



**ROTARY CLUB**  
OF  
**SPACE CENTER**  
"Service Above Self"



***Minutes of the Board of Directors***

***February 21, 2006***

**Members in attendance:**

Geoff Atwater, Pam Culpepper, Jerold DeWease, JB Fox, Mike Hernandez, Dick Kidder, Scott Rainey, Vissett Sun, Tony Bloomfield; Dick Gregg III; Johnny White, Joan Skellenger

**Members absent:**

Bill Taylor, Gary Johnson, Art Wood

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

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of last meeting were approved as edited.

**Treasurer's report**

No report.

**Resignations**

None

**Membership**

Tony Bloomfield reported 2 new members:

1. Ray DeCastro, proposed by Art Wood, is a former Rotarian who is in the field of interior design and who is active at Bay Oaks Country Club and the Bay Oaks community. Ray has attended at least 3 meetings.
2. Rudy England, proposed by Peter Wuenchel, is a Pastor at Christ in Fellowship, and is a former attorney active in the state and local bar associations. Rudy has attended 2 or more meetings.

After a motion and second to approve both as members, they were approved unanimously. JB Fox asked the Secretary to post on the door, and this job was delegated to Tony Bloomfield.

### **Bank Change**

There was a discussion concerning the possibility of changing banks for the Shrimporee account from Prosperity Bank to Bank of America due to rising fees. No decision was made. Dick Kidder offered to help treasurer do a study on the banks in the area because Dick is already compiling such a study for the Freeman Library where he is a board member also. A suggestion was made to find a bank that accepts credit cards for our weekly lunches and further to possibly allow a PayPal account.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Rotary night at Rodeo – March 1, 2006  
RNASA 20 year anniversary – March 24, 2006  
VIP Dinner – May 5, 2006

### **Potential Projects**

1. Mexico City Sister Club – Olga Santos Devlyn – This project would be to work with a club in Mexico City to sponsor O. Devlyn coming to Houston to receive a diagnosis of an unknown illness at this time.
2. Mexico City child visit to Houston and Fustok – This project concerns trying to get Mexico City club to sponsor sending child from Monterrey.
3. Interact club – director not present to discuss.
4. Roteract – Charles Grant – JB Fox to get with Ted Cummings to discuss further.
5. Ryla – one person to attend.
6. Boy Scouts – This project is to try to start up a Boy Scout troop for the at risk kids; \$500 needed to sponsor. Dick Gregg III will contact Mark Montgomery regarding the amounts needed.
7. Girl Scout troop – Dick Gregg III to call Dick Meyer to check on establishing a new girl scout troop.

### **Director Reports:**

Club Service A – no report

Club Service B – no report

Club Service C – Tony Bloomfield reported Laura Hale is taking over orientations and that Mike Mollier and Bob Mitchell were staying involved. Laura Hale intends to get red badgers together and to encourage sponsors to be present during orientation.

Club D – no report

Community Service A – no report

Community Service B – Pam Culpepper reported that Belinda Skloss's committee intends on making a presentation to the club on 4/24/06 and that Steve Waldner's senior committee is looking into making a template for visiting nursing homes. It was reported that 3 of 6 wireless alarm kits have been applied for and 1 of 6 is in use currently.

International Service A – Jerrold DeWeese reported that RI Foundation and Rotary Foundation Committee were emphasizing Paul Harris fellows and trying to gather all credits for members. David Coney is taking over this committee in 3 months.

Jerrold also reported that SCR Endowment Foundation is working with the City of Nassau Bay to work on a developing a jogging trail and an opportunity to build a large pavilion. The NASA fence may be replaced with brick pillars and wrought iron –The city of Nassau Bay is working on this angle with NASA. The design for the pavilion is on the SCR website. JB Fox mentioned that use of the median was also given to SCR and that he asked Mike Porterfield to look into design options. The pavilion project costs are estimated to be \$150,000.00 with 80% to be paid for by the state. The total NASA fence move, the jogging track, wrought iron fence and greenery is estimated at \$3,000.000. The SCR Foundation wants a goal.

International Service B – Dick Kidder reported he was pleased at the potential opportunity to have a sponsor help send someone to Houston.

## **Old Business**

Project graduation – for the three schools in CCISD (Lake, Creek, & Brook), Scott Rainey wanted to see \$1,000.00 go to each school for a total of \$3,000.00. Tony Bloomfield previously donated and earmarked the \$500.00 donation for project graduation, leaving a balance of \$2,500.00 needed. JB Fox mentioned he would like to see a banner at each location showing the Rotary symbol. Scott Rainey made a motion to support project graduation in the amount of \$3,000.00 less \$500.00 previously donated by Tony Bloomfield equaling \$2,500.00, of which \$1,000.00 to come from the line item in the budget under interact, and \$1,500 to come from a residual fund. Jerold DeWeese seconded. It passed unanimously. There also was a discussion that from the \$13,000.00 carried over from last year, Geoff intended to have \$8,000.00 earmarked for Katrina projects and JB intended to fund some unfunded projects with the remainder (with approval of the board).

## **New Business**

VIP status: Geoff Atwater reported he and Tony Bloomfield are co-chairs of the VIP event and they intend this next Monday to announce a Raffle for a watch donated by a local jewelry store. They have been meeting to discuss many items for the party, and are looking for novel auction items (sports memorabilia, wine tasting event, lunch, limousine trip to La. Casino. They have decided not to send out printed RSVP cards but will personally contact instead.

Brentwood Status: Robert's Company bought Brentwood and our contract will be honored. The owners plan to renovate and it may be a Holiday Inn or Sheridan.

New Raffle: JB Fox mentioned that Gary Johnson's son is a motorcycle enthusiast and that he has located a Harley Davidson with 900 miles at the cost of \$9,000.00 to auction off. The auction will be designed to sell 2000 tickets at \$20.00 each. There was concern amongst board members about having dueling raffles, since Geoff and Tony intend to announce the moon watch on Monday. It was concluded that only one raffle shall occur at a time and the moon watch will start Monday and end at VIP dinner on May 5, 2006.

Motion to adjourn.

The next SCR board meeting will be March 21, 2006.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dick Gregg III, Secretary