

**Rotary Club Of Decatur #180
Board Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2004**

Members Present: Dave Brandon, Tom Brinkoetter, Stu Ellis, Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Steve Furrow, Martin Getty, Bill Kienzle, Bob Lloyd, Kim Lockart, Harold Murphy, Bill Owen, Kit Paulin, Paul Stanzione, Wegi Stewart, Heather Stoa

President Stu Ellis called the meeting to order at 12:10.

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

Financial Report: Harold Murphy presented the report. Income for September was \$4,917.83 and expenses were \$3,659.00. The September Penny Fund of \$349.06 was given to United Way and the \$60 speakers' honorarium went to Dennis Grade School. Cash on hand is \$36,647.04 with an additional \$10,438.60 in Money Market.

A \$15,000 payment towards our obligation to Rotary Park will be presented to the Park District by calendar year end. (Getty/Brandon) After this payment, we will owe the Park District \$15,000.

Steve Furrow presented the names of four delinquent members. Follow-up contact to the letters previously mailed will be made to two of the members; letters will be sent to the other two members. If no arrangements have been made or payment received, members will be dropped at the November board meeting.

Steve also noted that we will be paying the annual fee of \$204 to Homesight for hosting our Web site. Tom Brinkoetter donated the fee last year.

The planting at Rotary Park is finished; however, the soil dredged from Lake Decatur and worked into the wheel contains a great deal of clay. The plantings may have to be removed, compost may have to be added, and plants replaced. We will wait until spring to evaluate the planting. The bill from the Park District for plants and materials will most likely come after we see what needs to be done.

The Treasure's Report was accepted. (J. Finn/Kienzle)

Membership: Approval for membership was given for Doris Keller, Hearing Care Practitioner with Belltone and Kurt Rudsinski, President of National City (Brandon/J. Finn). Jane Shade will join November 1st. Stu will follow-up with Rich Smith to see when Mike McElroy will join. Paul DeBruine will be talking with the CFO from St. Mary's Hospital to see if he is interested in becoming a member. Bill Owen will invite Steve Hudson, the owner of Tito's Restaurant in Franklin Mall to a meeting. He was a Rotarian in California before moving to Decatur.

Kit Paulin, with help from Bart Cole, will put together a tribute to Jean Brooks on November 8th. Teacher of the Month will be moved to Nov. 1st.

Committee Reports

Grants: Bill Kienzle and Paul Stanzione met to discuss grant guidelines and the Penny Fund recipients. The November Penny Fund will be designated to the Community Foundation Rotary Fund and the December Penny Fund will be given to the Decatur Club wait staff. The grants committee will choose the Penny Fund recipients for the 2005 calendar year from groups submitting requests, but not receiving funding. (Kienzle/Getty)

\$11,000 was approved for grants for the current fiscal year. (Brandon/Kienzle) Grants will be awarded in \$1000 or \$500 increments. An application form will be available on our Web site. November 30th is the deadline. The Grants Committee will present the list of recipients at the December board meeting, and grants will be awarded in January and February.

Newsletter: A deadline of the 20th of each month has been set for the newsletter. Information should be sent to Kim, so that the newsletter can be e-mailed by the last Friday of every month.

Old Business

QuickBooks vs. Clubmate: Heather, Steve, Bob, Harold and Tom met with Andy Thomas and Connie Hauser for a demonstration of QuickBooks. We also learned that RI has a new version of Clubmate, now called RI-CAS (Club Administration Software), which RI supports. After evaluating both programs, the recommendation is to purchase RI-CAS for \$19.95. Tom will load it onto Bob's computer and help with the conversion of data. (Stoa/Murphy)

New Business

Centennial Project: Wegi and Stu met with reps from Metro and Forsyth Sunrise about a joint project for the 100th Anniversary of Rotary. They would like to have a permanent "marker", community service and a celebration for the clubs in our area. They have brainstormed a few ideas for permanent recognition such as a bridge, water wheel or other form of sponsorship for Dreamland Lake; help with the Transfer House or another Decatur Treasure; or assistance with the walking path connecting Forsyth, Decatur, and Mt. Zion. Our District has proposed using billboard displays to share the centennial with communities. RI will provide the artwork and Wayne Allen, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, will supply the billboards for \$160 a month. \$5000 will be designated for the "marker" and \$500 for the billboards. (Kienzle/Brandon)

Chicago Convention 2005: Bill Owen passed out a letter with a sample survey for us to consider at the November board meeting. Our District is encouraging members to attend the RI Convention in Chicago from June 18-23. The purpose of the survey is to see if there are members from our club who would like to attend, but have personal reasons for not going. The survey could highlight the causes and provide us with a way to address the needs and encourage members to attend.

Bell Ringing: A sign-up sheet for December 11th times and locations was passed around.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 (Brinkoetter/Kienzle)

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 18th at noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Stoa, Secretary