

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Rotary Club of Saginaw Sunrise, Saginaw

July 11, 2003 7:00a.m.

Attending: Duane Reyhl, Habib Kheil, Gene Hamilton, Al Menard, Paulette Lenk, Ken Lechner, Pat Bradt, Keith Wenzel, John Wisniewski, Bob Moffit, Wynn McDonald, Jim Spangenberg, Bob Gollin

1. Club President Duane Reyhl called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m.
2. Motion by Al Menard that the minutes from the June Board Meeting by approved, seconded by Gene Hamilton, the motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Ken Lechner reports that the club has \$3,529.91 on hand. It was suggested by President Reyhl that the Treasurer report attendance and member count to the club on a weekly basis.
4. **President's Report:** Duane Reyhl reports that our District Governor Jerome Yantz will be in August and hinted of a possible adjustment to the meeting date to accommodate Mr. Yantz' visit.

During a discussion of our club goals, Duane urged the board to firm up our commitment to fundraising goals and projects before the next District Conference. Those fundraising projects include: 1.) Training School in India, 2.) Dr. Gadam's Eye Clinic project in India, 3.) The Boundless Playground in Kochville Township, 4.) Japanese Teahouse Centennial Project, 3.) Nursery School in Kenya. Duane reminded the board not to get "over committed" with too many projects that might spread our efforts too thin. He also suggested that fund raising project publicity needs to clearly and specifically state how money raised will be used, so that participants can feel great about their donation of money or effort. Bob Moffit recommended regular progress reports to the club members including timelines and financial progress towards our commitments. Gene Hamilton suggested that small sub-committees be assigned to focus on individual projects, and he volunteered to spearhead a committee including Bob Moffit and John Wisniewski focusing on the Boundless Playground. Habib Kheil will lead a group focusing on the schools in Kenya and India while Pat Bradt will lead a committee overseeing our Centennial Japanese Teahouse Project. Paulette concluded discussion on the topic by commenting that worthwhile projects help to define our identity as a club and what we stand for.

5. Current fundraisers in the works include the wine and cheese event on September 17th in support of the Teahouse project. Gene Hamilton suggested two pancake breakfasts/suppers per year to help raise additional funds toward our project commitments.
6. **Speaker's Gift Update:** Habib Kheil worked with Patti Steinman and Kevin Schultz and suggested a nice candy jar with club logo as a speaker's gift. Net cost includes a generous discount by Patti Steinman. Net cost- \$588.40.
7. 7:45 a.m. – the Board Meeting was interrupted by the beginning of the general member meeting and reconvened at 8:38 a.m.
8. **Club Service Report:** Keith Wenzel's calculations predict an annual membership attrition rate of about 16% per year which is why our membership totals have been somewhat stagnant for the past year. He suggested that we strive to have 50 members in the club by the end of June 2004, reversing that trend. The club web site will see some improvements in the near future including a newsletter feature. Details to come. There was a brief discussion of beginning Corporate Memberships with individuals sharing the responsibility of attendance and participation. That idea was not generally supported by the board. It was in fact discouraged.

9. **Vocational Services Report:** John Wisniewski, as new chair of this committee, is requesting feedback from the board and the club members at large as to the scope, direction and focus of this committee. Possible efforts include job shadowing, mentoring, mock interviews with students, and expanded Rotoract involvement and support. Expect to hear from him for your ideas.

10. **International Service Report:** Habib Kheil reported that we are the primary sponsoring club for the eye care clinic project in India. \$20,000 in commitments have been secured, plus a \$20,000 Rotary foundation matching donation. An additional \$10,000 commitment is pending.

The training school in India will be studied as a possible club project for 2004-2005. There will be no financial commitments from our club to this project at this time. Habib is also gathering information about a possible nursery school project in Kenya for the future as well.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Morocco will be arriving in Saginaw soon to attend S.V.S.U. We can expect her to visit our club in the near future.

11. **Rotary Foundation Report:** Bob Gollin reported that we over delivered on our club commitments to both the foundation and polio plus. The club, and especially those who donated funds are to be commended for their generosity.

12. **Old Business:** None

13. New Business: The Ice Cream Social is still in development- no real progress. **The next board meeting is scheduled for August 15th at 7a.m. Come to the meeting with your feelings about project goals in writing.**

14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Spangenberg – Club Secretary