

**Rotary Club of Decatur
Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2008**

Board Members Present: Glen Dalluge, Lora Dills, Steve Furrow, David Goebel, Diana Knaebe, Al Luchetti, Julie Moore, Delmar Sandage, Pen Shade, Paul Stanzone, Andy Thomas

Call to Order at 12:00 by President Pen Shade

Minutes: The November 19, 2008 minutes were approved (Goebel/Furrow)

Correspondence: Michael DelSignore sent an e-mail to Pen about a visit to a Rotary club in Shang Hi, China where he is working

Financial Report: Andy Thomas gave the Financial Report dated November 30, 2008. Cash was a little less than \$52,000; \$9,442 in receivables (still have one member that had an outstanding balance - no check received in months. Pen will follow up after the first of the year if we have not received a check when the statements are mailed out. It was decided that we should give the member one more chance to pay. There was a question about whether the money the Club is out is actually aside from the meals; the Dues. One suggestion was that perhaps we could assess a nominal fee. If we still do not get anything could drop from membership. Pen will report back to the Board at next month's meeting. The Income was \$6824 and year to date was \$31,200. Bills will be going out in early January. Financials approved (Moore/Dills).

Committee Reports

Family: Glen saw Bob Wiederick recently and said he looked good and will be back to Rotary soon.

Foundation: Glen, the Finn's both receive their Paul Harris Awards on January 5th and Larry Foster will do the presentation of the awards. We have about \$2000 in available funds; we have 21-23 members that are eligible to transfer including deceased Paul Harris Fellow – money accumulates as pts and can be transferred back to help others become Paul Harris Fellows. Anyone that has started to make donations – started sometime maybe when Heather Stoa was President. Miley talked about Foundation Scholarship Program last week. Glen has talked to Dave Brandon about finding a Student Ambassador from Millikin. Students are eligible to receive \$23,000 and a preference of country; this is a competitive grant. Our club did sponsor a Millikin Student this year. Pen said he signed off on application for a student. Paul Osborne's Paul Harris went to the Polio Plus program.

Membership: The list of prospective members was briefed with the following changes:

- Jill Applebee, Junior Achievement president – Julie will sponsor her and submit a White Card.
- Jennifer Black, State Farm, attended on 12/08/08 she came as a guest of Pen's after she had made contact with Pen about attending and then Erin's guest last week.
- Chad Childers, Dawson Wikoff: attended 12/08/08
- Nicole Edwards, Land of Lincoln Credit Union – Sponsored by Pen Shade, will be inducted 12/29
- Jamie Gower, DISC – Pen has not contacted him
- Scott Hall – Decatur Conference Center, take off the list
- Dan Lightner – Randy Prince was to follow up – still not sure status
- Chris Long, Boy Scouts –White Card on table, sponsored by Bob Smith, will be inducted in Jan
- Amy Malakowski Taute, Macon Resources – take off the list.
- Eric McRae, unknown status – still working on someone from this bank
- Daylyn Wells – Diana still has not contacted
- Marcy Rood Werpy – White Card submitted by Heather Stoa
- Bart Rose, Regions Bank, Diana will be asking him to attend

Membership Chair Al Luchetti agreed to do some research and see how the club has handled people who made contact with the club through the web site or by making contact with an officer or member to see about joining/visiting.

New Member: Tm Vieweg joined 12/15

Board resignation: James Duies, has asked to resign back and forth between his new position and former one difficult for him to make meetings. Honor Resignation effective 12/22 motion (Furrow/Moran). This also leaves a Board seat open will table Board Replacement until next month. Keith Stanbury, was our first member of 2008 then shortly after he lost his job and has moved out of town. Mark Putman, Wood Printing, is interested in joining (there was some miscommunication when he changed jobs did not realize he needed to resign). Andy will make contact with him; and Kendra DelSignore – Diana will contact to make certain she is wanting to terminate her membership.

Programs: Phil Zeni got coverage for Ryan McCarty, City Manager. Upcoming programs, Craig Coil, Economic Development; Mayoral Candidates in early March; other ideas: Professor Economics Millikin, Kirkland Fine Arts Director, Duane Noland, Lobbyist Energy Coops, Future Gen project, Ray LaHood

Old Business

District Simplified Grant – did not get approved, disappointed they said it did not involve enough Rotary members.

Still need to assess the \$24 for the Polio Plus – mention again at a meeting, an insert will be put in next statements.

New Business

Grants – We were a little light on applications so it was decided to extended the deadline to 1/30/09

New Member Orientation – Pen will look for people to assist with a new member orientation.

International Projects

Roatan Organization – Al Luchetti has not heard anything back from Christine Becker.

Bihar India Eye Hospital – \$4000 of that is to go to Dr. Sinha, not sure of the status of the project, Pen will talk to Heather about it.

Amor Y Vida – \$3000 for the Merida project? Al indicated they always need something.

Do Good Dollars, December is Toys for Tots, plus we will give \$300 to the Decatur Club Wait Staff but will make February the month we solicit for this (Furrow/Stanzione). January will be the program Howard Edwards suggested for District 61 called “Belts and Books.”

Nominations for Treasurer and Board: need to do this quickly so they can be voted on in January.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30
Diana Knaebe