

**Decatur Rotary Club #180**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2006**

**Board Members Present:** Dave Brandon, Dane Bragg, Robin Crowe, Steve Furrow, Diana Knaebe, Bill Owen, Miley Palmer, Pen Shade, Heather Stoa, Andy Thomas

**President Dave Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes:** The April minutes were approved (Palmer/Crowe).

**Correspondence:** A resignation letter from the board was received from Bill Welch indicating he will leave as of June 30, 2006, as he is concerned his attendance may become irregular due to business responsibilities. Thank you notes were received from the following: Mt Zion Elementary School for library books, Lutheran School Association for the grant, Girl Scouts for the grant, YMCA for the grant, McGaughey Elementary School in Mt Zion for library books, and Torchbearers for the grant.

**Financials:** Pen Shade presented the April report. Income was \$9,974. Expenses were \$5,649. Cash on hand is \$30,773. The financial report was approved (Palmer/Bragg).

**Membership:** No resignations were received. A white card is on the table for Bud Wilcox, Decatur Civic Center manager. His membership was approved (Brandon/Palmer) A white card is on the table for Jason Tompkins from Bendsen Signs.

Follow-ups from last month:

John Biedler, pastor of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will consider joining in the fall per Heather Stoa.

Paul Chiligris, attorney, is thinking about joining per Dave Brandon.

Gloria Davis, new District 61 superintendent, is not in town yet.

Chris Bullock, new general manager of NextMedia--Dave Brandon will follow-up.

Jamie Duis, new at Hickory Point Bank and Trust--no word from Glenda Williamson on status.

Mark Avery, Wood Street Printing, not interested at present per Andy Thomas.

Denise Daniels-Johnston, WAND-TV--the Finns have no further word from her on interest.

Joel Fletcher, Herald & Review, is interested but couldn't make last club meeting per Dave Brandon.

New leads:

Chief Jim Anderson is interested per Diana Knaebe.

Kelly Hazenfield, St Mary's Hospital, is interested per Diana Knaebe.

Darcy Morr, Herald & Review--Diana will follow-up.

Kim Bauer, new City of Decatur employee for the Lincoln Heritage project--Dane Bragg will follow-up.

Lisa Gillen, Park District Marketing Coordinator--Diana Knaebe to follow-up.

**New Business:** Decatur Park District Project Playground--several board members commented on wanting to spread our dollars around as we have given a lot of money to the Park District the last several years. A motion was made (Stoa/Thomas) and approved to offer volunteer help for this project and refer requests for donations to our grants committee process.

A Rotary Park work night will be held May 25 beginning at 5:30 p.m. to spruce up the flower garden that was planted last year in the shape of the Rotary cog.

A conversation was held regarding if the meal count for regular meetings should be reduced in light of reduced attendance. A motion was made (Shade/Crowe) and approved to reduce the meal count from 70 meals to 60 meals. Pen Shade will notify Jeff Ingle at the Decatur Club.

**Old Business:** An item that was tabled from last meeting was discussed. Wayne Allen gave Dave Brandon info on an old-fashioned clock that Mitchell, South Dakota has installed in their downtown. Bricks/blocks with people's names on them that were laid at the base around the clock were sold as a fundraiser to help pay for the clock. Wayne was interested in knowing if our club would like to pursue a similar project. Dave Brandon will contact Karen Munson, president of the Metro Rotary Club, to gauge their interest. Dane Bragg recommended that our club send a letter to the Mayor indicating that we may want to offer something for the downtown streetscapes (could be the clock idea or something entirely different).

**The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m. (Bragg/Palmer).**

*The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 15, at Noon at the Decatur Club.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve Furrow  
Club Secretary