

ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS
MINUTES
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 17, 1989
NASSAU BAY HILTON HOTEL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Billy Weseman, President
John Watson, President Elect
Billy Smith, Secretary
Jack Lister, Treasurer
Terry Hesson, Sergeant-at-Arms
Lonnie Clement, Director
Eddie Harris, Director
David King, Director
Vic Maria, Director
Owen Morris, Director
Woody Williams, Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim McNatt, Immediate Past President
Carlos Villagomez, Director
Tom Wier, Director

GUESTS:

David Gochnour, Bob Wren

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of January 3, 1989, were approved as written.

2. **Terminations and Resignations:**

Terminations: None

Resignations: Raymond Bartlett because of his transfer from the area; accepted with regrets

Reinstatements: John Towner, Kirk Koepsel and Gonzalo Montoya

A letter was received from Beth Maniero stating that she would not seek reinstatement because of business demands.

3. **New Member Proposals:**

None

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

A written report for December 1988 (cumulative) was presented. There was a brief discussion of a problem with overspending the budget for luncheons. Billy Weseman and Jack Lister will meet to review the expenses and seek a solution. Billy Weseman urged the directors to get their committees activated and stated that he will address this matter at a club meeting soon.

5. **Correspondence:**

None

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Weseman reported that Gonzalo Montoya, Chairman of the Mexico Exchange Committee, has set the club's visit to Mexico City for February 16-19. A letter was mailed to all club members on January 11, 1989, containing trip expense information. Additional details will be discussed at a meeting of those who register. As of January 16, 1989, ten members had paid a deposit with the travel agency.
- b. Weseman stated that Roger Lyons had bypass heart surgery approximately two weeks prior and that it is reported that he has other health problems. He is in Methodist Hospital, Brown Fondren Building, Room 832 and is registered as Charles R. Lyons.
- c. Weseman reported that the World Health Foundation met last week and plans are being developed for return visits by two patients, Mario and Ruiz. Dr. Fustok has accepted Blanquita Meza as a patient and he is studying an application by another. St. John Hospital has stated that it will make additional medical specialist available, if needed.

7. **Old Business:**

- a. Lonnie Clement stated that there are four ad spaces available in the bulletin and Billy Weseman announced that he has requests for two of those.
- b. David King initiated a discussion of the desirability or not of limiting the size of the Club's membership. Billy Smith advised that the Club's Constitution and Bylaws require the Classification Committee to survey the community and prepare a classification roster by August 31, each year identifying available and unfilled classifications with the intent of obtaining a representative from every business, service, and profession in the Club's territory. Bob Wren reminded the Board of the report submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee two years ago which urged an emphasis on quality of member and not dwelling on numbers. Eddie Harris argued that quality cannot necessarily be predetermined, but that the Club must continue to aggressively seek new members to maintain its present size. Other discussion of "quality" of membership followed. A suggestion was made that the "peanut gallery" seating be eliminated in order to encourage and improve fellowship among those members who choose not to eat. The Board unanimously endorsed the suggestion and the Sergeant-at-Arms was requested to arrange for tables to replace this bleacher type seating. Billy Smith suggested that consideration should be given to sponsoring another club in the area, possibly a breakfast club.
- c. Terry Hesson reported that the road signs have arrived and will be installed soon.
- d. Vic Maria announced that plans for the "Christmas in July" activity to raise food for the needy are still developing. Billy Weseman requested that a plan for this activity be submitted for discussion by the Board. Lonnie Clement urged that application should be made for some of the funds from the upcoming boat races.
- e. David Taylor stated that he is still taking applications for exchange students to travel abroad and more are needed.

8. **New Business:**

- a. Billy Weseman advised that he needs a chairman for the Boat Races Committee. The races will be held on May 20, 1989. The Rotary Club of Houston will be a sponsor of the event. All surplus funds will go to Rotary and will be divided among those Rotary clubs who assist in the

event. Friendswood Development Co. and Exxon are backing the event with \$200,000.00. Three to five hundred volunteers are needed. Rotarians will be assisted by boating associations, Boy Scouts, Jaycees, etc.

9. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

BILLY R. SMITH, Secretary