



ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors

July 18, 2006

Members in attendance:

Geoff Atwater, Tony Bloomfield, Mike Cornett, Pam Culpepper, Jerrold DeWease, JB Fox, Dick Gregg III, Mike Hernandez, Mark Humphrey, Gary Johnson, Dick Kidder, Bill Taylor and Art Wood

Members absent:

Rafael Lugo and Scott Rainey

Visitors:

None

President Geoff Atwater called the meeting order at 0700.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of last meeting were approved as edited.

Treasurer's report

End of the Rotary Fiscal year (June 30th) financials were distributed. The Administrative as well as the Services activities during the year were conducted within the approved budget. The Admin checking account started the year with a deficit of \$3,587.81 and ended with a deficit of \$390.69. The Service account started with a balance of \$0.00 and ended with a positive balance of \$78.53. There are still \$415.00 uncollected members dues from last year.

The Club ended the year with approx. \$16,500.00 in the Admin rainy day fund and approx. \$56,500.00 in the Service rainy day fund. This is a total increase of approx. \$19,000.00 mostly due to proceeds from the Shrimporee and from interests made from the Mutual Funds investments.

Resignations

None

New Officers

Gary Johnson and Rafael Lugo were ratified unanimously to the position of Treasurer and Sgt. at Arms respectively after motion made by JB Fox and seconded by Bill Taylor.

New Budget Approval

Geoff Atwater pointed out some minor changes to the draft budget for the 06/07 year. Dick Kidder and Art Wood requested some minor changes which were granted. The Budget was approved unanimously.

Jerrold DeWease requested clarification/approval to be able to use budgeted money assigned to the RI Foundation Committee to assist club members with the \$100.00 contribution to make them RI sustaining members. During the discussion that followed, the comment was made that the money has traditionally been used as a Club match for a Paul Harris Fellow. No decision was made.

Membership

Geoff commented that the District goal we have is to add at least 5 new members this year. We presently have 120 members. There will be a District seminar on August 5th on how to attract new members. The Club will send a representative.

Tony Bloomfield presented three new member candidates; Patricia Doughty, Tony Vinson and John McKinnie. Several members spoke very positively about each of the candidates. After motion by Bill Taylor and seconded by Dick Gregg, all three were approved to start the initiation process.

Jerrold DeWease questioned the use of the "Memo of Agreement" with the new members, indicating that there were many questions and comments made about the Agreement by many members which have never been addressed by the Board. After a general discussion, Geoff requested Bill Taylor, Director of Membership, to research the issue and return to the Board next month with a recommendation.

Events:

Shrimporee – Saturday, October 28, 2006; (Rain date November 11, 2006)

Geoff announced that Dick Gregg III has volunteered to be this year's Chairman of the Shrimporee.

Dick explained that we will have Shrimp and BBQ this year, same as last year. All of the heads of the committees have been selected and Al Ligrani is in charge of recruiting members for the committees. A question was raised whether we

should buy a Snow Cone machine and if we did, where would it be stored. Jerrold DeWease pointed out that Space City Tire and Auto has been renting a storage facility for our Club for over a year now, and it appears it has not been used at its capacity. No decision was made about the Snow Cone machine.

Officers and Directors Reports:

Membership (Bill Taylor) – Epstein, who has been heading the Attendance Committee for many years now, is looking to add other members to the committee and possibly for him to make a change.

Public Relations (Scott Rainey) – no report

Club Service (Mark Humphrey) – Bill Lowes agreed to be the Chairman of the Programs committee.

Grants (Mike Cornett) – We may be able to partnership with a person from the Armand Bayou Nature Center who is an expert on preparing Grants to help us put them together. Mike was looking for direction from the Board on how to proceed.

Community Service A (Tony Bloomfield) – We should use the Blast off to announce needed people to support the Shrimporee committees.

Community Service B (Pam Culpepper) – Blane Grant Immunization project will take place Thursday, July 20th under the leadership of Jennifer Keller at Interfaith Caring Ministries on Egret Bay. As result of the grant, the club will receive 1000 credit points with The RI Foundation.

International Service A (Jerrold DeWease) – No report

International Service B (Dick Kidder) –Will talk with Dr. Fustok for his help with the Guerrero Clinic.

Vocational Service (Art Wood) –Chairpersons of his different committees are going to be rotating as the year goes by.

Treasurer (Gary Johnson) – Mentioned that Art Oswald would like to be replaced as the Chair of the “Club Meeting/Lunch Money collection” committee. Bill Taylor was asked to follow up on that. (Is there such a committee? What is the proper name? I was told that no one knew where those folks that collect the money and hand out the silverware belong, and that there has always been some one that has run with it with out much direction or recognition. At one time I (Mike) was approached with the suggestion to have that function under the Treasurer! –

These comments in parenthesis will not appear as part of the minutes)

Gary also indicated that the list of accounts in the Financial S/W system needed to be modified according to the new Directorate alignment and functions, and asked Geoff to help him.

Past President (JB Fox) – Gregg Layton has not received his Blue Badge yet.

Old Business

New Business

Motion was made to adjourn.

The next SCR board meeting will be August 15, 2006.

Respectfully submitted:

Miguel A. Hernandez, Jr.,
Secretary