



ROTARY CLUB
OF
SPACE CENTER
"Service Above Self"



Minutes of the Board of Directors

Date: February 17, 2009 **Draft**

Members in Attendance:

Mike Hernandez*, Jon McKinnie, Marilyn Musial, John Wilson, Bill Geissler, David Coney, Rae DeCastro, Dick Kidder, John Nugent, Mike Cornett

*Arrived just before the end of the meeting

Members Not in Attendance:

Mike Dennard, Mark Humphrey, Belinda Skloss, Dick Hergert, Dick Gregg III

Guests: Joan Crumpley, Courtney Lindberg

Call to Order:

President-elect Jon McKinnie called the meeting to order at 7:07 AM after ascertaining quorum.

Report of the Secretary:

Board Minutes:

The minutes of the January 16, 2009 regular board meeting were read. Motion was made by Marilyn Musial to accept the minutes, and seconded by Rae DeCastro. Minutes were accepted with modifications.

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 called meeting were read. One action item was taken at the meeting, to accept the membership application of Joan Crumpley. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rae DeCastro, seconded by Mike Cornett. Minutes were approved as read.

Monthly Attendance Report:

Attendance for the month of January was 68.34%

Membership Report: As of January 31st

Blue Badge	106	July 1, 2008 Active Members	111
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Red Badge	7		
Rule of 85 Members	7	Resigned Members	-5
Leave of Absence	4	New Members	+7
Total Active Members	113	Current Active Members	113
Honorary Members	7		
Total Current Membership	120	Net change for Year*	+2

***Goal is a net change of +15 by June 2009**

New Membership Status:

Jon McKinnie reviewed the new member pipeline, which reflects 9 proposals approved by the board, 7 new members, 1 still in pipeline and 1 withdrawn. Our club’s goal is to have as a minimum a net increase of membership of 11, but the Membership committee is working towards 15.

Prospective Members for Board Consideration: None

Prospective Member approved by Board: Joan Crumbly

Leaves of Absence approved: None

Rule of 85 approved : 2, Tom Kloves and Hilmar Zeissig

Members given Permanent badge (blue): 2, Brad Bailey and Daniel Weber

Report of the Treasurer:

Marilyn Musial reported that the club has 113 dues paid members which bring the club to 100%. The club is very close to funding the budget. The cost of meals for meetings is balanced with the incoming revenue.

Discussion was conducted regarding the administration of the service budget.

- \$7,000 allocated from services budget for Children’s Center at M. D. Anderson Hospital.
- Scholarships checks are written.
- Play equipment is ready for the Children’s Center. Help is needed to move and set-up equipment.

Open Items

- David Coney, David Taylor, Lamar Bowles, Marilyn Musial comprise the investment committee. David Coney asked about the purpose of funds. Marilyn Musial explained that the funds were not for operations, but rather from long-term purposes. They could be used for emergency needs. About \$40,000 is located at Prosperity Bank from Shrimporee and Springoree (a

purpose for these funds are for the purchase of a new shrimp boiler). The remainders of funds are invested in Janus Funds.

(Clarification by Mike Hernandez on the above writing: The money being invested in the Janus funds is more of a long term investment nature, it comes from surpluses experienced in past years from the operating Administrative as well as the Service accounts. There is Admin money as well as Service money in those Janis funds. They are being kept as reserve money for emergencies and un-expected needs. The money at the Prosperity bank (I like to call it Fund Raising Accounts) is all Service money. It comes from any of our fund raisings and it is used for meeting the needs of the Service Budget. Money from the Prosperity Bank is deposited by the Club Treasurer in the Operating Service Account each year up to the approved Service budget. Money from the Prosperity bank is also used to pay for the expenses of running the fund raisings including equipment needed. At the end of each year the out going President, the incoming President and the Treasures should review the surpluses in the different operating accounts, including the Fund Raising, and determine if any money should be moved to the long term investments such as the Janus Funds.)

- Bylaws were discussed. Billy Smith submitted changes. Voting process for electing officers and for allowing absentee voting was discussed. Jon McKinnie and Mike Hernandez left the matter pending with no action taken.
- Shrimporee budget. The following checks were written: Earl Maudlin (\$10,000) to the Rotary International Foundation, Gene Trombley (\$2,500) for Polio Plus, and Jerry Smith (\$1,000) for the Rotary Club of Space Center Foundation. Jon McKinnie showed this revenue as an accounting entry in the Shrimporee budget. It was discussed whether that money pledged to Rotary International Foundation should be credited toward the Shrimporee fund-raising initiative in order for the club to gain credit with Rotary International. (Clarification by Mike Hernandez: The club takes credit of any money any member donates to the RI Foundation as part of the Foundation accounting and the total is reported to the members at the end of the year against the club's pledged contributions to the RI Foundation for that year. The club does not need to make entries in the Shrimporee fund raising accounting in order to gain credits with Rotary International. Money donations for our fund raisings should be made to Space Center Rotary or to the SCR Endowment Foundation with the rider that it is to be re-deposited in the Fund Raising account to be used for Service purposes. The checks mentioned above were considered as contribution to the Shrimporee as a mistake all of us made. This mistake has been recognized and money to the RI Foundation will not be considered as sponsors for any of our club's fund raisings.)

- Professional Accounting Services for keeping the Rotary financial books was discussed.
- Santa Claus program was discussed. Groups performing received the following amounts: \$200 for each high school vocal ensemble (\$400) and \$250 was paid to the Bay Area Singers.

New Items

- Courtney Lindberg discussed club sponsorship for a March 28 event called Trash Bash. The focus would be to clean Armand Bayou. Suggested was to develop levels of sponsorships for the event, such as basic – platinum levels with donation ranges required for each level. As important as the money is club and personal involvement that contributes “sweat equity” to the project. This could be the club focus for next year.
- Jennifer Keller is not paid up on her dues. Her last paid-up status was through June 2008 and the board has accepted her resignation. It was reported that she is unemployed. She continues to come to club meetings and is actively working on Springoree. No action was taken to re-instate her, but the consensus was that she was no longer a member and her badge should be retired if it has not happened yet, let her continue to come to the meetings as a visitor, and allow her to work on Springoree.
- Teacher of the year program and recognition is scheduled for May 18, 2009 at South Shore Harbour Resort Hotel. Space Center, Seabrook, and League City Rotary Clubs will jointly sponsor the event. Rotary clubs will sponsor and give awards for a high school, middle school, and elementary school teacher. At the February Rotary meeting, clubs are to decide process. It was decided that the recognition winners would attend a Space Center Club meeting. Discussion was held regarding process of the event.
 - To have event with schools
 - To bring Teacher of Year in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools to a regular Rotary meeting to have recognition and presentations
 A motion by Rae DeCastro was made to support the described process, and motion second was made by Dick Kidder. Motion was approved.

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Rae DeCastro, and motion second by Mike Cornett. Motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
 John E. Wilson
 Club Secretary