

Bemidji Rotary Club
Board Meeting May 7, 2004

Members present: Scott, Warren, Sue K., Evonne, Sue D., Jeremy, Lori, Dennis

Secretary's Report: *Dennis moved to approve membership for Ivan "Tony" Nicholson. Scott seconded the motion. Carried. Jeremy moved to **approve the proposal for membership of Kevin Erpelding** from Tree Farmer Sales. Kevin was proposed by Ted Will. Sue D. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lori moved to **approve the proposal for membership of Rick Siebel** from Ameripride. Rick was proposed by Lori Paris. Sue D. seconded the motion. Motion carried. These proposed members will be published in the next COG. Eileen Bretschneider, as a former member in good standing, was reinstated as a member to our club. Jeremy moved to approve the resignation of Kristi Booth who will be relocating with her husband for a year. Warren seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion: Kristi will be reinstated to the club when she returns.*

Treasurer's Report: Dennis presented the financial report. The board reviewed and discussed the report. *Evonne moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Warren seconded the motion. Carried.*

Grant Requests:

- 1. BHS Graduation Party** – A request for \$750 was made by Bonnie Landorf. *Warren moved to approve a grant for \$300. Lori seconded the motion. Carried.* Discussion: We will encourage the planning committee to have a smoke-free event next year with the possibility of funding a larger grant.
- 2. Civil Air Patrol** – A request for \$500 was made by Steven McGuirk to help offset the cost of insulation for their building. *Warren moved with a second by Scott to donate \$250. Motion carried.*
- 3. Bemidji Public Library** – Bona-Carol Enstrom presented a grant request for \$1289.17 to fund the purchase of books by Minnesota authors. In lieu of this dollar amount, the request would be for the purchase of one Minnesota book per month. *Warren moved to fund the project for the amount of \$300. Lori seconded the motion. Carried.* Discussion: We will be purchasing bookplates to be inserted in the books. We will also request Bona-Carol to share the titles of the books with the membership.
- 4. Beltrami County Public Health** – A grant request was made by Kim Larson for \$1250 to help support the Car Seat Education and Distribution Program. *Lori moved to commit one quarter of our Sargeant at Arms fines to be matched to this program. Scott seconded the request. Carried.*
- 5. Headwaters School of Music** – Because a representative did not appear to make a presentation, the request was tabled.

Membership: Habitat for Humanity made a request to cater one of our Monday meetings for a fundraiser. Because of our arrangement with Northern Inn, we are unable to honor this request.

There will be no Monday meeting on May 31st in honor of Memorial Day.

Vocational Service: The 4-Way test winners' essays were submitted to the district too late to be entered in their contest. We will pay our chosen winner \$100 and ask the student to make a presentation to Rotary.

Community Service: Restoration of Babe the Blue Ox project was tabled until the next board meeting.

Rotaract: Katie Fiecke, BSU's Rotary Scholarship winner, is very interested in getting a Rotaract Club started in Bemidji.

Nominating Committee: Karl Bleser was chosen by the nominating committee to serve a term on the board.

Bemidji Leads Project: Sue D. reported that a leadership team is being formed to continue with the project. Rotary will not be taking a leadership role. The kick-off event will not take place on May 21st, but sometime in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Evonne McKinzie, Rotary Secretary