

Bemidji Rotary Board Minutes
March 20, 2008

Present: George, Terry, Dennis, Nancy, Scott, Gayle, Amy, Evonne, Jim, Gary

Secretary's Report: Terry/Nancy moved and seconded approval of secretary's report. Carried. Gayle/Terry moved and seconded the membership proposal of Joe Czapiewski (Rob Bollinger), Director of Development at BSU. Carried. Nancy/George moved and seconded membership proposal of Steven Hostetter (Tom Welle), Interim President of Oak Hills Fellowship/Christian College. Carried. Membership Contribution Report (MRS) was reviewed.

Grant Requests: The board agreed that they would entertain a grant request for playground equipment at Lake Bemidji State Park.

Club Administration: No report.

Membership: No report.

Service Projects:

- Youth Exchange: Nancy/Amy moved/seconded motion to have our club host an in-bound student this year. The board also felt it was acceptable to look beyond the immediate Bemidji community, such as in Blackduck, Cass Lake, etc. (surrounding communities not having local Rotary clubs) when recruiting out-bound exchange students. It is also noted that it is encouraged, but not necessary, for the family of an out-bound student to host an in-bound student.
- Playhouse: Raffle tickets will be ready in time for the Home, Sport & Travel Show.

The Rotary Foundation: Evonne/Nancy moved/seconded the motion to have the club match the actual dollars donated to The Rotary Foundation up to \$500 per year per member beginning April 1, 2008. Carried. Discussion took place on how to use friendship points, both at the club level and the individual membership level. Nancy will be giving a presentation to the membership on March 31st.

Unfinished Business:

- District Awards: Awards that will be submitted to the district were discussed and assigned.
- Holiday Inn Express contract: Nancy/Jim moved and seconded accepting the contract.
- Habitat for Humanity fundraiser: Lunch on May 19 will be furnished by Habitat for Humanity with the proceeds from the lunch charges going to Habitat for Humanity. Holiday Inn Express has agreed not to charge us room/meal charges for that day.
- District Conference: Revised district bylaws will be voted on at the District Conference in Dickinson. The proposed bylaws want to expand the Executive and

Finance Committee's membership to include all past district governors who are still active Rotarians.

- Hosting District Convention: A request by the district to host the 2011 was received. The board will take no action on hosting a future convention until we know whether we will have an events center.

Other Business: The board agreed to purchase 15 copies each of the two CD's of Wayne Hoff's music to use for membership recognition/fundraising purposes. Jim/George moved and seconded a motion to waive membership dues and meal charges for the piano player who performs at the membership meetings, effective January 1, 2008. Carried.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 a.m. at Paul Bunyan Telephone Board Room.

Minutes submitted by Evonne McKinzie, Board Secretary