

## **Bemidji Rotary Board Minutes August 16, 2007**

**Present:** Gary, Amy, Dennis, Jim, Gayle, Scott, Nancy, George

**Secretary's Report:** Gayle/Dennis moved and seconded approval of secretary's report. Carried.  
Gayle/Scott moved and seconded membership proposal for Samantha Meemken at Learning CARE. Amy Saeland proposed Samantha. Carried. Nancy/Gayle moved and seconded membership proposal for Nathan Pochorst at Diversified Builders. Chris Keenan proposed Nathan. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dennis reported that the 6-month \$10,000 CD set up in February for part of the remaining commitment for the Boys and Girls Club will be due in a week.

**Club Correspondence:**

President Gary received a letter from DG Jim Ozburn with a good rating of our club. Gary also received a survey from DG Elect Dan Eikenberry requesting suggestions for training sessions for the District conference in Dickinson.

**Grant Requests:**

**Camp Courage** requested \$500, the same amount they've requested and received for the past several years. Jim/Gayle moved and seconded \$500 for Camp Courage. Carried.

**Headwaters School of Art & Music** requested again this year \$2,000 for scholarships to help lower income students participate in some of their programs. Gayle/George moved and seconded this request. Carried.

**Club Administration:** Jim will get a committee to update the Bemidji Rotary Club By-laws. Last update was in 1989.

**Membership:** No report.

**Service Projects:**

Literacy Day is September 9<sup>th</sup>. Wendy & Karson Ottness will start promoting the Rose Sale at the next meeting. Tickets will be available at the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Grant procedure was clarified. The Rotary Playhouse will be moved to a lot on Fox Lake, rather than up to Grygla. Revenue on the Playhouse was \$17,546; net was \$14,040. Dragon Boat Festival still has some outstanding bills, but projection is that it was a wonderful success this year. Scott suggested a "letter to the editor" be sent to the Fosston paper **13 Towns**, for the support as a team in the Dragon Boat Races and for the great coverage in their paper. Scott will check into more Rotary shirts. George will talk with Evonne about pins for recognizing 20, 30, 40 years of service as a Rotarian. These could be presented at the Paul Harris Foundation Dinner in November. Lakefront geese are back. Scott will talk with Bemidji Art Center, who are also interested in improving the waterfront. Gary suggested possibly earmarking some Dragon Boat proceeds for the waterfront project. This will be discussed later.

**Rotary Foundation:** Nancy will contact Cathy Schultz and Kathleen Solberg to get plans started with the Paul Harris Foundation Dinner to be held in November this year.

**Public Relations:** Amy is a new member of the District 5580 Public Relations Committee. Amy reserved 10 rooms at the Days Inn in Dickinson for the District Conference. Fena, our Rotary exchange student for Chile, staying with Amy & Kevin Williamson initially, will attend next Monday's meeting. Amy suggested working with Kristin to get a "First Week Checklist" for incoming exchange students and their host families to ensure a smooth transition. A suggestion was made, that Fena could become involved with the new Interact club in the high school.

**Unfinished Business:** Dennis will send \$100 to the Paul Harris Foundation in the District Governor's name. New member pins are now available. House of Hospitality will pick up any leftover food. Gary will talk with Terri Otterstad and Lueken's about cost to hire someone to bus the tables. Our meeting location for August 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will be at the Boys and Girls Club. Gary will bring the sound system and will check on anything else we need to provide. The 10' X 10' storage unit for all Rotary miscellaneous material, may be too small. Scott will check into a larger one or getting a second one. Gayle/Nancy moved and seconded \$200 for shelving for our new storage unit. Carried.

**New Business:** George will check into getting photos when a donation check is presented. Kirk Malkowski will get granite base for our Babe dedication base.

Meeting adjourned by President Gary.  
Minutes submitted by Nancy Smith, Board Member

**Next Board Meeting – September 6, 2007 – Lueken's Meeting Room**