

ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2012

Call to Order:

President Marilyn Musial called the meeting to order at 7:07a after ascertaining quorum. Present were President Musial, Jerrold DeWease, Paul McClarty, Jon McKinnie, Phil Sandlin, John Branch, Mike Dennard, Darryl Smith, Bill Hughes, Lisa Faith Massey (guest) and Sheryl Berg.

Report of the Secretary:

Past secretary Sheryl Berg presented the minutes of the regular July meeting. A motion was made by Mike Dennard and seconded by Darryl Smith to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Report of the Treasurer:

John Branch gave a summary report of the approved budget. President Musial announced that, due to the recent resignation of Kippy Caraway from the position as treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms John Branch will move up to fill the job of treasurer, effective immediately and continuing through the Rotary year. It was mentioned that Amy Beasley will continue in her role of reconciliation and accounting of the budget as per original agreement. A motion was made by Mike Dennard and seconded by Phil Sandlin to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Open Items:

President-Elect Sheryl Berg gave the board an update on the status of Shrimporee details. President Musial gave a report on the status of one of her premier projects, EarlyAct FirstKnight. She reported that she and Scott Rainey had met with the principal at Whitcomb Elementary for an initial role-out of the program. She further reported that this meeting was very positive, that Principal Smith was receptive to the program and was looking forward to the next meeting.

Jon McKinnie discussed the recent District Membership Seminar led by Nick Schraeder of the Katy club. SCR member John Swarthout attended this seminar. Mr. McKinnie commented that the meeting was both well-attended and very beneficial.

New Business:

Membership 2012-13 was addressed by Assistant Governor-Elect Nominee Lisa Faith Massey. She introduced the "Ignite" program, with its incentive of an "ignite" pin presented to members bringing in at least one new member during the year. Clubs will be able to accrue points with a goal of reaching "Premiere" status (similar to a Paul Harris fellow status).

Action items associated with the "Ignite" program are:

- Membership minutes presented at club meetings
- Commitment letters signed by members concerning efforts to bring in new members
- Enlargement of the membership committee
- Conducting a program on membership focusing specifically on the "ignite" program

Jon McKinnie reported on the status of website improvements. He mentioned that he has used a new web builder to ramp up our "story". He did this so that viewers of the website will desire to get on the website more frequently. He commented that a considerable amount of work and revamping had been done in the past 2 weeks.

Darryl Smith requested the club's mailing address.

Mike Dennard discussed the upcoming Gulf Coast Leadership Institute, Sept. 8/9th. Members John Branch and Sheryl Berg will be attending from the club.

Mike Dennard also discussed the upcoming "Friendship Exchange" (formerly called Group Study Exchange or "GSE"). There will be 3 in our district, among them trips to Germany and Sweden. A group from Sweden will be in our district 10/2 through 10/5/12 . A motion was made by Sheryl Berg and seconded by John Branch for Space Center Rotary to actively involve itself in hosting at least one of the Swedish couples from this exchange group. The motion passed unanimously. Note: No SCR member volunteered at this meeting, nor was a member mentioned for this role.

Directors' Reports

None of the director's reports required SCR board action.

Upcoming Events

Among the upcoming events posted by President Musial were the All Club Meeting to be held at the Bayou City Center on September 27th and the Foundation Seminar to be held at the Sagemont Church Youth Building on Saturday, September 22nd at 8:30 a.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00a.

Respectfully submitted:
Sheryl Berg