



# ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER

"Service Above Self"



## Minutes of the Board of Directors

February 20, 2007

### Members in attendance

Geoff Atwater, Dick Gregg III, Mike Hernandez, Gary Johnson, Rafael Lugo, Scott Rainey, Mark Humphrey, Mike Cornett, Pam Culpepper, Jerrold Dewease, Dick Kidder and Art Wood.

### Members absent

JB Fox, Bill Taylor, Tony Bloomfield

### Visitors

Laura Godwin, Becky Reitz, Dave Coney and Peter Wuenschel

### Secretary's report

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented. Five members were removed from the club roster during the month of January, and no new members were added. This results in 118 members at the end of January which is the same number we started with in July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Laura Godwin has been added as a new member this month and there seems to be 2 or 3 additional new members being processed.

### Treasurer's report

Financial statements for the Service and Administrative areas were presented.

### New Business

#### Helping a Hero Organization

Jim Stoa, from the Seabrook Rotary Club made a presentation about the Helping a Hero organization which is a non profit non partisan organization with the purpose of creating programs and providing services in support of injured military personnel and their families. Mr. Stoa asked for financial support from our Club. A question and answer session was followed with a discussion among the Board where the general decision was to ask Mr. Stoa to make the same presentation to the club membership at one of our club meetings. A suggestion was made to provide the Helping Hero Organization with \$500.00, a motion was made, seconded and majority approved.

#### Communities in School

Peter Wuenschel presented an expansion to the CCISD's Career Awareness program where intermediate and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are taken to the Medical Center for direct exposure to the medical related career fields. Peter requested for our Club to support this effort with a \$2000.00 donation.

#### Mexico City Rotary Club Project

Mike Hernandez introduced a request from Debora McBride to support a project of the Aerpuerto Club in Mexico City. This club has been providing medical attention, along with food and clothing supplies to the small town of Montana Alta in the Guerrero Province. They are requesting our Club's assistance with donations of medical, non perishable food and clothing for this very poor town in the mountains.

A discussion followed trying to understand the program and the kind of support we can provide. The question also came up whether this is part of the effort now being supported by our club providing medical attention to a villa in the Guerrero Province. The decision was made to contact the Aeropuerto Club and find out more about the program.

#### **Ambassadorial Scholar**

Jerrold Dewease requested additional funds to be added to the International Service A, Ambassadorial Scholar program, to support our sponsored Scholar from Korea Eun Hye Kong. These additional funds, for \$2500.00 will go toward her yearly expenses as well as for her trip to the District's Conference in Puerto Vallarta.

#### **Interact Conference**

Geoff Atwater presented a plea from our sponsored Interact club to support them with \$500.00 to attend the District's Interact Conference. They traditionally have been paying for the conference out of moneys received working at the Wings over Houston event at the Ellington Field. Wings over Houston have made some changes and are no longer using the student's services.

#### **District Conference**

Geoff Atwater made a request for donations for items that can be given away at the Conference as door prizes. Traditionally every club provides to the District Conference organizers a number of articles that can be given out to attending conference club members. This year, being the District Governor, Suzi Howe, is from our club, we should create the example.

Geoff also suggested the Club provide money towards the hospitality suite the Governor traditionally has at the District Conference. Geoff will review the Admin budget to identify moneys that could be used for this purpose.

#### **CLHS Project Graduation**

Scott Rainey presented a request for \$1000.00 to support the CLHS Project Graduation. Our Club has been supporting this program for the past several years. It consists of providing a location and activities for the students' graduation celebration supervised by parents and adults.

#### **Letter from Rotary Charity Katrina Funds**

Geoff read a thank you letter received from the Rotary Charity Katrina Funds thanking the Club for the support and monetary assistance we provided.

#### **Budget Assessment and Reallocations**

Due to the number of requests for support received, it was decided to assess the budget and reallocate funds where needed.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to modify the Administrative budget by moving \$1000.00 from the Public Relations committee to the District Conference, and therefore contributing money to buy items to be given as door prizes at the Conference.

Individual motions were made, seconded and approved to modify the Service budget as follows:

- Add \$7000.00 additional dollars to the budget coming from the revenues of the Shrimporee.
- Reduce by \$5000.00 the \$10,000.00 Katrina support budget, also reduce the \$2000.00 budgeted for Engineers Without Borders by \$1000.00.
- Add \$1000.00 previously requested for Boy Scouts troop support to the budget
- Add \$2000.00 for the support requested by Communities in School.
- Add \$500.00 to support the Helping Heroes Organization. The check will be presented during their presentation of the Program to the entire Club audience.

- Move \$250.00 from Rotaract which is not active at this time to the Interact. This \$250.00 plus the existing \$250.00 already in their budget results in the \$500.00 needed to support their trip to the Interact Conference.
- Add \$2500.00 to the Ambassadorial Scholar budget to support the requirements for yearly expenses and trip to the District Conference.
- Youth activities already budgeted funds of \$1000.00 will be used to support the CLHS Project Graduation.

### **Old Business**

#### **Officers and Directors comments**

None

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, March 29, 2007, 6:30 to 10:30pm – Springoree at Butler’s Courtyard, League City.

Friday, April 20, 2007 – RNASA Banquet and Awards Ceremony

April 26-29, 2007 – District 5890 Conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 am

The next regular SCRC board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7am at Bay Oaks Country Club.

Respectfully Submitted:

Miguel A. Hernandez, Jr.  
Secretary