



ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors

Date: January 20, 2009 **FINAL**

Members in Attendance:

Mike Hernandez, Jon McKinnie, Marilyn Musial, John Wilson, Bill Geissler, David Coney, Belinda Skloss, Dick Hergert, Rae DeCastro,

Members Not in Attendance:

Mike Dennard, Mark Humphrey, John Nugent, Mike Cornett, Dick Kidder, Dick Gregg III

Guests: None

Call to Order:

President Mike Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:07 AM after ascertaining quorum.

Report of the Secretary:

Board Minutes:

The minutes to the December 16, 2008 board meeting were read. Minutes were accepted with modifications.

Monthly Attendance Report:

Attendance for the month of December was 51.85%

Membership Report:

Blue Badge	104	July 1, 2008 Active Members	111
Red Badge	10		
Rule of 85 Members	6	Lost Members	-4
Leave of Absence	4	New Members	+7
Total Active Members	114	Current Active Members	114
Honorary Members	7		
Total Current Membership	121	Net change for Year*	+3

***Goal is a net change of +15 by June 2009**

New Membership Status:

Jon McKinnie reviewed the new member pipeline, which reflects 8 proposals approved by the board, 7 new members and 0 still in pipeline. One proposal approved by board withdrew (Cunliffe). Our club’s goal is to have as a minimum a net increase of membership of 11, but the Membership committee is working towards 15.

Prospective Members for Board Consideration:

None

Leaves of Absence:

None

Report of the Treasurer:

Treasurer Marilyn Musial reviewed the balance sheet, bank accounts, financial reports, actual vs. budgets, dues payment status. Annual dues for 112 members have been received, this includes the 7 new members. We still have two members that are delinquents in their dues payment. The Board decided to remove one of the members from the membership and to contact by phone the other one, before taking further action. The club is in a “break even” financial position. Dick Hergert inquired about the library’s Children Literary Center. It was clarified that funding for the donation made by the club to start the Center came from Rotary fundraising projects. The Center location is at the Clear Lake Freeman Library.

Janus investment funds have decreased about \$20,000 since the beginning of the year. **The financial committee was asked to return before the end of the month with recommendation as of course of action to take.**

Status of Club Reserve Funds:

Reserve Service Money from Previous Fund Raisings as of end of December.-	
Checking Account.....	\$ 3,931
Money Market Account.....	\$ 40,478
Service and Admin Reserve money.-	
Janus Funds.....	\$ 25,831

The viability of hiring a Bookkeeper to take care of the club financial entries is being considered.

Motion to approve report – Jon McKinnie , second Rae DeCastro , motion carried.

Outstanding Business:

Amendments of the by-laws are still being reviewed

The issue of having the club incorporated in Texas was discussed, and following the suggestions from Billy Smith and David Hamblin, the decision was made not to incorporate. Incorporating creates a number of legal responsibilities and do not provide any tangible benefits.

New Business:

Teacher of the Year Program: David Coney discussed the Teacher of the Year program. At planning meetings with Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of Schools, discussion involved plans to expand the program to have all 40 school campus participate. I was suggested that a large banquet culminate the annual program activities that would involve the school district principals, parent/teacher associations, and the three Rotary clubs in Clear Creek Independent School District; Rotary Clubs of Space Center, Seabrook, and League City. It was suggested that this end-of-school year banquet be in lieu of a traditional regular Rotary Club meeting, but count as a regular meeting. A suggestion was made of obtaining donations from Rotarians to pay for luncheons teacher honorees and participating school district staff. It was stated that there are no Rotary budgeted funds for this type of project. Currently Space Center Rotary Club has \$7,400 budgeted for the Teacher of the Year Program.

Motion was made by Jon McKinnie to pursue the proposed direction of increasing the Teacher of the Year Program, and for Mr. Coney to report back to the board the results and feasibility of the proposal. Motion received a second from Rae DeCastro. The motion was approved.

Rule of 85: Hilmar Zeissig has requested a placement in the Rule of 85.

Motion to approve the request was made by Jon McKinnie; motion second by David Coney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Assistant District Governor visits: Discussion was held regarding club visits by the assistant district governor and payment of his meals. Luncheon meals should be paid out of club budgeted District Activities.

District requested Club donations to subsidize activities at the District Conference. Suggestions were presented to contribute portions of our District Conference budget towards subsidy of activities and another portion to have a social at one of the evenings. Jon McKinnie will look into cost of the social and Mike Hernandez will look into amounts contributed during previous years by the club.

The Board approved donating \$150- to Bay Area Youth Singers, the organization where the Santa Claus that visited us in December belongs.

The World Health committee announced they will reimburse Earl Maudlin for the \$750- cost of a washer and dryer for the orphanage in Guerrero, Mexico

January 26, 2009 club Assembly Meeting: At this meeting, the Board will report accomplishments made by the club during the first half of the year. Due to time constraints, it was decided that only Service related accomplishments were going to be presented during the meeting.

Directors' Reports:

Shrimporee: Jon McKinnie presented a financial report on the earnings and expenses incurred by the Shrimporee fundraising project based on the financial report provided by Mark Humphrey, Shrimporee treasurer.

NOTE: The original numbers have been modified by the addition of a check received in the amount of \$514.88

Shrimporee results:

Total Collections	\$ 89,154
Expenditures.....	<u>\$ 23,389</u>
 Net Collected.....	 \$ 65,765

Discussion was initiated as of the where about of \$10,000 and \$2,500 donated by Maudlin and Tromblee respectively, supposedly as Shrimporee sponsors. It was apparent that the checks were made directly to the RI Foundation, instead of our Club or our Endowment Foundation and that was the reason the money was never received by the Shrimporee treasurer. As donated to the RI Foundation, the money will count as individual point credits in the RI Foundation for the two donors and count as part of the club's pledged contribution to the RI Foundation, as will count all of the money resulting from members' purchase of District raffle tickets this year. David Coney, RI Foundation committee chair will provide Maudlin and Tromblee with District raffle tickets for the amount of their donation.

Discussion was initiated about using a journal entry on donations to Rotary International. It was said that the club should account for all sales of District raffle tickets. In this scenario, the treasurer would receive information as of the total amount of money in tickets sold to make an entry in the books as money received and then show it again as money being disbursed. No decision was made on this issue.

After no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

The next SCR board meeting will be February 17, 2009 at the Bay Oaks CC at 7:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John E. Wilson
Club Secretary