

**Bemidji Rotary Board Minutes
February 15, 2007**

Present: Scott, Dennis, Sue, Gayle, Terry, Nancy

Secretary's Report: Dennis/Nancy moved and seconded approval. Carried.

No Treasurer's Report

Meeting Locations: Terry presented the comparison sheet on the alternate locations for our Rotary meetings. Eagles Club, Town & Country Club, and Northern Inn were compared. American Legion and Elks were eliminated due to a parking problem. Terry will complete open spots on the comparison sheet & email it to the board. Terry will contact the Eagles to schedule a meeting on March 5th. A trial meeting at the Town & Country Club is not necessary. Afterward, the membership will be able to compare, discuss and decide which location option would be best. The Eagles club does not have a piano, but would allow one to be donated. If a piano were not donated from the members, advertising could be done.

Skins Game: Revenue from the skins game is minimal (\$5-10 a week). Membership will be asked whether to increase from 25 cents to a dollar per ticket or to eliminate the skins game entirely.

Dragon Boat Races: Great start to this year - about 37 teams have registered so far. Several teams from out of town have registered a team and many new sponsors have signed up.

Playhouse Project: Turnout has been good working on the playhouse. Many similar items – fireplace (we would pay only \$400 for a \$1900 fireplace), air conditioning, log siding. A new item includes a picture window out the back with glass etched with Rotary logo. A sturdier trailer is needed – 20' including the hitch. The playhouse will be completed for the Home, Sport & Travel show from March 30 – April 1.

Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser: Discussion of the possibility of a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner on May 5 at First Lutheran Church. Then, the board discussed if a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club is really needed. Our checking account is very healthy. With the funds generated from the anticipated elimination of a room charge for our meetings this year and profits from last year's playhouse, we could meet the commitment without a dinner this year. We have already paid this fiscal year's \$6000 donation. We could pay either the next \$6000 after August 1st or pay off our entire balance of \$12,000 this year.

Terry/Gayle moved & seconded a motion to put \$12,000 in a 6-month CD, which would be used to pay off our total commitment after August. Passed.

Articles and Bylaws Committee: A committee with Martin Sathre as one of the members, will review and update our Articles and Bylaws. More committee members will be asked of the membership. Dennis will get the Rotary International format from the internet as a starting point.

4-Way Test: Deadline for the writings is middle of February. As of Monday, 2/12, none have been turned in, though Syd Corrigan and Brad Swanson from the morning Rotary club, did a good job getting the information out to the schools about the project and the prize of \$100.00 to the winner.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Smith, Board Member

Next Board Meeting – March 1, 2007 – Lueken's Meeting Room