

**Rotary Club of Decatur #180**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2005**

**Board Members Present:** Dane Bragg, Dave Brandon, Jim Finn, Steve Furrow, Diana Knaebe, Kim Lockart, Harold Murphy, Jack Owens, Pen Shade, Heather Stoa, Bill Welch  
**Other Rotarians Present:** Noel Myers

**President Dave Brandon called the meeting to order at Noon.**

**Approval of Minutes:** The September minutes were approved (Knaebe/J. Finn).

**Correspondence:** Stu Ellis sent an e-mail indicating his duties at the University of Illinois are not finalized and he may miss some board meetings as Past President. The board understood and hopes Stu can make most of the meetings.

Chamber of Commerce Thanksgiving Day Luncheon organizers are asking for 3 Rotarians to serve as ushers. Dave will mention at next regular meeting. Foreign student hosts will be needed, also. Heather Stoa and Jim and Paula Finn agreed to serve as hosts.

A grant request was received from STARR. It will be forwarded to Paul Stanzione.

A bill was received from WXFM for the Labor Day advertising special in which we participated. It was given to Pen Shade for payment.

**Financial Report:** Harold Murphy presented the September report. Income was \$4,819. Expenses were \$5,396. Cash on hand is \$50,022. Steve Furrow will follow-up with past District President Chris Scherer regarding the check we gave the district in the amount of \$1,215. This was to be added to other district clubs' checks and forwarded to the International Convention committee for busing of attendees to the convention from various points in and around Chicago. Chris is holding the checks because the committee would not recognize the district for providing this donation. Steve will see where Chris is in his negotiations and indicate we want the check used for its intended purpose or returned to our club.

The financial report was approved (Bragg/J. Finn).

**Membership:** A resignation was accepted with regret from Elizabeth Butler effective September 30 (Knaebe/Furrow). A resignation was accepted with regret and payment in full received from Linda Lindus (Knaebe/J. Finn). The board voted to remove Leann Fisher from club membership (Stoa/Brandon).

Dave Brandon is to discuss with Bob Lloyd about getting the new Club Runner membership software and how best to use to utilize this and report back at the November meeting.

John Cook was approved via e-mail.

Potential members:

Gary Peek, St. Mary's—Dave to check status with Norma Maddio and Kelly Irwin

Ruth Swift, Fair Havens Nursing Home—Kim Lockart to follow up with her.

Sue Watts, Williams Street Press—Kim Lockart to follow up with her.

Mike Johnston, WAND-TV—Not interested in joining at this time.

Bob Abbott, Mueller—Is thinking about whether he wants to join.

Rod Bussell, CAT—Jim Finn sent letter and will follow-up.

Tina Nolan, now at Partners in Education—Jim Finn will contact.

Chris Olsen, Tate & Lyle community rep—Dave Brandon to contact.

It was mentioned that if CEOs/upper management do not commit, that perhaps the HR reps are better contacts at St. Mary (Terry Kuhle) and Mueller.

**Grants:** Noel Myers indicated the \$500 check for the orphanage in Merida, Mexico was never received. Pen Shade will handle. Noel wants to recommend that the grants committee support the orphanage again this coming grants year. He also indicated the orphanage will need to replace the van that our club helped purchase several years ago. Noel will work with Paul Stanzione to complete a grant application, perhaps supported with district funds if our club would pay part and the Rotary Club in Merida, Mexico would pay part.

**New Business:** Hurricane relief—after discussion the board voted to split the special hurricane relief penny funds being collected giving half to the Northeast Community Fund and half to the Good Samaritan Inn. These organizations are providing food for hurricane evacuees who are temporarily living in Decatur.

**Old Business:** New Rotary Member Orientations are scheduled for: Friday, December 9; Friday, February 17; and Friday, May 12 at the Decatur Club at Noon.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m. (Shade/Brandon).**

**The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 17 at Noon at the Decatur Club.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Steve Furrow*  
Secretary