

Bemidji Rotary Board Meeting
January 8, 2004

Meeting was called to order by President Sue at 7 a.m. at the Uptown Café.

Members present: Sue K., Sue D., Evonne, Scott, Warren

Secretary's Report: *Scott moved to approve the Secretary's Report with a second by Warren. Carried.*

Treasurer's Report: The monthly Treasurer's Report was distributed by Evonne in Dennis' absence. *After review, Warren moved, Scott seconded the approval of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

Grant Requests: Jim Hanko made a presentation to the Board regarding a grant request for \$2,000 to help fund a project in mobilizing the community to reduce drug and alcohol use among youth. The organization is under the guidance of Bemidji Area Task Force on Underage Drinking, Drug Use and Gang Activity. *Evonne made a motion to approve the contribution of \$2,000 to help fund the requested projects. Sue D. seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Lori and Jay Fraley made a presentation to the Board for a funding request of \$5,000 to help pay the salary of the middle school music teacher. The board decided that the request did not fall within our funding guidelines.

Membership: Warren will find members to serve on a Membership Drive Committee to organize/strategize for the upcoming membership drive for February. Concerning membership, the board is going to attempt to start the meeting 15 minutes earlier on Mondays to allow members to be back to their workplaces or other activities by 1:30 p.m. The board also discussed an effort by Sunrise to do a mass mailing to the community to try and get membership. This is an approach we will not be pursuing. Publicity efforts in The Pioneer for all special events, grant request contributions, etc., need to be ongoing to let the public know what our club is accomplishing and also to garner interest from prospective members.

Community Service: Scott said we are still on schedule to start the Playhouse project on January 17th at Mark Shough's. A brochure will be available to show to prospective donors and have at businesses where the playhouse will be displayed.

Upcoming Events: The District Council has invited the Rotary Board to join them for dinner at the Bemidji Town and Country Club on February 6th.

Another reminder that the District Convention is April 30 – May 2nd and participants need to reserve a room under the block that Sue has reserved at the AmerInn in Detroit Lakes (1-877-847-8795).

Additions to the Agenda: Sue K. followed up with Rich Siegert regarding holding meetings at the Green Mill. Meal costs would be between \$8 and \$10. With the additional charges at the Northern Inn, meal costs will increase to \$7.75/person. Warren felt the costs needed to be passed down to the members for the good of the club. The new charges took effect at the first January meeting and that is when they will also take effect for the members. No decision has been made yet as to whether the meeting place will change in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Evonne McKinzie