

Rotary Club of Space Center Board Meeting

Minutes
September 21, 2004

Members in attendance: Vissett Sun, Johnny White, Tony Bloomfield, Geoff Atwater, J. B. Fox, Dick Kidder, Mike Duckworth, Scott Rainey, Bob Mitchell, Pam Culpepper, Dick Gregg III, Ted Cummings

Guest(s): Laura Hale, Marilyn Musial, Matt Tittle

President Sun called the meeting to order at 7:03 AM

Upon a motion by Dick Kidder and second by Dick Gregg III, the minutes of the August Board Meeting were approved without correction.

Secretary's Report:

New Members: J. R. Hill was recommended for membership by Tony Bloomfield. Mike Cornett is his sponsor. The process for membership proposal was discussed in detail. Bob Mitchell referred to the bylaws and read the process as described therein. Tony Bloomfield volunteered to review the process for the members at a future meeting. Laura Hale mentioned that Billy Smith has presented the same program in the past and may provide the information to Tony. Tony will follow up.

On a separate matter, Mike Duckworth mentioned that Greg Layton had been proposed for membership last year. No word was received by Mr. Duckworth or Mr. Layton regarding the approval of Mr. Layton's proposal; however, Mr. Layton began receiving the Rotarian Magazine. Tony will contact Mr. Layton to get his proposal activated.

Upon a motion by Dick Gregg III and second by Tony Bloomfield, both were approved.

Leave of Absence: President Sun recommended leave of absence for Roger Donnelly and Hector Marin for medical reasons. Upon a motion by Dick Gregg III and a second by J. B. Fox, the recommendation was approved.

Attendance Adjustments: President Sun also recommended retro active leaves of absence for Billy Smith and Rafael Lugo due to medical reasons to allow them to maintain their perfect attendance record. The recommendation was approved upon a motion by Dick Gregg III and a second by Pam Culpepper.

Other: President Sun mentioned that there appears to be a discrepancy in Roger Donnelly's attendance record as it relates to Mr. Donnelly's perfect attendance. Bob Mitchell will research and report the results to President Sun. No board action required.

Treasurer's Report:

Administrative Budget: Geoff Atwater presented the club's budget. Key points discussed were: declining membership and annual versus semi-annual payment of the annual dues. No formal action was taken on these matters. Mr. Atwater stated that we do not have final numbers for the Shrimporee. Per Tony Bloomfield the VIP Event netted approximately \$26,000.

Marilyn Musial mentioned that high school students (National Honor Society and PALS) assisted with the Shrimporee. Ms. Musial would like to recommend some form of scholarship for those two programs. Mr. Atwater requested that we postpone further discussion until final accounting of the Shrimporee.

Due to an oversight by the Secretary, the Treasurer's Report was not approved.

Consider projects: President Sun mentioned that Jerry Smith's Mexico Project should be considered for funding by the club. After general discussion, it was agreed to invite Jerry to make a presentation to the board.

Hector Marin, a member of our club, needs assistance in acquiring a special vehicle designed for people with multiple sclerosis. Bob Mitchell suggested that we research the options that are available and Dick Kidder volunteered.

Director Reports:

President Sun reminded everyone to forward program schedules to Frank Perez.

Pam Culpepper reported that her committee is partnering with other groups in the area to obtain matching grants for our Blaine Grant to provide immunization to children.

Other Business:

Laura Hale recommended that the club re-classify Vince Lipovsky as a Past Service Member (under the 85 rule) and waive his dues requirement. The action was approved upon a motion by J. B. Fox and a second by Johnny White.

Mike Duckworth informed the Board that he is leaving the club. Dick Gregg III agreed to serve as secretary. The Board will hold an election for Sergeant-at-Arms. Dick Kidder agreed to have his name on the ballot, and Joan Skellenger will be invited to have her name on the ballot as well. The announcement will be made at the September 27th meeting and the election will be held the following Monday, October 4th.

Important Dates:

October 5th, Tuesday – Texas Roadhouse/Rotary Golf Tournament

October 17th, Sunday – Rotary Family Day Centennial Project at Hermann Park

October 19th, Tuesday – SCR Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 AM.