



ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors DRAFT

Date: March 17, 2009

Members in Attendance:

Mike Hernandez, Jon McKinnie, Marilyn Musial, John Wilson, Mike Dennard, Mark Humphries John Nugent, Bill Geissler, David Coney, Belinda Skloss, Dick Hergert, Mike Cornett, Dick Kidder, Rae DeCastro.

Members Not in Attendance: Mark Humphrey, Bill Geissler, Belinda Skloss, Dick Hergert, Mike Cornett, Dick Gregg III

Guests: Suzi Howe

Call to Order:

President Mike Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7:05AM after ascertaining quorum.

Report of the Secretary:

Board Minutes:

The minutes to the February 17 and March 9, 2009 board meetings were read.

Motion to approve the February 17 board minutes was made by David Coney, and seconded by Jon McKinnie. Motion was approved.

Motion to approve the March 9 board minutes was made by Marilyn Musial, and seconded by David Coney. Minutes were accepted as modified.

Monthly Attendance Report: For the month of February, 60.18%

Membership report as of February 28th

Blue Badge Members	107	July 1 st 2008 Active Members	111
Red Badger Members	8	Lost Members	-5
Rule of 85 Members	7	New Members	+9
Leave of Absence	4		

Total Active Members	115	Current Active Members	115
Honorary Members	7		
Total Membership	122	Net change for year	+4

The current YTD new member pipeline, reflects 9 proposals approved by the board, 8 new inducted members, 1 re-instated , and 1 withdrawn from consideration for the year.

Membership Activity for February

New Members: Joan Crumpley (red badge) and Jennifer Keller (re-instated, blue badge)

Lost Members: None

Prospective Members Approved by the Board: None

Leave of Absence Approved: None

Rule 85 Approved: None

Report of the Treasurer: (As of February 28)

Treasurer Marilyn Musial reviewed the bank accounts and administrative budgets. Meal expenses for the club are now supported by adequate revenue. Major expenses reviewed were internet costs, camera, memory card, and remote control for the projector.

Checks have been written from the service budget that include, but are not limited to \$1,000 for the water project in Carbonara, Mexico, \$250 from the youth Activities Committee account, \$1,090 for drug awareness essay scholarship, \$6,315 for scholastic based scholarships, \$300 from the GSE account for member going to Egypt, and \$2,750 from the world health account for the Guerrero orphanage. A total of \$12,761 has been paid out.

Open Items:

David Coney initiated discussion regarding club investments. The question was raised whether the club should own stocks, particularly concerning is the amount of money lost in the ongoing United States financial crisis. It was stated that a committee should study the options and make a recommendation to the board. It was discussed that the committee would oversee the investments under the oversight of the Club Treasurer. Under this arrangement, the committee would report to the board investment status and provide investment recommendations at least once quarterly or as needed.

Jon McKinnie made a motion to create a committee chaired by the Treasurer. Motion was seconded by Rae DeCastro. In accordance with this motion, the Treasurer, (Marilyn Musial) would chair the committee, David Coney, Lamar Bowles, and David Taylor would also comprise the committee. The intent is for the committee

to bring suggestions to the Board for action on the investment account and effect the changes approved by the Board. Motion was approved as presented.

Mike Dennard asked if the Board was considering using the services of a part-time bookkeeper. The cost for the service was estimated at \$3,000 - \$5,000 per year. At this time the club has no budget for this item. Mr. Dennard said that he would investigate some possible solutions for the club.

New Items

New Members

Three proposals for membership were considered. They were the following:

Grant Tregre, sponsored by Jon McKinnie, is transferring through employment from the Washington, D.C. area. There he was active in community service affairs, and desires to continue in service oriented projects through Rotary. Motion was made to approve the nomination by Mike Dennard, and seconded by Dick Kidder. Motion was approved.

Sheri Knape, sponsored by Marilyn Musial, has lived in the Clear Lake area for a substantial time and works in the health care and related professions. Motion was made to approve the nomination by Mike Dennard, and seconded by Jon McKinnie. Motion was approved.

Mike Duckworth, sponsored by John Wilson, a banker, currently lives in the Woodlands, TX. He has recently accepted employment with the Hometown Bank in League City. Mike was a long-time member of Space Center Rotary Club until he moved to the Woodlands area about three years ago. Motion was made by Mike Dennard to approve the nomination, and seconded by John Nugent. Motion was approved.

Boys and Girls Harbor is in need of a defibrillator for the residence. This is an item for the Health and Safety Committee. The equipment could be obtained through Methodist Hospital for a reduced cost of \$1,500.00. The Health and Safety Committee has a budget for children immunizations of \$2,000, however, to date no action has been taken on that project. Mike Hernandez will talk with Sheryl Berg, the chairperson of that committee to determine if the money could be used for the defibrillator instead. A motion was made by Jon McKinnie to approve Mike Hernandez on behalf of the board talking to the committee about expenditure of their funds for this project. Motion was seconded by John Nugent. Motion was approved.

The District Conference was discussed. A donation of \$200 from the club is desired to purchase door prizes for the conference. An amount of \$300 has already been sent as donation to support conference expenses. An amount of \$500 has y been discussed as potential for a social event located at a gazebo at the conference site. Motion was made by Marilyn Musial to approve the \$200 expenditure, and motion was seconded by David Coney. Motion was approved.

Future Vision Plan.- Suzi Howe discussed the Future Vision Plan for Rotary International Foundation. Requests for grants from the Foundation have grown exponentially (10,000 to \$30,000 annually). Current staff is overwhelmed by the volume of work. The new plan will commence in the 2010-11 year. Patron will be identified for each grant and there will be six focus areas to group the grants. Rotary International desires clubs to participate in a pilot program at the district level. Mrs. Howe's inquiry was to query whether Space Center Rotary Club desired to participate in the formation of this plan. To do so, President Mike Hernandez needs authorization by the board to vote at the district conference for the club to participate. Motion was made by Mike Dennard to authorize President Hernandez to vote "yes" on behalf of the club, and the motion was seconded by Jon McKinnie. Motion was approved.

Jon McKinnie reminded board members to attend the district assembly that will be held on April 18 at San Jacinto South College. Mike Hernandez added that the Club will pay for the attendance fee of our club members.

David Coney inquired about the status of the unspent balance of \$400.00 from the Nursing Home Valentines Day project. This money, as well as any other unspent budgeted money for this year will be left in the club accounts.

Motion was made at 8:10 AM by Jon McKinnie to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by John Nugent. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned.

The next SCR board meeting will be on April 21, 2009

Respectfully submitted:

John Wilson
Club Secretary