



ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors

June 20, 2006

Members in attendance:

Geoff Atwater, Pam Culpepper, Jerold DeWease, JB Fox, Dick Gregg III, Vissett Sun, Scott Rainey, Art Wood, Mike Hernandez

Members absent:

Tony Bloomfield, , Joan Skellenger Bill Taylor, Gary Johnson, Dick Kidder, Johnny White

Visitor:

Billy Smith, Peter Wuenchel, Art Oswald, Rae DeCastro, Bob Wren, Chuck Jacobsen, Ken Gurry, Jim Hargrove, Murray Epstein, John Kennedy, Mike Porterfield

President JB Fox called the meeting to order after Dick Gregg III confirmed a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of last meeting were approved as edited. After circulating an e-mail regarding the secretary's recommendation to terminate certain members, there were changes to the recommendations. This meant Sherill Stringfellow, Bob Struzinski and Marilyn Watkins were formally terminated, Jerry Smith was converted to the 85 rule and Tom Kloves was granted medical leave.

Treasurer's report

Mike Hernandez reported \$300 more in money market than expected. In admin account, we did not collect as much in dues as budgeted. He reported there still is \$540 in dues outstanding in addition to new invoices for dues which are being circulated now. He mentioned no record of John Tenini paying dues but he sent him a bill anyway. Bob Wren mentioned that he was a member from years ago and recently started coming again. Mike noted that there is some money in service although it looks like there is not as much because we paid an extra \$8,000 for the Katrina project, which we are to be reimbursed by Rotary International. With respect to the Governor's installation, we reported we collected about 20,000 and we have expenses of about \$11,000 or \$12,000 in expected expenses, and the profit will be applied to Admin, which will be helpful since we started the year with a deficit and we were short on dues collection in the budget. We received \$400 from interact. Vocational service will spend \$2950 of its budgeted \$3000.

VIP Event

SCR netted \$12,049 from the event, which was \$3,000 less than budgeted. The board asked me to set up a meeting with Marker 1 regarding its lack of air conditioning having a direct effect on our less than expected amount.

Resignations

None

Membership

No new members. JB expects 3-4 new ones soon.

Upcoming Events:

Installation of Officers and Directors - June 26, 2006, regular SCR noon meeting
Shrimporee – Saturday, October 28, 2006

Director Reports:

Club Service A (Bill Taylor)– no report
Club Service B (Scott Rainey) – no report
Club Service C (Tony Bloomfield) – no report
Club Service D (Johnny White) – no report
Community Service A (Gary Johnson) – No report
Community Service B (Pam Culpepper) – Blaine Grant is #375. Mike Hernandez needs form. JB said he has form filled out and will get it to Mike.
International Service A (Jerrold DeWease) – No report.
International Service B (Dick Kidder) – No report
Vocational Service (Art Wood) – No report

Old Business

Guerrero project – JB wanted to fund the project in the amount of \$5,000.00. There was concern regarding the shortfall in the budget and where the money was to come from. A motion to fund the Guerrero project in the amount of \$5,000.00 was made by Art Wood seconded by Pam Culpepper. Before that vote was taken, a discussion took place concerning early payment of monies to the YMCA (the board has committed to pay \$25,000.00 total at the rate of \$5,000.00 per year and it may prepay, with the first \$5,000.00 payment made during Vissett's presidency), ...at the last meeting the board agreed to make the third and fourth \$5,000.00 installments of a \$25,000.00 commitment early, meaning that a total of \$15,000.00 would be paid during JB's presidency. A motion was made by Geoff Atwater and seconded by Dick Gregg III to not pay the fourth installment payment of \$5,000.00 during JB's presidency to the YMCA, which then would free up \$5,000.00 to be used for the Guerrero project, instead of using reserve funds. The amended motion passed 5 – 3 vote. The original motion passed unanimously to fund the Guerrero project from what would have been the \$5,000.00 (installment #4) to the YMCA. To be perfectly clear, the board still fully intends to fund the entire \$25,000.00 commitment to the YMCA, and by paying installments #2 & 3 during JB's presidency, it remains ahead of schedule. Therefore,

the balance to the YMCA after payment #3 is made is \$10,000.00, and the next installment will be made sometime during Geoff Atwater's presidency.

Gulfport Project – Geoff Atwater reported that SCR is still waiting for funding from District.

Murray Epstein and Jim Hargrove reported that Friends of Evelyn Meador Library "commitment" status and what was being said. After some discussion over the history of one member of the club erroneously making a "commitment" to the library without board approval or without the amounts being included in Community Service B budget, it was decided that the Friends of the Evelyn Meador Library could make a formal request for the monies (\$2,000) and the new board may consider the request.

New Business

Rotary Pavilion – Ken Gurry, Chuck Jacobsen, John Kennedy and Mike Porterfield made a presentation to the board concerning the Rotary pavilion (which TxDOT refers to as the "Bicycle Pedestrian Pavilion"). Ken and Chuck are co-chairing the fundraising efforts. John Kennedy explained the overall beautification project along Nasa Parkway. So far, it has consisted of landscaping and the monument in the esplanade. John mentioned that there will be a 12 foot multi use path for hike/bike. He mentioned the city of Nassau Bay wants to remove the chain link fence and replace with a stone pillar and iron fence. He also mentioned that there will be 7 monuments for the man space program. John said the total beautification project is \$3,000,000 and the city of Nassau Bay must raise \$600,000 (either monies or in kind contributions and government will pay for the remainder – 80/20 split). The pavilion is 50'x50' and 35' tall, with multiple steps to access it. There are plans to have a playground, planter and exhibits near the pavilion. This project will obviously be under the guidance of NASA and Nassau Bay. If Nassau Bay gets the grant, the city will maintain the facility. The grant will be decided in December. The floor plan shows Romanesque columns. Multiple rotary wheels will be the symbols used and may be placed in tile in the center of the pavilion. This project can be enhanced. The intention is for Rotary to build the pavilion whether or not the city of Nassau Bay receives the grant. There was a mention that some would like to see a memorial to astronauts around the pavilion.

Motion to adjourn.

The next SCR board meeting will be July 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted:
Dick Gregg III, Secretary