

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

Board Members Present: Heather Stoa, Diana Knaebe, Paula Finn, Jim Finn, Kim Lockart, Harold Murphy, Pen Shade, Martin Getty, Steve Furrow, Bill Welch, Paul Stanzione, Dane Bragg

Other Rotarians Visiting: Bill Owen, Noel Myers

President-elect Heather Stoa called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The February minutes were approved.

Correspondence: A thank you note was received from S.T.A.R.R. for the grant they received. A thank you note was received from Harris Elementary School for the penny fund collection they received.

Financials: Harold Murphy presented the February report. Income was \$5,776. Expenses were \$8,525. Cash on hand is \$46,097.

Membership: Resignations were received from Jeff Byrkit (too busy) effective 3/16/06, Gene Brown (moved) effective 10/1/05, and Kim Lockart (new position out of town) effective 4/1/06. A motion to accept these with regret was passed (J. Finn/Knaebe). No white cards for new members are pending at this time.

Follow-ups from last month: Ruth Swift is no longer at Fair Havens Christian Home.

Bob Hawkins from TCR Systems was accepted as a new member if he pays the \$158 balance he had in his previous membership (Furrow/Bragg).

Bill Owen was asked to fill the board term (through June 2007) of Kim Lockart as she is departing (Stoa/J. Finn).

New Business: A District Assembly is being held April 1 at Grace United Methodist Church in Decatur. The District 6490 Conference is being held 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. The meal will cost the club \$15/each and a reservation number must be received by April 1. A straw vote will be taken of the members at the regular meeting on March 20 to see how many will be attending so we can get a close number. The club will make up the difference between the regular meal costs and the District conference meal costs.

The Decatur Club is closed on Monday, May 15 (the day after Mother's Day). We will meet someplace else (to be determined).

There are several district awards we have completed application for and submitted to District Governor Liz Skinner. The Governor's Trophy Certificate was completed by Dave Brandon. The Presidential Citation Certificate (for membership increase) was completed by Dave Brandon. The Avenue of Service Achievement for our website was 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. Kim Lockart is to complete the Avenue of Service Achievement for the Club Newsletter. 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.

A new member orientation will be held Friday, May 12 at Noon at the Decatur Club.

It was voted to not hold a meeting on Memorial Day (Welch/Bragg).

Heather reported the RYLA leadership camp attendees are sponsored by our club, Metro, and Meridian. Heather ask the club to sponsor 7 students (4 juniors/seniors and 3 sophomores) this year instead of the customary 6 students. The cost is \$150 each. This motion was passed (Furrow/Knaebe).

Noel Myers reported on a need at the orphanage in Merida, Mexico. We have donated funds to this orphanage several times in past years, including helping fund a van. The van is in need of replacement. A new van would cost \$23,000 minus a projected trade-in of \$6,000 leaving a balance of \$17,000. Noel will write a grant to see if the Rotary Foundation will pay for half (\$8,500) and he asked if our club would share the other half with the Rotary Club in Merida, Mexico (each club paying \$4,250). If the Foundation grant is accepted and the Merida club will pay a share, a motion was passed to pay the \$4,250 (J. Finn/Shade).

Old Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. (J. Finn/ P. Finn)).

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 20, at Noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Furrow
Club Secretary