

Decatur Rotary Club #180
Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2006

Board Members Present: Dane Bragg, Paula Finn, Jim Finn, Steve Furrow, Martin Getty, Kevin Kehoe, Diana Knaebe, Kim Lockart, Harold Murphy, Jack Owens, Pen Shade, Heather Stoa, Andy Thomas
Other Rotarians: Bob Lloyd, Norma Maddio

President-Elect Heather Stoa, filling in for President Dave Brandon, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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

Correspondence: A thank you note was received for the Good Samaritan Inn for the Penny Fund collection they received.

Financials: Harold Murphy presented the December report. Income was \$4,503. Expenses were \$23,747, including the \$15,000 final pledge payment to the Decatur Park District. Cash on hand is \$43,515.

Membership: A motion was made to remove Richard Nolte from the rolls for non-payment of dues (Brandon made a written motion in absentia/Stoa). Tom Cooley's resignation effective December 31, 2005 was accepted with regret (J. Finn/Bragg). Gary Peek from St. Mary's Hospital was accepted as a new member (Knaebe/Kehoe). Mark Putnam, past member who was dropped from the rolls for non-attendance and unpaid dues, was accepted as a new member with the condition he pay all dues in arrears (Thomas/J. Finn). Mark is now employed with Wood Street Printing. Jason Tompkins from Bendsen Signs visited a meeting approximately a month ago and is a potential new member. Jim Williams asked to go from Active status to Senior Active status. The Senior Active status has not been recognized by Rotary International for several years. We have a few members who are grandfathered in, but no one else is eligible for this status, so Jim was left as an Active member. Mark Avery from the Grain Journal was mentioned as a potential member. Chuck Kuhle from the Decatur Athletic Club is a potential member—Pen Shade will follow up.

Heather indicated that it should be listed in the minutes when members are dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, so we have an accurate record of this. The club needs to have a resignation letter from any member resigning. Heather will put a notice in the next club newsletter to this effect.

New Business: Dave Brandon will be the master of ceremonies for one session of the Rotary District Convention to be held at the Holiday Inn Select on Friday, May 5. A discussion was held as to whether we wanted to hold our regular meeting that week at the conference—the District Governor is pushing this idea. It was decided to do this (Bragg/J. Finn). Heather Stoa will ask the District Governor if our club can provide anything else since the district conference is in our city. Kim Lockart will let Susan Keane, club member who works at the Holiday Inn, know of our plans.

Heather Stoa is going to put together a Board Manual that each board member will receive when they first join the board. She has job descriptions for the Secretary and Treasurer and will write up President-Elect and President job descriptions. She would like input from current board members on ideas that should be included, especially those Rotary board members who serve on other community boards. Sample board job descriptions would be welcomed, also.

Old Business: The QuickBooks Pro software has been purchased. Heather recommended that as Treasurer, Pen should be the first to have it loaded on his computer. A spreadsheet could be put together listing all club members' committee interests to aid in filling open committee positions.

The Grants committee reviewed 20 grant proposals and elected to fund 17. Criteria points were awarded and used to distribute the \$12,000 available. The board approved this (Getty/Bragg). The Penny Fund recipients were awarded for the next few months (Bragg/Murphy):

February	Catholic Charities
March	Salvation Army
April	Northeast Community Fund
May	Good Samaritan Inn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. (Lockart/P. Finn).

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Furrow
Club Secretary