

Rotary Club of Decatur
Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2008

Board Members Present: Glen Dalluge, Lora Dills, Howard Edwards, Steve Furrow, Diana Knaebe, Erin McKee, Julie Moore, Delmar Sandage, Jane Shade, Paul Stanzione, Sue Watts, Phil Zeni

Call to Order at 12:00 by Treasurer Paul Stanzione; filling in for President Pen Shade

Minutes: The October 16, 2008 minutes were approved (Furrow/Shade)

Correspondence: Diana Knaebe received a Coloring Book from Rotary International that could be sold as a fundraiser. This was passed around to the members.

Financial Report: Paul and Andy met the day before to review the Financial Report dated October 31, 2008. The amount due to the Paul Harris fund was paid in early November. Steve asked a question related to the minutes from the October meeting and where the money needed to be moved and whether this had been done. Total net income was \$2,789. Motion to approve the financials (Sandage/McKee) approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Family: Nothing new to report.

Foundation: \$2,225 sent in for Paul Harris Foundation. Calendar year up to this quarter. Glen will go back to see who has paid because we match \$50 for the first \$100 paid. Miley Palmer's program will be moved – maybe first week in December.

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

Scott Hall – Decatur Conference Center, Take off the list

Dan Lightner, Randy Prince was to follow up – still not sure status

Eric McRae, unknown status

Daylyn Wells, Diana still has not contacted

Bart Rose, Regions Bank, Diana will be asking him to attend

Marcy Rude-Werpy – White Card

Amy Tuttle, Macon Resources visited recently, Lora Dills said they are checking to see whether the 2 of them should be involved.

Jill Applebee – New JA President, Julie Moore will be inviting and expects her to want to join.

New City Manager, Ryan McCarty ? Interest level he will be speaking in a few weeks.

Board resignation: none in November

Programs: Julie Moore reported that Dan Caulkins will be speaking on his land speed record next week. 12/1 – Brian Beyers; 12/8 – Ryan McCarty, City Manager; 15th ?; 12/22nd Holiday music; 12/29 – Rotary members telling what they are thankful for; 1/5 Ken Smithmeyer – Strengths Finders program.

Discussion of ideas for future programs to focus speakers on what would be of most importance to Rotarians, what would most members like to hear about. Examples that may not have been as successful were when the ADM rep talked about his “pet charity”; Caterpillar and the World – what about the future of the Decatur plant and employees here?

Program promotion – Herald and Review getting word out to the them. Phil indicated that there is suppose to be an automatic system at the Herald and Review to post speakers. That was not quite what some of the members had in mind, when we have a speaker that may warrant some coverage at the event - getting work to reporters. Other ideas – good to hear from other people – Rotarians biographies. Some discussion on political positions i.e., current race for Mayor and City Council. Most felt that the City Council race is quite a large field so might want the Mayoral Candidates to all come on the same day to give equal time.

Old Business:

District Simplified Grant – nothing new.

New Business:

Roatan Organization topic was briefly discussed as Al Luchetti sent an email update out on this project. This has changed some since first introduced.

Grants

Jane Shade indicated that we have received only one grant application. Jane will follow up with Bob Falstrom or Theresa Churchill. Suggestion that it also go out via email to HSAC, United Way and First Call for helps email distribution lists.

Other Activities: December Do Good Dollars– Toys for Tots – will need to give money in advance. Howard Edwards also suggested a program District 61 has called “Belts and Books” as a possibility for a future Do Good Dollar Collection. There was a question on which schools we have lined up to receive speaker honorarium books. Pen has the listing.

Delmar – Bell Ringing for Salvation Army – still some vacancies.

Turkey Tournament is coming up as well as the Community Thanksgiving Luncheon – Paul had the tickets for members that had ordered in advance.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:46 (Knaebe/Edwards)