

Rotary Club of Decatur #180
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2005

Board Members Present: Dane Bragg, Dave Brandon, Stu Ellis, Paula Finn, Jim Finn, Steve Furrow, Kevin Kehoe, Kim Lockart, Diana Knaebe, Jackson Owens, Miley Palmer, Pen Shade, Paul Stanzione, Heather Stoa, Andy Thomas, Bill Welch, Glenda Williamson

Other Rotarians Present: Bob Lloyd

President Dave Brandon called the meeting to order at Noon.

Approval of Minutes: The August minutes were approved (Palmer/Owens).

Correspondence: A thank you note was received from Jeanne Stahlheber from Big Brothers/Big Sisters thanking us for the July penny fund which went to their organization.

Financial Report: Pen Shade presented the August report. Income was \$6,451. Expenses were \$3,793. Cash on hand is \$57,206. Several members are to be contacted by Dave Brandon regarding outstanding payments and what their intentions are regarding continuing their membership. A discussion was held possibly raising dues based on the increased dues per member we pay to RI and the District. The Finance committee is to study this and make a recommendation regarding this to the board at the October meeting (Palmer/Ellis).

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

Membership: A resignation was accepted with regret from John Rainey (Furrow/Bragg). Dave is to send a letter indicating dues yet owed to see if John would consider paying.

Potential members include:

Gary Peek, St Mary's Hospital—has visited once.

Ruth Swift, Fair Havens Nursing Home—is interested in visiting.

Shani Goss, Sue Watts, and Bob Abbott—are thinking about whether they wish to be involved.

Rod Bussell—has yet to be contacted re visiting.

Dick Shelby, Macon/Piatt Counties Regional Superintendent—has visited and is interested in joining.

Jerry Dawson, Macon Co Sheriff's Office—Kevin Kehoe to contact.

Chris Ellis, attorney—Larry Foster to contact.

Grants: Paul Stanzione, chair of the grants committee, wanted the board to approve an amount that would be used for grants for this fiscal year. The board approved \$11,000 (Furrow/Knaebe) based on amount available last fiscal year. The Park District will be paid the final \$15,000 installment on our Rotary Park pledge in December. If it is determined later in the fiscal year that there are additional grant dollars available, they could be approved for distribution to those organizations not receiving grants during the first pass.

Penny Fund recipients were approved for the next 4 months:

September—Grace House

October—Good Samaritan Inn

November—Northeast Community Fund

December—Decatur Club Wait Staff

It was decided to keep the penny funds donated to local organizations and have a separate solicitation for hurricane/flood victims (Palmer/Kehoe). There are flood victims that have relocated to Decatur (currently 78 family members). The executive committee of the board will determine exactly who will receive the hurricane/flood money collected. Thanks to Rotary efforts spearheaded by Bill Owen; two semi-trailers of donated goods were loaded and trucked south to these victims.

New Business: Liz Skinner, district governor visited our club on September 12. She mentioned several items at a meeting held after the regular meeting that day. The District Conference will be held in Decatur at the Holiday Inn Select on May 4 – 5. She was impressed with our humanitarian efforts in light of the disaster victims.

The Sister Cities project is looking for host families for a German team handball team (ages ranging from 13 – 18 and their chaperones) that will be visiting Decatur from Seevetal, Germany in late October.

Old Business: A pdf directory of our membership will be able to be printed by any member from our website once the member records are updated. Some hardcopies could be made available for those members who do not have internet access.

A new member orientation is scheduled for Oct. 7 at Noon at the Decatur Club.

A Children's Museum work time is scheduled for September 19 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. This will count as a makeup.

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

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 20 at Noon at the Decatur Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Furrow