

**Rotary Club Of Decatur #180
Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2004**

Members Present: Tom Brinkoetter, Stu Ellis, Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Steve Furrow, Kim Lockart Harold Murphy, Kit Paulin, Pen Shade, Heather Stoa, Andy Thomas

Guest: Bill Owen

President Stu Ellis called the meeting to order at 12:13.

Approval of Minutes: The amended minutes from the July 12 Board Meeting with District Governor Chris Scherer were approved with the following change: **Rotaract Clubs:** Both MU and RCC are ***candidates for*** establishing Rotaract Clubs on campus (Furrow/J. Finn)

Financial Report: Harold Murphy discussed the year-end financial report. He called our attention to the YTD Meal Billing Surplus of \$23,922.84. This represents the difference between what was billed and what was paid. Actual costs are Expenditures: Meals-Members and Club Guests. Contributions have been subtracted from Expenditures for a net change in club assets of (\$5076.58). The loss is primarily because the board voted to write off unpaid dues and meals this year. Under Income, the \$1000 grant for the Rotary Flower Wheel project has been deferred to this fiscal year since no funds were actually spent in 2003-04. A question about the quarterly payments to the District for the RI 2005 Convention individual member assessment needs to be resolved.

Discussion ensued about the ease of use of Clubmate for members other than Bob Lloyd. We would be in a world of hurt if Bob could not keep the records for us. Quick Books for Not-for-Profits was suggested as an alternative to Clubmate, perhaps initially running parallel with Clubmate to make sure data is not lost or missing. It would be helpful if Clubmate information were compatible with Quick Books. Stu asked us to think about options for the next meeting.

Stu will call two members who have received a letter requesting payment of past due accounts and who have not responded.

Membership: Pen will contact Doug Inman at St. Mary's to see if either he or the CFO are interested in joining our club.

The resignation of John Wilkins was reluctantly accepted. (Shade/Furrow)

Committee Reports: Heather reported that topsoil is being delivered today through combined efforts of the City and the Park District to the Rotary Park wheel site. She will send an e-mail asking for volunteers to shovel, till and rake on Saturday morning from 9:00-12:00 and to plant and mulch Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until dark. She will send a press release about the project to Randy Prince to distribute to the media.

Old Business: As follow-up to the District Governor's meeting, the District Website is now linked from our club Website. Our members will be able to read the District newsletter on-line.

Tom Brinkoetter suggested that user names and passwords be printed on the next quarterly billing for those members who need a reminder about accessing and updating business and personal information on our Website.

Stu will check with Habitat for Humanity to see if they would be interested in having our club build wooden play sets for families with children. He estimates that with a small group of Rotarians, a few hundred dollars and several hours of work, we can easily finish a swing set and make some children very happy.

Stu will explore the possibilities for Rotaract Clubs at RCC and MU. It was noted that a substantial number of MU students stay in Decatur to work and live following graduation. These students are our future members.

New Business: Rotary International does not have a one-day pass for the 2005 Convention in Chicago, yet there are a number of people in our club who might be interested in being a part of the celebration. Bill Owen has put together an initial proposal for a Friday-Saturday package that would include transportation, lodging, watching the parade, the opening flag ceremony, and a Lake Michigan shoreline cruise on a luxury yacht. Fundraising opportunities with other Rotary Clubs also exist. Bill will put together a flyer and make a presentation at Monday's meeting. Interested members will be asked for a deposit in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:25.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 19th at noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Stoa, Secretary