

**Bemidji Rotary Board Minutes  
February 7, 2008**

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

**Secretary's Report:** Gayle/Jim moved and seconded approval of the minutes from January 17, 2008. Carried. Gayle/Jim moved and seconded approval of membership of Nancy Vyskocil, NWMF president proposed by Lori Paris. Carried. Gayle/Amy moved and seconded accepting the membership proposal of Ashli Bowen, executive director of United Way, proposed by Eileen Bretschneider. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gayle/Jim moved and seconded approval of the treasurer's report. Carried. Gary reported we will now be earning revenue on the Goggle ads on our website. Jim/Gayle moved and seconded approval for the storage unit holding Dragon Boat Festival equipment and supplies, that we rent from Kevin Williamson at \$45.00 every 2 months. Carried.

**Grant Requests:**

- Lisa Bruns requested \$890.00 for sorting, organizing and documenting costumes for the **Paul Bunyan Playhouse**. Gayle/George moved and seconded a donation of \$500.00. Carried.
- Carolyn Hegland from the **Bemidji Food Shelf** requested \$825.00 for a copier/printer/fax machine for their office. Gayle/Amy moved and seconded a donation of \$500.00. Carried with one abstention from Nancy.
- Trisha Andrews representing the **Martin Luther King Freedom Walk & Essay Contest**, requested a donation of \$150.00. George/Jim moved and seconded a donation of \$100.00 to specifically be applied to fund the essay contest prize money. Carried.
- Sandy Hennem from the **Bemidji Gymnastics Club** requested \$500. Gayle/George moved and seconded declining the requested on the basis that coach pay, etc. are ongoing operational costs, which don't meet our funding guidelines. Carried.
- Gary Johnson updated the board on the **Macedonia Literacy Project**. Tara Trepanier is working with the Bitola Rotary Club and John Reff on this project. It's progressing well.

**Committee Reports:**

**MEMBERSHIP** – New Member Orientation will be scheduled soon and held at the 4West Building.

**PLAYHOUSE** – Matt Mostad is hired to build the playhouse this year and should be done by early March. Rotary cost is about \$5,000. Volunteers will still be needed to do the finishing touches and sell the tickets.

**RYLA** – Gayle/Amy moved and seconded to cover 2 students for the RYLA program at \$450 each. Carried.

**ROTARACT** – A Valentine's Day Dance is scheduled for February 15th at the Beaux Arts Ballroom. The Rotaract Club received donations to cover the DJ and snacks.

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE** – Bemidji will host the GSE group from Sweden for 3 days in early May this year.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE MEALS** – Amy/Gayle moved and seconded increasing to a maximum of \$500 this year for our exchange student's meals at the high school. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned.

Next board meeting on **Thursday, February 21, 2008.**

Minutes submitted by Nancy Smith, Board Member