

ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

July 11, 2012

Call to Order: 7:00 AM

Attendance:

Marilyn Musial, Sheryl Berg, Scott Rainey, Kippy Caraway, John Branch, Bill Hughes, Paul McLarty, Steve Owens, Phil Sandlin, Darryl Smith, John Swartwout.

Quorum: Yes

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the June 19, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. No discussion or changes were offered. Kippy Caraway made the motion to accept, second by John Branch, unanimous approval. Copy attached.

Treasurer's Report:

The 2011 – 2012 yearend financial statements were offered for approval. It was noted that the income item “Arkansas RC Participation” for \$2,500.00 appears to be uncollectable, and was therefore written off. The income item “District 5890 Simplified Grants” was not collected in the year; however it is anticipated to be collected in this current year. Discussion was had regarding the expense items that were not incurred, and/or ended with unspent balances, and that these more than offset the lost income. This resulted in good results for budget management. Sheryl Berg made the motion to accept the financial statements as presented, seconded by Darryl Smith, unanimous approval. Copies attached.

The new dues invoice style was also discussed whereby the optional items were included. It appears club members are using various combinations of payments. The board feels this will help in the overall collections for the items.

Open Items:

Shrimporee:

Chair Sheryl Berg is pleased with the progress of the planning committee to date. They have had good productive meetings with good attendance. Current sponsorship is in excess of \$18,000.00. Tickets will have the club's QR code so that our web site can be accessed by the ticket holders.

The committee is looking for a “zippy” raffle item this year such as a Vespa. The idea is to offer a new type of item as we have had jewelry for the last several years. Sheryl requested board support in the form of allowing time at the regular meetings to address the membership about the planning and engage the membership to be sure everyone has a job. Sheryl also announced a contest for the silent auction baskets. She has offered a weekend stay at her house in La Grange to each of the teams that donate the three baskets that sell for the highest price.

New Items:

Budget – Service

President Musial offered her Service Budget for the year. The budget is balanced at \$95,500. Discussion was had regarding the primary beneficiaries and agreed that Whitcomb Elementary will be the school that we provide the EarlyAct FirstKnight program. Marilyn is in the process of confirming with the Principal, but already has the Superintendents support. Timing on the program is not known at this date. It was also suggested to be to have the FirstKnight group attend the Shrimpoee. Marilyn will check on this. It was agreed that we need the entire club to support this program by attending the ceremony and also in follow up roles such as mentoring the children.

The E. A. Smith Family YMCA donation will support the summer program for swimming / water safety for children. The donation to the Bronze Eagles is a new beneficiary. It was agreed that the club should work to support this group with hands on work as well. Darryl Smith will keep the club up dated on this program.

The Teacher of the Year budget item was moved from Vocational Service to Community Service. This is due to the school district now managing this program, with the club only making a donation of money to the district in support.

The name of the income item on the draft circulated was corrected from “Forward Fundraising” to Forward Funding”.

Sheryl Berg moved to accept the Service Budget as presented, seconded by Kippy Caraway, unanimous approval. Copy attached

Budget – Administrative

President Musial offered her Administrative Budget for approval. The budget is balanced at \$36,747.00. Discussion was had regarding the clubs need to increase the support for the upcoming District Conference due to the great support DG Schneider has given our club and that one of our members, Kippy Caraway, is the Chairman of the conference. Darryl Smith moved to accept the Administrative Budget as presented, seconded by John Branch, unanimous approval. Copy attached.

Honorary Members proposal for current year:

The following persons were suggested for recognition as Honorary Members:

Tony Bloomfield, Gregory Clariday, Brian Ellis, Abdel Fustok, Laura Hale, Bill Howe, Vince Lipovsky, Hector Marin, and Billy D. Wesemen.

Discussion was had regarding the criteria for Honorary Member, clarification of a one year term, and how we notify the recipients. The vote was tabled in order to investigate and confirm the list of proposed honorees. John Swartwout, Kippy, Sheryl and Scott will perform the investigation and make recommendations. The plan is to vote at the next board meeting.

New Member Proposal:

Yaw Richard Sarpong was offered for membership. Darryl Smith made the motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Phil Sandlin, unanimous approval. The membership proposal will posted to the club for the seven day notice right away. Proposal form attached.

Other Business:

No other business was addressed.

Director's Reports:

No director's reports were given.

Next Board Meeting: August 21, 2012 @ 7:00 AM

Adjourned: 8:15 AM

Scott Rainey

Club Secretary

Attachments:

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June, 2012 financial documents

Proposed 2012 – 2013 Service Budget

Proposed 2012 – 2013 Administrative Budget

Membership Proposal – Yaw Richard Sarpong