

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001  
NASA/JSC GILRUTH CENTER

Attendance — Chart attached; Red Badger Denise Platt

Call to Order — Meeting called to order by President Suzi Howe at 7:00 a.m.

Secretary Minutes — Approved as presented

Treasurer's Report — Approved as presented

New Members and/or Resignations — Peter Wuenschel with Bridgeport Community in Schools was approved for membership. Additional membership changes were approved via email due to lack of quorum at the August board meeting. Tony Resendez, Waldron, Schneider & Todd was approved as a new member. Lynette Mason Gregg was reinstated from medical leave. Tim Rainey Sr., Tim Rainey Jr, and Tom Weir resignations were accepted.

Approval of 2001-2002 Budget — Suzi discussed the budget, explaining the difference between the service and administrative budgets. The Service budget expenditures are \$2700 over the expected budget receipts from Shrimporee. It was moved and seconded that the decision be made at the next board meeting after we know what the Shrimporee generates.

VIP Wine Tasting Report — Greg Turley reported on the recent VIP Wine Tasting Event. It generated \$12,000 in net receipts. He discussed that this activity can be developed as a major fundraiser and that a lot of groundwork was put in place for next year.

Shrimporee Report — Earl Maudlin reported that everything was ready for the Shrimporee. Meeting held last night. It is anticipated that will be a significant sale of ticket that day. Commissioner Jim Fonteno will be honored and will be given a special award at the beginning of the auction. There will be a YMCA coloring contest; Boy Scouts will have a derby race in the morning. Plans were made to have the banners hung on the stage.

National and International Task Force Report — Suzi reported on the "Water Well Project" in Bolivia. Stan Galanski has been involved with the project and will be going to Bolivia shortly to accept an award. They have drilled and reached water on the premises of the orphanage. Space Center, Friendswood, District 5890, Rotary International, and a club in Switzerland have funded the activity.

Greeters for September — Marc Schneider and Marie Dalton

Membership — Suzi gave a report for Marilyn Musial. She has concerns about

tracking the red badgers and blue badgers. Will be working with Ava Lunsford who is working with the red badgers

Events — Nicaragua Gala will be September 22, 2001. Humble club is the original sponsor of this project, which was involved with the schools after the tremendous floods of a few years ago. It has developed to a plan for making each family self-sufficient with land, livestock and a home. The Humble club will be giving the program on September 24, 2001.

Facilities Items — A request was made by the Gilruth Center for the club to have the piano tuned. Also, we were reminded to let Vissett know when we were bringing guests so that we would be sure we could let the Gilruth Center know.

## **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

### **Club Service A**

Earl Maudlin — We are still having dinner at Fuddrucker's on Tuesday nights. A possible weekly breakfast or maybe Friday night social are being looked at. A calendar has been created and will be put in the bulletin with Rotary functions. Example was handed out.

Magazine collection and distribution is still being done

Sherril Stringfellow is working on a golf tournament. Xavier Sandoval is working on a golf fellowship.

Marie Dalton gave a report on the different publicity activities of the club.

### **Club Service B**

No Report

### **Club Service C**

The district membership development meeting will be held on September 20 at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Houston Baptist College.

### **Club Service D**

Geoff Atwater announced that names were added to the monument at the park. "Rotary Minutes" will start being read at the minutes. The history committee duties are being redefined; looking at using a climate controlled space. Will be looking at the By-Laws in the future for possible changes.

### **Vocational Service**

Joan Skellinger announced that the various committees are starting their work and getting their members together.

### **Community Service A**

Marc Schneider announced that Scott Smith is going to be working with the

Interact Clubs and the Youth Activities committee has a new chair.

### **Community Service B**

Marie Dalton presented her written report below.

**Community Service B has six committees involved in support of Space Center Rotary activities. If you are interested in service on one of the committees, please contact Marie Dalton or the committee chair. The primary activities of the six committees are:**

Community Service Committee, chaired by Rhonda Lee

This year's goal is to reactivate this committee by investigating possible programs with United Way and Red Cross. One project has recently been accomplished through support for a United Way brochure regarding an informational forum for helping/caring professionals, "Helping the Community Recover.. .Dealing with Emotions that Follow Tragedy and Disaster."

Health and Safety Committee, chaired by Belinda Skloss and Pat Maurer  
This committee will provide "Safe on My Own" booklets to third graders in Clear Creek ISD, provide nursing awards, and invite Congressman Nick Lampson to address the membership in April.

NASA Information Tech, chaired by Mike Hernandez  
The goal of this committee is to help disseminate information regarding NASA's Technology Outreach Program. To accomplish this, Rotary members will attend meetings at other chapters with Cathy Kramer (who oversees TOP).

Scholarships Committee, chaired by Mario Garcia and Greg Turley  
This committee will continue the successful scholarship program with Clear Lake, Clear Brook, and Clear View High Schools. Recommended students will be interviewed, selected, and honored at a spring Rotary meeting.

Senior Citizens Committee, chaired by Bob Mitchell and JB Fox  
This committee provides technical assistance to local citizens aged 55+. The purpose is to help bring senior citizens into the world of computers. Bob and JB have on hand 12 computers in various states that will be assembled into working ones for distribution to senior citizens.

Drug Awareness Committee, chaired by Doug Byerly  
This is Rotary district program that calls for junior high students to write essays on drug awareness. Winning essays, usually stories that are sincere and tear at your heart, are read aloud by their young authors, who take drug awareness very seriously.

### **International Service A**

J. B. Fox gave a short report on the Rotary Foundation and the SCR Endowment Fund

### **International Service B**

Dick Kidder gave a report on Youth Exchange and the World Health committees. Bob Struzinski is heading the World Health committee and is facilitating some great work with children in Mexico and Israel with the help of Dr. Fustok. They will be trying to increase the activity in this committee and asking for the help of the Texas Children's Hospital.

### **Other**

Earl Maudlin reported on the membership development activities, which is an activity of importance this year. More structured procedures for making sure that guests feel welcome are being developed. There was discussion concerning a club brochure and a possible blood drive.

It was announced that when we have a number of guests we need to let Vissett Sun know so he can change the head count for our meeting if necessary.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Olive Murphy Riker, Secretary