

Bemidji Rotary Board Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2004

Members present: Dennis, Sue K., Scott, Lori, Gary, Warren, Evonne, Jeremy, Hank, Kevin

Secretary's Report: *Lori moved to accept the minutes with a second by Dennis. Carried.* Evonne read a resignation letter from Brad Breuer expressing his need to resign due to time constraints. *Jeremy moved to accept Brad's resignation, Scott seconded the motion. Carried.*

Treasurer's Report: Dennis passed out the monthly financial report. He indicated that the Paul Harris funds have been submitted. The fines for the quarter totaled \$500 and will be allocated to the Playhouse Project. Three hundred dollars was sent to Katie McDermott to offset her tax liability for winning the playhouse. *Gary moved to accept the treasurer's report. Jeremy seconded. Carried.*

Committee Awards: Sue expressed the need for committee chairs to submit information for their committees so forms can be forwarded to the district. Reports are needed by March 29th.

Boys and Girls Club: They are back on track with their capital campaign. A presentation will be made to the membership about the project and a vote taken about our support of \$35,000 to sponsor the technology room, with \$5,379 already paid by virtue of granting funds for computer equipment. A separate fundraiser has been suggested to support this project.

Community Service Project: Kevin made a presentation to the board on progress made with Project Green Up, a component of Bemidji Leads! Plans are being made to plant 100,000 trees yearly. Rotary will be very involved with the project. Discussion on need for maintenance of the trees once they are planted took place. Kevin will make a presentation to the membership on March 29th.

District Conference: Members who plan on attending need to register. Hank will work on getting us on the schedule to host a future district conference.

4-Way Test: Rotary will pool funds with Sunrise to have 2-\$100 winners.

RYLA: Thirty applications have been sent out but none have been received back as of yet.

GSE: Inbound team may not arrive until this summer. Outbound team is leaving at the end of May and will be staying in Lithuania for 4 to 5 weeks. According to the incoming District Governor, there will be no GSE team for next year.

Nominating Committee: The committee will present nominees to the membership at the annual meeting. Open positions are president-elect and board member.

Dragon Boat Races: Gary has speakers lined up to talk about the races the last Monday in April. Gary will send in the application for a Bemidji Rotary team for this year's races in Duluth.

Next Year's Planning Meeting: Warren is going to schedule a special meeting (lunch is on him) to start working on goals and other issues for next year.

Attendance: Hank discussed the need to address attendance issues. There is a strong need for a membership chair. The district also has membership seminars that may help in membership retention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Evonne McKinzie, Board Secretary

