

Rotary Board Meeting  
April 15, 2004

Members present: Jeremy, Sue, Sue, Warren, Lori, Gary, Dennis

**Secretary's Report:** *Minutes of previous board meeting were approved (Lori/Sue). Carried. Ivan Tony Nicholson was proposed by Harold Fruetel.* Warren made the motion to accept the proposal and Gary Seconded the motion. Carried. Mr. Nicholson's name will be presented in the COG to the membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** no report

**Nominating Committee:** The nominating committee has proposed Karl Blesser to replace Jeremy at the end of his term. Sue Doeden is proposed to replace Sue Kringen as President. Sue said she will notify the membership of these proposals at Monday's meeting.

**International Club Project:** John Reff informed the board that he and Hank Imsande are looking for International and District Grants for a project in Nsubane, Swaziland, Africa. John's daughter, Tessa Reff, is in the Peace Corp there and wishes to build a community garden and help the village build a well. The project would not need volunteers, but monies to help create a better life for the citizens of this village. The project would be spear headed by a local community member and the funds would be managed by Tessa.

**Grant Request:**

**Paul Bunyan Playhouse:** Requested \$500 for capital improvements. The money will be used toward a new roof and insulation. Warren moved to approve the \$500 request. Gary seconded. Carried. Chris Keenan, who presented the request, said that he will give Rotary recognition in the programs.

**Bemidji Gymnastics:** Lori requested \$500 for the Bemidji Gymnastics Club. The money is to be used to replace old equipment. Gary moved to approve the \$500 request. Jeremy seconded. Carried

**Community Service:** Karl Blesser discussed plans for the Green Up Bemidji Project. The committee is planning along with Bemidji Leads their first project. They are planning on doing a kick-off celebration on the lake front (by the Chamber) on May 21. This project would need approx. 8 large trees at about \$350 each. Karl is going to meet with Dave Hengel from the HRDC about going to the city about on-going maintenance of the trees. Lori made a motion to approve up to \$3000 for this project. Warren seconded. Carried.

**Playhouse Project:** Sue discussed mailing each Rotarian one packet of tickets that they will be required to sell or purchase for themselves. No further discussion took place.

**International Service:** Erin Eddie withdrew her GSE application. The GSE group may postpone or cancel their trip this year.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:00am**