

Bemidji Rotary Board Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2009

Present: Jordan, Nancy, George, Amy, Gayle, Dennis, Jim, Gary, and John

Meeting called to order at 6:58 am by President Gayle.

Secretary's Report: Motion made to accept minutes of last meeting. Jim moved, George seconded, motion carried. Subsequent to meeting via email, motion was made and approved to accept membership of James Wagner, MeritCare surgeon. He was proposed by Ted Will.

Treasurers Report: Report reviewed and discussed. Will coordinate with Scott Turn for possible release of waterfront project funds. Dragon boat financials strong pre-event. Jordan moved, Nancy seconded, motion carried to approve report.

Delinquent Accounts: Several members owe for more than the current quarter. Discussed current policy for waiving unattended meal charges. It was suggested to document these policies, review bylaws, and modify as necessary to clarify procedure. Motion to waive previously accumulated unattended lunch charges for Helen Gill for last three quarters. Jordan moved, Nancy seconded, motion carried.

Paul Harris Points Update: Nancy contacted families of former members to plan way to use points. The effort to promote using points has helped increase foundation giving. RI Foundation has revised the proposed point transfer policy to now set a minimum of 100 points (instead of 500) effective July 1, 2009.

Future Weekly Drawings: Dennis discussed with board various options for future weekly club drawings. In order to better manage our club point usage going forward, it was decided that beginning in July, the drawing will be held each week, with the prize alternating between 100 PH points, and another prize such as Wayne's CD.

Club Correspondence - Cameron Park Playground: City is interested in our club installing new playground equipment at Cameron Park. City will do all site preparations and supply the equipment. Would require 6-10 people for 2-3 days. Steve Inkle and Chris Keenan have both indicated they would help. Signage/recognition opportunities will be discussed with City. Motion made to proceed with project by Amy, seconded by Nancy, and carried.

Grant Requests:

Headwaters School of Music - Scholarship Program - Request for \$2,000. Nancy moved, Jim seconded to donate \$250. Carried.

Bemidji Community Art Center - Guild Village & Centennial Celebration - Request for \$1,000. Motion made to deny based on our lack of funds. Jordan moved, Gary seconded, motion carried.

Boy Scouts - Fund Drive - Request for \$600. Gary moved, George seconded to donate \$400. Carried. The Boy Scouts will be encouraged to work with the dragon boat festival for possible additional volunteer/fund raising opportunities.

Newspaper Tab: Scott is looking for the go-ahead to proceed with the year's promotional newspaper insert. Amy will work with Scott on a project timing. Jim moved, Nancy seconded to do project again this year. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Service Projects: George reported that we are still in need of a new chair for the 4-Way Test essay contest. Gayle and Sid have documented the process well, but we need a new volunteer to oversee.

Club Administration: The club meeting scheduled for Monday, July 27 will be held at the Rotary pavilion. This is to kick off the week of the dragon boat festival and to encourage volunteer help after the meeting to cleanup and prepare the waterfront. A grilled brat feed will be organized for that day's lunch. No program other than a brief talk about the festival will be scheduled for that day.

Meeting adjourned by President Gayle at 8:27 am.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 21, 7:00 am - Luekens North meeting room.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Gary Johnson.