

**Rotary Club Of Decatur #180
Board Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2004**

Members Present: Dave Brandon, Tom Brinkoetter, Robin Crowe, Jim Finn, Paula Finn, Bob Lloyd, Kit Paulin, Steve Reid, Pen Shade, Paul Stanzione, Heather Stoa, Andy Thomas

Vice-President Dave Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:05.

Approval of Minutes: Since no one had a copy of last month's minutes, we will wait until September to approve them.

Membership: Jim Finn will contact Dreux Lewandowski with Macon Resources, Pen will call Dan Delatte with Culvers, and Dave will talk with the managers of Omni Care to see if they are interested in visiting and becoming members. It was noted that we have no members representing grocers or pharmaceuticals.

The resignations of Larry Harshbarger and Corky Nicholson were reluctantly accepted. (Crowe/J. Finn)

The last issue of the *Rotarian* had several recommendations on ways to involve new members. Paul Stanzione suggested that stickers be placed on new members badges to easily identify them. Heather will purchase stickers. A motion was passed to have new members help the treasurer at the check-in-table, serve as a greeter, be the sergeant-at-arms, give an invocation and attend a board meeting. Once all of the tasks are completed, the new member will be recognized for his/her assistance and the sticker will be removed from the badge. (P. Finn/Thomas)

Financial Report: Bob Lloyd presented the report. He called our attention to the new line item of "Meals Billing Surplus". This line lets us know how much is available for grants. The report was approved as presented. (Paulin/Reid)

Committee Reports

Programs: Paula reported that Jim Edgar will be our speaker on September 13, Bob Flider will be September 20, and Mark Barthelemy will be September 27th. Suggestions were solicited for the Veteran's Day program on either Korea or Vietnam, and for the Monday between Christmas and New Years. Kit suggested a book on Vietnam entitled, The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien, as good reading before the Veteran's Day program.

Web site: Tom Brinkoetter noted that the Web site is receiving between 500-600 hits per month. A photo gallery may be incorporated in the future.

Fellowship: Pen asked for ideas on his job function. Suggestions were for a golf outing, croquet tournament, softball team, Cardinals game or participation in the IP Community Challenge or Park District events.

Old Business

Rotary Park Planting: Heather reported that the last 46 plants are in. The Finns will send an e-mail message, and she will ask for volunteers at Monday's meeting for Tuesday evening from 6:30 until dark. A motion to give attendance credit of a meeting per hour of service on the Rotary Park flower wheel was passed. (Stoa/Stanzione)

New Business

Invitation to RYLA Students: Jim will draft guidelines for inviting RYLA students to attend our meetings.

District Leadership Recommendations: Members suggested were Jackson Owens, David Coopriider, Gary Likins and past presidents.

Penny Fund: The grants Committee will be asked to generate a list of recipients for September 2004 to September 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 (J. Finn/Paulin)

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 15th at noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Stoa, Secretary