

**Rotary Board Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2003**

Board Members Present: Miley Palmer, Kit Paulin, Stu Ellis, Marsha Fleming, Wayne Allen, Steve Reid, Jim Finn, Bob Lloyd, Harold Murphy, Heather Stoa, Steve Furrow

Also Present: Bill Kienzle of the Grants Committee

President Miley Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM in the Carmen Room of the Decatur Club.

The MINUTES of the September meeting were approved. (Allen/Murphy)

The PENNY FUND is designated to go to the following:

October - The Shemamo Girl Scout Council (This is a change from what was cited in the September minutes.)

November - The Rotary Fund in the Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County

December - The Wait Staff of the Decatur Club

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Steve Reid and Heather Stoa discussed the Flow Chart that Reid had prepared to help the board assess the impact of offering a Senior Status for retirees. After analysis and discussion the board voted unanimously to maintain our club's current policy of not offering a Senior Active Status. (Allen/Paulin) This is in keeping with the policy of Rotary International which also does not provide a Senior Active Status. To be clear: The policy has been reaffirmed that NO SENIOR ACTIVE STATUS WILL BE GRANTED FROM HERE ON OUT.

Gary Likins and (Box) Bob Smith have requested Senior Active Status. Secretary, Kit Paulin, will send them each a letter clarifying our policy and politely denying them such status.

The board will consider on a case-by-case basis meal relief due to illness. To receive such relief one must apply in writing and may be granted relief on a quarter-by-quarter basis.

Vi Eggers had requested such relief and it was approved (Ellis/Furrow) to grant her such relief for the summer quarter. (July, August, September) Secretary, Kit Paulin, will send her a letter outlining the approval.

It was noted that the relief includes payment of meals, but not dues. Dues must continue to be paid.

Secretary Paulin will also draft an article for the Spark Plug outlining the club's policy on not providing a Senior Active Status.

The finance committee also discussed the high level of members in arrears. They will follow up with a more detailed report to the board that will make it possible for the board to make specific recommendations on collection from those members in arrears. One possible solution for members who are gone from the area is to charge them back dues, but not meals, from the time they left the club.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

The grants committee will meet in November and present their recommendations prior to the November board meeting.

Upon the request of Cindy Laegeler, Executive Director of Partners in Education, the board revisited the decision made in September, 2003 to limit grants to \$1,000. Partners in Education has been the recipient of a grant for the Youth Leadership Institute for \$2,500 - \$3,500

(CURRENTLY \$3,000) each year since 1994. This year's YLI is currently underway and PIE was under the understanding that Rotary would fund them for \$3,000 again this year. Laegeler asked that we please grant YLI \$3,000 this year and let her know in the near future if we will reduce her funding in future years.

A motion was made (Allen/Fleming) to proceed with \$3,000/year for the next 3 years for YLI. Concern was expressed by Stoa and Finn that we promise funding for three years. After discussion, a new motion was made and passed (Stoa/Finn) to fund YLI with \$3,000 this year and to make a decision for next year's funding by February 1, 2004.

Marsha Fleming noted that the level of funding and commitment for several years' funding may be appropriate and necessary because the YLI program supports a very specific program that is closely identified with Rotary. Rotary receives widespread recognition as the sponsor of this program.

Further discussion suggested that YLI may be a good program for the District Grant Program.

Also discussed was the fact that international grant requests, such as that made by Dr. Sinha to support an eye clinic in India, would be considered by our club along with local requests.

MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made and passed (Ellis/Stoa) to approve Paul Stanzione, new director of the YMCA, when his paperwork is received. He is being sponsored by Stacy Bryan.

Cathy Ashby, Chairman of the retention committee, will be sending postcards to members with poor attendance.

Jim Finn noted that Dear Abby referred to the Four Way Test in her column. Miley Palmer noted that some clubs recite the Four Way Test at each meeting.

Harold Murphy presented the Treasurer's Report which was approved. We will soon be presenting \$15,000 to the Decatur Park District for Rotary Park. We will invite Bill Clevenger to the meeting to receive the check.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

A motion was made and passed to nominate Miley Palmer for the District Governor (Paulin/Ellis). And another motion was made and passed to nominate Bruce Nims for any district post. (Furrow/Allen).

Marsha Fleming is working diligently in her position on the Family of Rotary committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20. (Stoa/Ellis)