still not sure status

Daylyn Wells, Diana Knaebe still to follow up

Richard Nolte, Delmar asked and he has a conflict every other week

**White Card** voted on for Deric Walker, approved, he will be presented to the full board. Jody Cox recently joined.

**Board resignation:** Michael DelSignore has been doing some consulting in China and has been offered a job there. So he has asked to be removed from the Board and as Chair of the Program Committee. Pen suggested that Julie Moore be asked to replace Michael for the remainder of his term. This was approved by the Board (Stanzione/Knaebe).

**Programs:** Concern with Michael DelSignore's resignation where things stand with the upcoming programs. It was also suggested that Julie Moore be asked to take on the Program Committee as Chair. Upcoming ones include Aaron Schock and Walt Hupe. Concern that we have invited one political candidate and wanting to make certain that we at least ask the opponent. It was explained that Melanie Brown knows Aaron Schock and that he offered to come. It is believed that Stu or Melanie will be inviting Colleen Callahan to speak.

#### **Old Business:**

Pen provided information on the District Simplified Grant which the Board asked Diana to pursue writing the grant for the Oasis Day Center. Diana reported that she discussed with Pen and Paul and asked Paul to look over the eligibility and requirements for the Simplified Grant before submitting. The Grant can not be used for operations or bricks/mortar so we asked for money for the purchasing of items needed by participants. Diana explained that the Oasis Day Center is open 365 and sees somewhere between 175- 200 unduplicated people daily with 600 plus unduplicated monthly. Many of the people have great basic needs for things like laundry detergent to do their clothes at Oasis; socks, underwear, hats, gloves, and in the winter for those living on the streets – bed rolls and sleeping bags. If we receive the funding then we will work with Nancy Rude, Oasis Director to determine the highest needs of participants at that time.

### **New Business:**

Pen reported on a program called “Pennies for Polio Campaign” that can help groups earn their expected amounts for the Polio campaign. He said it is a way to build awareness in the community as well as dollars. He has a DVD if we want to show it at a Board meeting sometime. It was suggested that we make contact with the smaller clubs around to see if they want to do this program, in which case our club could assist them. Pen will make an offer to help them out if they are interested in pursuing.

Roatan Organization topic was discussed – may have potential as a future project. Have to get computers to FL may want to check into other Rotary Clubs that may be willing to join our efforts. Al Luchetti said he is interested in taking the lead on this. He will contact Dr. Christine Becker and get back to the Board on this.

Turkey Tournament coming up, will check to see if Dave Cooperider is interested in being the lead on this.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Wayne Allen has been the lead on this for the past years and is unable to do that this year. Diana volunteered to help organize and Delmar indicated a willingness to assist as well although he will be unable to bell ring the first Sat in December.

### **Grants**

Jane Shade indicated that if an organization has received previous funding they need to report on the results of the funding/program to us. This will be added to the application form. Diana suggested Jane get that info to her so she can put out on our web-site. Jane has the following members who will be assisting on the committee this year: Dave Moran, Ben Harmon, Jack O’Reily, Stacey Young,. She also has a call in to Kelly Day and Melanie Brown. Last year there were 6 members and this worked well.

**Other Activities:** Chamber Thanksgiving Luncheon is usually the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and we are often asked for volunteers and to sell tickets to members, have not heard anything yet from the Chamber about this event.

Pen stated that he is planning to have a New member Orientation sometime in November will do one once Deric is approved.

Phil Zeni asked the Policy of club related to media and whether we allow media to attend anytime they like. The Board indicated that yes, however lunch was only offered to those who were an official guest of the club or club members. It is anticipated that the next couple of meetings may draw a number of members as well as media. Mentioned that we have no current members that are employees of Caterpillar.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:57