

**Bemidji Rotary Club Board Minutes  
November 19, 2009**

**Members Present:** John, Dennis, Jim, George, Amy, Nancy  
**Guest:** Ted Will

**Secretary's Report:** George/Jim moved and seconded approval of minutes. Carried. Nancy/Dennis moved and seconded reinstating Wendy Otness as a member, and accepting a 6-month leave of absence for her. Carried. Dennis/Jim moved and seconded a leave of absence from January to June for Phil Olson. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** none

**Old Business:**

*Rose Sale Results* – Sunrise will receive \$845, Rotaract \$150 and Noon \$6,000.

*Rotary Neighborhood Project* – Ted talked about the Ridgeway Neighborhood Project, which started in 1999. The primary goal was to improve the quality of life and reduce the high crime rate, vandalism and drug trafficking. There were weekly meetings with interested residents, the building of a playground and playground equipment, the circulation of a newsletter, the formation of a neighborhood watch, picnics and holiday events, informal coffee hours and direct personal contact with all residents. By 2002, crime was reduced by one third. The project was successful with concentrated efforts in this neighborhood. Ted suggested Rotary consider focusing on a similar project for the 20 acres near the hospital for a similar project.

**New Business:**

*Grant Requests:*

- (1) Nancy/George moved and seconded \$400 for the BHS Choir. Carried.
- (2) George/Jim moved and seconded \$3,000 for the Boys and Girls Club. Carried.
- (3) George/Jim moved and seconded \$1,000 for the United Way. Carried, with an abstention by Nancy due to conflict of interest.
- (4) City of Lights was not discussed – the grant proposal was not received.

*Paul Harris Recipient Photo* – will be sent to The Pioneer, the Buyline, the District newsletter and to District Governor Ajoy Chatterjee.

*Upcoming Meetings* – Dec 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled to meet at the Eagles Club; Dec 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be a Singalong with Wayne Hoff on the piano.

Next Board meeting at 7:15 am on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Lueken's North meeting room.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Smith, Board Member