

Decatur Rotary Club #180
Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2006

Board Members Present: Dave Brandon, Heather Stoa, Diana Knaebe, Paula Finn, Jim Finn, Kim Lockart, Harold Murphy, Pen Shade, Martin Getty, Andy Thomas, Steve Furrow, Miley Palmer, Bill Welch, Robin Crowe

Other Rotarians Visiting: Bill Owen

President Dave Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

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

Correspondence: A thank you note was received from the Northeast Community Fund for the Penny Fund collection they received.

Financials: Harold Murphy presented the January report. Income was \$10,471. Expenses were \$3,286. Cash on hand is \$48,587.

Membership: The resignations of Debbie Schneiderjan (effective 1/31/06), Tim Hill (effective 1/31/06), and Crystal Briggs (effective 1/31/06) were accepted with regret (Stoa/Thomas). Dave will ask Crystal for a letter to that effect for her resignation. Anthony (Tony) Hotchkiss from Regions Bank was accepted as a new member (Furrow/Finn).

Other possible members: Jerry Dawson, Macon Co Sheriff—Dave Brandon to follow-up; Jim Anderson, Acting Decatur Police Chief--Dave to follow-up; Kelly Hazenfield, St. Mary's Hospital Development and Community Relations—Diana Knaebe to follow-up; Chris Olsen, Tate & Lyle—Dave to follow-up; Mary Avery, Wood Street Printing—Andy Thomas to follow-up; Jason Tompkins, Bentsen Signs—Andy Thomas to follow-up; Denise Daniels-Johnston, WAND-TV—Finns to follow-up; Ruth Swift, Fair Havens Christian Home—Kim Lockart to follow-up; David Taylor, pastor—Miley Palmer has talked to him and he is interested in joining after Easter; Kevin Hinton, Maverik Marketing—Steve Furrow to follow-up; Joel Fletcher, Herald and Review—Dave Brandon to follow-up. Dave Brandon will follow-up with former member Bob Hawkins, now with TCR Systems, who wants to join again. He owes \$158 and will be asked to clear the arrearage prior to rejoining.

New Business: The District 6490 Conference is being held in Decatur at the Decatur Hotel and Conference Center (formerly the Holiday Inn Select) on May 5 – 6. On Friday, May 5, our club will hold our regular meeting that week there (no meeting will be held on Monday of that week). The Forsyth and Metro Clubs are also looking at holding their regular weekly meeting there.

There are several district awards we will complete application for and submit to District Governor Liz Skinner. The Governor's Trophy Certificate will be completed by Dave Brandon. The Presidential Citation Certificate (for membership increase) will be completed by Dave Brandon. The Avenue of Service Achievement for our website will be completed by Heather Stoa. The Avenue of Service Achievement for an international project (the orphanage in Merida, Mexico we have supported over the years coordinated by Noel Myers) will be completed by Miley Palmer. Other awards available include the Rotarian of the Year, New Rotarian of the Year, and the Hall of Honor Award. Dave Brandon has criteria for all awards if there are questions or a board member would like to nominate someone and complete the application process.

Bill Owen presented information on the various Rotary items available at the cafepress.com/Rotary180 website. They have hats, shirts, buttons, sweatshirts and other items for sale in individual quantities. Bill thought it would look nice if our members wore items with our club information on it at the District Conference May 5 - 6. See Bill if there are questions. Our club voted to buy 100 large buttons to be distributed to members to wear to the District Conference (Furrow/Welch).

Upcoming programs according to Miley Palmer: Feb 20 is Bruce Nims speaking on Entrepreneurship. Feb 27 is Scott Dunlap from Dunlap Tree Farm. March 6 is possibly a presentation on Continental Carbonics. March 13 is possibly a presentation by a Phillip Morris representative concerning the changing corporate image of the tobacco company. March 20 is Christine Pinkard who is the dropout coordinator and homeless liaison for District 61. March 27 is Bert Grey speaking on the Carriere exhibit the Decatur Area Arts Council will be showing.

Old Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. (Welch/Thomas).

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 16, at Noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Furrow
Club Secretary