

Bemidji Rotary Club Board Meeting
January 6, 2005

Present: Warren, Dennis, Evonne, Sue K., Sue D., Karl, Scott

Secretary's Report: *Sue K. moved to accept the secretary's report; Dennis seconded. Carried.* The following membership proposals were made:

- **Mark Finstad – VP Business Banking Manager of Wells Fargo (proposed by Curt Lundquist)**
- **Bob Vaadeland – Director of Special Education, District 31 (proposed by Jim Hess)**
- **Keith Johanneson – Grocer (proposed by Jim Ghostley)**
- **Alice Thompson – Retired Instructor, NTC (proposed by Pat Kelly)**

Sue K. moved to approve the proposals; Scott seconded. Carried.

Evonne moved to remove memberships of Jim Lowth and Ivar Sorenson for lack of participation and non-payment. Karl seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: All bills have been paid to date. We still have two commitments open; Bemidji Green Up and Swaziland project. Warren gave a report on resources. The Club made \$8000 over the budgeted \$10,000. We have spent or committed \$13,700 and if we contribute \$1200 to the Yerevan project, we would have \$3100 left. A carryover of \$20,000 has been the practice for several years. A discussion on how much we should keep in reserve took place. It was decided to take \$5000 out of the reserve for the "Save the Babe" project.

Correspondence:

- RYLA – reminder to the club on sponsorship of participants. *Sue K. moved to send in the dues for two participants; Sue D. seconded. Carried.*
- Tsunami Aid – Board supports the idea of giving money to aid in the relief efforts. Marilyn will coordinate the effort.
- Goodwill Meeting – *Sue K. moved to have the club pay the \$120 entry fee for the curling team; Evonne seconded. Carried.*
- Bemidji Sunrise – Club would like to participate in some of our projects, mainly for visibility
- Library – Warren received some correspondence from Bona-Carol regarding a project. More information will be gotten from Bona-Carol.

Grant Request: Continued discussion on the request from Steve Rith-Najarian for the Habitat for Humanity project in Yerevan, Armenia. The request is to contribute \$1200. Steve has indicated that he would personally put in an additional \$800 to get the total to the amount needed for matching funds. The request was again tabled until we get more information from Steve.

Meeting and Membership: Warren will talk to Dennis about the membership brochure.

Club Service: Gary will present a report to the membership on meeting location. A vote by the membership will take place on January 24, 2005. A two-thirds majority vote will be needed.

Community Service:

- Paul Harris Banquet – Friday, March 4, 2005.
- Save Babe – Grants are being written to the Neilson Foundation and Scenic Highways. Kraus-Anderson has agreed to contribute to the project. *Sue K. moved to donate \$5000 toward the project and that it would be a Centennial project. Scott seconded the motion. Carried.*
- Boys and Girls Club – Sue K. talked to them about using Bemidji Rotary Club in reference to our club. The date for the grand opening has not been set. Signage is still being discussed.
- Dinner fundraiser – A meeting with committee chairs is planned.
- Playhouse – The drawing will be done at the Beltrami County Fair instead of on the 4th of July.

Submitted by Evonne McKinzie, Board Secretary