

ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS
MINUTES
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 2, 1988
NASSAU BAY HILTON HOTEL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim McNatt, Immediate Past President
Jack Lister, Treasurer
John Francis, Director

GUESTS:

Bob Wren, Past President
David Cordell
Ray Graham
David Gochner
Ken Hoffman
Steve Bolton

1. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of July 19, 1988, were approved as written.

2. Terminations and Resignations:

Terminations: There were no terminations reported, but Billy Smith reported that the Secretary's attendance records indicate that four members have missed four or more consecutive meetings. Those members are: Ron Blilie, Gerald DeSobe, Gonzalo Montoya, and Tommie Thompson. Two members present stated that they had seen Gonzalo Montoya at the meeting of August 1, 1988, and the Secretary will correct the records accordingly. It was further reported that the Attendance Committee routinely contacts any member after three consecutive misses to

discuss any problems they may be having and to encourage them to attend or makeup. It was also pointed out that some of these members may have makeups which have not been reported to the Secretary.

Resignations: Billy Weseman read a letter of resignation from John Francis as director only. Following discussion, and on motion made and seconded, the resignation was accepted with regrets.

3. **New Member Proposals:**

Eddie Harris moved the acceptance of the following for membership:

David Baldwin - Savings & Loan General Management
Huey Barnett - Youth Service Juvenile Rehabilitation
[Additional Active], subject to the approval of
Ron Niksich.
Karen Birchenough - Marketing Success Seminars

The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Tom Wier expressed his concern that the Club is growing so fast that it is difficult to become acquainted with the new members. Dave King commented on the overcrowding of the meeting room and Billy Weseman agreed there is a problem that we need to work on with the hotel. David Cordell suggested using the Bluebook to provide more information about each member and the distribute updates promptly. Weseman promised monthly updates.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** None

5. **Correspondence:**

a. Weseman reported receipt of an inquiry from NASA JSC concerning the Club's interest in staying on the Space Shuttle's payload schedule or receiving a refund of the deposit. Following a short discussion, Weseman was requested to request a refund.

b. A letter had been received from Bay Area Meals on Wheels requesting a donation. This was referred to the Shrimporee Committee.

6. **Committee Reports:** None

7. **Old Business:**

a. The subject of honorary memberships was reintroduced by Billy Weseman and a report from the ad hoc

committee appointed at the last board meeting was requested. Carlos Villagomez reported that the committee had not met but that he advises against the appointment of any new honorary members. Billy Weseman stated that he felt that, used correctly, appointment of honorary members can help promote community relations. Tom Wier stated that such an appointment should recognize some current contribution to the Club or community. Weseman echoed that thought. David Taylor stated that he thinks such appointments should be used to "network" with the community by appointing community leaders who cannot or will not become active members of Rotary. Wier proposed a new classification of membership designated "ex officio." Billy Smith pointed out that the required Club Constitution does not allow for expansion of the types of membership and read the definition of Honorary Member from the Manual of Procedure. Terry Hesson stated his opposition to making any one an honorary member who could or should be an active member. No action was taken.

- b. Billy Weseman reopened discussion of PDG Potter's request for \$390.00 to finance the GSE Team-England's attendance at the opera. Tom Wier moved that this request be rejected and Carlos Villagomez seconded the motion. Owen Morris urged spending our Club's funds only while the team is with us. David Taylor pointed out the financial problems he is aware of resulting from other District programs not being funded and his having to subsidize the District International Youth program out of his own funds. Bob Wren suggested that financial responsibility for the Team's expenses should rest on the club who is hosting the team. On a vote of 9 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstention, the motion passed.

Billy Weseman further pointed out the need for 2-3 couples to attend the opera with the GSE Team at a cost of \$55.00 person. There was no response.

- c. Billy Weseman presented a proposed budget for the current year. Ray Graham raised an issue concerning the amount proposed for item S3.1, Safety/Crime Awareness, and requested an increase to \$1,500.00. Following discussion, it was proposed that \$750.00 be taken from item S7.1, Unassigned, and that amount be added to S3.1. Steve Bolton stated that the proposed amount for item A6.1, Club Bulletin, should be raised from \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Weseman reported that he had studied the typesetting expense and had obtained the agreement of Lonnie Clement to

perform the service for less than previously anticipated. On motion made and seconded, the proposed budget was unanimously adopted as revised.

- d. Carlos Villagomez reported that he has talked with Steve Bolton about planting the memorial trees at the YMCA and that the project will be deferred until September.

8. **New Business:**

- a. Attendance credit was requested for the golfers who participate in the Shrimporee Golf Tournament. On motion made and seconded, this was unanimously approved.
- b. Billy Weseman reported that Jean McKethan has offered free lodging at the American Host Hotel for recipients of World Health Foundation surgery.
- c. Billy Weseman suggested the appointment of Lonnie Clement as director to complete the unexpired term of John Francis. The term expires on June 30, 1989. On motion made and seconded, Lonnie Clement was unanimously appointed.
- d. Bob Wren reported that this club has been requested to host the District 589 Assembly to be held on May 13, 1989. Billy Weseman urged acceptance and stated that there would be no extra expense to the Club. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the Club should accept the request.
- e. David King suggested that there is a need to find a new member from the Clear Creek school system since Jim Larrabee has changed jobs.
- f. Carlos Villagomez stated that he thinks the starting time of Club meetings should be announced and strictly adhered to. Billy Weseman responded that he is working on a proposed solution.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

BILLY R. SMITH, Secretary