

Rotary Board Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2007

Present: Gary, Dennis, Nancy, Gayle, Amy George, Evonne

Secretary's Report: Gayle/Evonne approved the secretary's report submitted by Nancy in Evonne's absence. Carried. Nathan Pocharst, Contractor for Diversified Builders was moved and seconded for membership approval by Gayle and Nancy. Carried. Samantha Meemken was moved and seconded for membership approval by Nancy and George. Carried. Linda Eickman was proposed for membership by Cliff Tweedale. Linda is a current member of the Park Rapids Rotary Club. According to the RI Bylaws, a Rotarian cannot have dual membership.

Treasurer's Report: The report was reviewed with special attention given to the Dragon Boat financials. It appears as if Rotary will net around \$10,000 of the total approximate \$20,000 earned after expenses. Discussion will continue on ways to trim expenses in the future. Once the final numbers are calculated, the decision will be made on whether to pay off our commitment to the Boys & Girls Club or to pay the \$6,000 yearly commitment only. Gayle/Nancy moved and seconded approval of the treasurer's report. Carried.

Club Correspondence:

- Thank you from Bruce Dahlin, Bemidji Youth Baseball
- Invitation to the College of Professional Studies appreciation dinner
- Request for financial support for the Rotary Rose Bowl Parade float. No action taken

Grant Requests:

- Bemidji Figure Skating Club – request of \$2,000 to help replace the sound system in the arena. Evonne/Gayle moved and seconded granting \$1,000 to the club to either replace the speaker or the entire sound system, as budget permits.
- LARA – request of \$3,000 to help support the humanitarian effort in Honduras in February. Gayle/Nancy moved and seconded approval of the request. Carried.
- World Literacy Project – Tara Trepanier, a local Bemidji resident who is in the Peace Corps in Macedonia has requested support from our club to help create a “kid friendly” section in the school library where she devotes much of her time. She will be requested to identify a Rotary club in the area to help partner with the project. We will be asking a member of our club to be the liason in furthering this effort.

Club Administration: No report

Membership: No report

Service Projects:

- The playhouse was delivered to its site on Fox Lake.

- Rotaract – The newly organized club is planning their initial meeting. An effort to find a BSU Rotarian to act as the club’s advisor has been unsuccessful to this point.
- Lakefront Project – there has been increased interest from the community in assisting with this project.

Rotary Foundation: Nancy will work with Cathy and Kathleen on finalizing the date and location for the dinner. It was felt that a weekday evening was preferable to a weekend.

Public Relations: Amy lead a discussion on what to publicize. The board felt comfortable with Amy’s discretion as to the appropriate use of the media to share with the public our contribution to the community, both locally and internationally.

Club pins/hats: George researched and identified years-of-membership pins that will be ordered by decades to be given to our members with at least 10 years of service. Baseball-type hats will also be ordered to resell to our members.

Holiday Inn Express: Gary is waiting for a report back from management on what it would cost to have a Holiday Inn Express employee bus the dishes during our meetings.

Club Positions/Assignments/Volunteer List: Still a work-in-progress, but getting closer to being completely filled in.

Past-Presidents’ Council: More thought will be put into forming such a group to work on special projects.

Minutes submitted by Evonne McKinzie, Board Secretary