

ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS
MINUTES
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 19, 1988
NASSAU BAY HILTON HOTEL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Billy Weseman, President
John Watson, President-Elect
Billy Smith, Secretary
Jack Lister, Treasurer
Terry Hesson, Sergeant-at-Arms
Woody Williams, Director
Carlos Villagomez, Director
Tom Wier, Director
Eddie Harris, Director
David Taylor, Director
Owen Morris, Director
Dave King, Director
Vic Maria, Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim McNatt, Past President
John Francis, Director

GUESTS:

Bill Webb, Past President
Bob Wren, Past President
Darrell Mohler
David Cordell
David Gochner
Jean McKethan
Dixie Robison
Mark Neff

1. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of July 5, 1988, were approved as written.

2. Terminations and Resignations:

Terminations: None

Resignations: Roy Isles - accepted with regrets

3. New Member Proposals:

Bobby J. Williams - Sr. Active

Maggie Plumb DeNike - Home Building/Remodeling

Both proposed members were approved unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Jack Lister reported that there is about \$8,000.00 in the checking account and that the dues payments are coming in very well.

5. **Correspondence:**

- a. A "Thank you" letter has been received from Alice Gratzfield, Secretary of the Sunshine Club for the \$1,000.00 gift.
- b. A letter from PDG Potter requesting that this club purchase tickets to the "Night at the Opera" to support the GSE Team from England. Following brief discussion, consideration of this request was postponed until after the budget planning meeting.
- c. Billy Weseman sent a letter to the Hilton Hotel complaining about the meeting conditions in the Club for the last regular meeting.

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Billy Weseman reported that he had formed a "Shrimporee Major Contributors Committee" with David Owen as Chairman. This committee will have its initial meeting on July 19, 1988, at the Hilton and he expects them to set a goal of approximately \$10,000.00 for contributions this year.
- b. David Cordell reported that all Shrimporee chairmen have been named and that tickets have been given to the Ticket Committee which will be distributed to members at the July 25, 1988, meeting.

7. **Old Business:**

- a. The membership will be surveyed at the next meeting to determine the best date for scheduling a visit to the Aeropuerto Mexico Club.
- b. There will be a meeting of officers and directors at the Hilton on Thursday, July 21, 1988, at 5:30 p.m. to prepare a proposed budget for this year.
- c. David shared his experience of having a 14 year old

boy from Mexico visit in home as a part of the Aeropuerto Mexico Club Summer Exchange Program.

8. **New Business:**

- a. Billy Weseman introduced a discussion of the appointment of Honorary Members and suggested the following for consideration:

Dick Chandler, Chuck Jacobson, Pete Guest (all past presidents of the Club), Raymond Khoury & Abdel Fustok for their contributions to the World Health Foundation. Jim Fonteno was also suggested by a Board member. It was noted that Clay Fulcher is our only current Honorary Member, having been elected for a term beginning July 1, 1988. Honorary members may be elected for a one year term only and, if desired, must be elected again for subsequent terms.

David Taylor suggested that there may be other suitable persons in the community that should be considered and Vic Maria expressed concern about who is not elected. After considerable discussion, Billy Weseman decided to appoint a committee to study this matter and to report back to the Board with suggestions. David Taylor, Carlos Villagomez and the chairman of the Membership Development Committee were appointed.

- b. Appreciation was expressed for the service of Lamar Bowles and Joe Shirley as directors and plaques will be ordered for presentation at a club meeting to acknowledge their contribution.
- c. Billy Weseman announced that a "25th Anniversary Celebration Committee" is being formed with John Watson as chairman to plan a celebration for August 6, 1989.
- d. It was requested that directors use the authorization expenditure forms and give them to the treasurer when requesting the payment of expenses.
- e. Billy Weseman opened a discussion of the activities of the Memorial Committee and Carlos Villagomez reported that the committee is ready to plant trees honoring our deceased members, but there needs to be a discussion with Steve Bolton, Director of the YMCA, regarding their placement. There seems to be a difference in expectations as to whether the trees will be planted in a grove or as part of the general landscaping at the YMCA facility. Bob Wren urged

delaying the planting until the new building has been completed to avoid damage to the new trees during construction. Tom Wier pointed out that a drainage problem needs to be solved before placement of the trees. Carlos queried why the trees must be planted at the YMCA and suggested that there are other suitable locations such as U of H Clear Lake campus, Clear Lake High School and Challenger 7 Memorial Park. Woody Williams urged that the planting take place soon since there are many of our deceased members who have not been honored in this way. Following considerable discussion, Weseman requested that the Memorial Committee study this matter and report to the Board with their recommendation as soon as possible.

- f. Billy Weseman announced that District Governor Long has requested that this club host a District Rotary Information Seminar and that Eddie Harris has agreed to act as chairman of this event. More information will be presented at a future meeting.
- g. John Watson urged members to support the Women of Space Center Rotary in their Night at the Shaw Festival by purchasing tickets as soon as possible. Carlos objected to the pressure sales tactics. Dave King and Vic Maria pointed out the need for our support of this activity and Terry Hesson reminded members that these women operate a dessert booth at the Shrimporee each year from which they do not receive any of the proceeds. The women use the proceeds from the sale of these tickets to fund a Paul Harris Fellowship.

9. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

BILLY R. SMITH, Secretary

