

**Bemidji Rotary Board Minutes
February 21, 2008**

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

Secretary's Report: Gayle/Jim moved and seconded approval of the minutes from February 7, 2008. Carried. Gayle/George moved and seconded approval of membership of Ashli Bowen, executive director of the Bemidji Area United Way, proposed by Eileen Bretschneider. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Amy/Jim moved and seconded that the 3rd Quarter fines should switch from the Goodwill Games (since no one attended) to the upcoming District Conference held in Dickinson. Carried.

Committee Reports:

CLUB CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Jim, Gary, Gayle and Martin will meet Feb 25th to discuss the bylaws that will be presented to the membership at the March 10th meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – New Member Orientation will be switched from Feb 21st to Feb 28th and held at the 4West Building.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL: 17 teams have signed up so far.

ROTARACT – A Valentine's Day "Dancing Under the Stars" dance was held Feb 15th at the Beaux Arts Ballroom. 52 people attended. The Rotaract Club will have elections in March and new officers will take office July 1st.

4-WAY TEST: Syd Corrigan is working with the Rotary Sunrise group.

Unfinished Business:

- **Board Meetings** will be held at Paul Bunyan Telephone meeting room on March 6th, March 20th, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th and June 19th, due to Lueken's meeting room unavailability.
- **Macedonia Literacy Project:** John Reff will update the board members at the next board meeting. District Grant Committee will meet in April. Entire project is \$15,454; Bemidji Rotary (\$4,415); District (\$4,415), Macedonia Rotary (\$1,000), Rotary International (\$6,600). Gayle/Nancy moved and seconded to contribute no more than \$5,000 for our share of the Macedonia project. Carried.
- **Piano Tuning:** Gary will ask Wayne to tune the piano at the Holiday Inn Express.
- **District Conference in Dickinson:** Attending will be Gary, Gayle and Amy from the board; Chris Keenan and Ted Gillett.
- **Rotary Wearables:** Amy will look into getting Rotary wearables (shirts, hats, jackets, decals, etc) that could be purchased or given as reaching a goal.
- **Food at Meetings:** Improving with the addition of salad and vegetarian option, but still not the quality we had with MarketPlace catering. Gary will check into whether we could select 6-8 different meals from a menu to be on a schedule.
- **LEAD Training:** Held on March 5th in Walker – Gayle, Nancy and Jordan Hickman will attend.

Meeting adjourned.

Next board meeting: **Thursday, March 6, 2008** at the **Paul Bunyan Telephone Meeting Room.**

Minutes submitted by Nancy Smith, Board Member