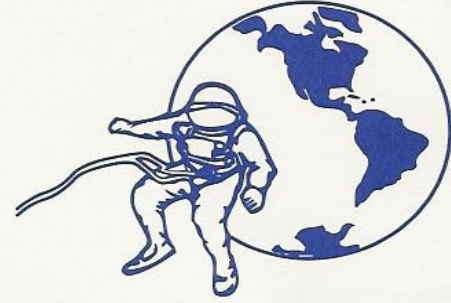


ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors

October 19, 2004

Members in attendance:

Geoff Atwater, Pam Culpepper, Ted Cummings, JB Fox, Dick Gregg III, Mike Hernandez, Dick Kidder, Scott Rainey, Sheila Self, Joan Skellenger, Vissett Sun, Jim Sweeney

Members absent:

Tony Bloomfield, Johnny White

Guests:

Jerry Smith, Travis Vermeer, Carlos Villagomez

President Vissett called the meeting to order at 7:05 AM after ascertaining quorum.

President Vissett announced the board's decision to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mike Duckworth by promoting Geoff Atwater from Treasurer to Secretary and promoting Dick Gregg III from Sgt-at-Arms to Treasurer. The remaining term of Sgt-at-Arms will be filled by board action.

JB Fox will head the nominating committee of Billy Smith and Bill Lowes with the election scheduled for Dec. 6 in accordance with the By Laws.

Report of the Secretary

The minutes for the Board Meeting of September 21 were approved as submitted.

There were no Reinstatements, New Members, Leaves of Absence, or Attendance Adjustments brought before the board.

President Sun suggested that the board recognize the many years of service provided by Ann Fulcher by designating her as an honorary member. Ann voluntarily commutes from Friendswood to play the piano for the opening song and prior to regular meetings. Sheila Self moved to extend honorary membership to Ann, motion was seconded by Jim Sweeney, and approved by voice vote.

Report of the Treasurer

Geoff Atwater distributed the year-to-date expense tracking report for both Administrative and Service funds. Administrative income is running almost \$2,000 below budget due to a decline in membership partially offset by new member additions and proceeds from the four-wheeler raffle held during the Shrimporee. The Service fund report reflected the preliminary results from the Shrimporee and the VIP Event. Income for Service was shown as \$15,853 over budget due to the success of the fundraisers. A final accounting of the fundraisers will be provided to the board at a later date.

Many suggestions were made on how to utilize the additional Service income. The following list was compiled from the board comments:

Increased budget for International Youth committee	\$2500
Increased budget for World Health committee	\$1000
Mobile Health Van support (D’Lisa Simmons)	\$10,000
Help with van purchase for Hector Marin an option would be to team with the MS Society to sponsor a fun run	TBD
Support for senior programs at Sheltering Arms	\$1-2000
Support for Communities in Schools	\$5000
Support to CCISD clubs providing Shrimporee volunteers	\$500
Add to Shrimporee “Rainy Day Fund”	\$5000
Support for Nicaraguan Children’s Choir	\$500-1500
School supplies for Mexican church school (Jerry Smith)	\$500-1000
Part-time CCISD bi-lingual nurse (Ava Lunsford/Pam C)	\$4400

The board looks to the Shrimporee Chair, Carlos Villagomez, to form a committee to make recommendations to the board on priorities for using the added income. Two items were identified that could not wait for the next board meeting. President Vissett moved that the budget for International Youth and World Health committees be increased by \$3500. The move was seconded by Dick Kidder and approved by voice vote. Vissett also moved that a direct donation be given to the Nicaraguan Children’s Choir when they visit the club on Monday in the amount of \$500. The motion was seconded by Dick Kidder and approved by voice vote.

Geoff opened a discussion on a possible dues increase by presenting the results of survey of other large clubs in District 5890. Of the 12 clubs responding, Space Center falls in the middle for the amount of annual dues and is one of the few clubs still doing an annual billing. Geoff displayed a chart showing how past and planned fee increases from Rotary International and District 5890 have eroded the share of annual dues going to the club. At projected fee amounts, the club share will decline

from \$108 per member to \$78 per member. An increase in dues to \$210 would be necessary to maintain the portion of dues going to the club. Geoff moved that a By Laws change be submitted to the club at the same time as board elections to raise dues to \$210 payable semiannually. Dick Gregg III seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Director Reports

There were no Director Reports due to the length of the meeting.

The meeting of the board was adjourned at 8:10 AM. The next SCR board meeting will be November 16.