

Bemidji Rotary Club Board Minutes
February 5, 2009

Present: Gayle, Dennis, Jim, Gary, Nancy, Evonne, Jordan, John

Secretary's Report: George/Nancy moved and seconded approval of report. Carried. Gary/Jim moved and seconded accepting the resignation of Ryan Baer. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: To date, there is \$4500 in checking and \$1500 in the contingency fund. Shelly will be asked to not have grant presentations presented to the board for the rest of this year term based on the possible shortage of funds. Nancy/John moved and seconded approval of report. Carried.

Grant Requests:

- St. Mary's Mission – hard drives for donated computers (\$2,975). The board had agreed not to entertain this request but did give requestor information on who might help, such as the Gates Foundation.
- Bike & Skate Park – John/Gary moved and seconded not funding the request but to send a letter of support. Carried.

Humanitarian Project: Gayle will ask the Soup Kitchen if there are needs that we may help with. Will we also investigate the possibility of putting containers to collect money for hunger in area businesses. Money collected would go to the community food shelf.

Literacy Project: The Sunrise Rotary Club will not need our help with the dictionary project. We will continue sharing the 4-Way Test project.

Dragon Boat Festival: There is a new website: www.bemidjdragonboat.com. Bands have been booked and the early registration deadline has been moved to April 1, 2009. Four major sponsors have been lost, but efforts are being made to find replacements.

Rotaract: The board will review the Rotary Scholarship to give preference to members of the Rotaract or relatives of active Rotarians. Evonne will follow-up with the BSU Foundation.

Membership Meetings: The April 20th meeting has no program scheduled. We will keep this meeting open for membership socializing. We will work with Warren to again have the month of June as Rotary Idol month and then have our last meeting of the year with our finalists performing at an evening meeting, open to guests.

Meeting Facility: Lueken's is now charging \$35 each time we use the room. Gayle will ask whether we will have that fee waived for the rest of the year as we had signed a contract prior to them charging.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m. Minutes submitted by Evonne McKinzie, Board Secretary