

# ORLAND PARK ROTARY CLUB

## Minutes of the Board Meeting, February 11, 2010

**In Attendance:** Melanie Jones, George Harris, Marty McGraw, Mike Casey, Keloryn Putnam, Sue Linn, Rich Topps, Scott Kallemeyn, debi Ross

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

**Finances:** Tom has concluded work on past due receivables clearing the books to-date. There is some concern on our year-to-date expenses. Mary will present and the board will review these numbers at the March board meeting.

The board approved the financials subject to a March review.

Rich suggested the transfer of some raffle and investment funds. The board authorized Rich to seek the most beneficial investment for these funds and to make the necessary transfers.

### Committee Reports:

**Administration:** No report

**Community:** The next supper at St. Christopher is scheduled for 3-9. Keloryn will have sign-ups sheets at the next meeting.

**Foundation:** Dollars identified for the Alliance for Smiles will be forwarded to that group. An additional collection for Haiti is ongoing but no funds for this cause will be released until Rotary has identified a specific program to be supported. An email should be sent the membership suggesting this is their last opportunity to contribute for Alliance for Smiles.

**Programs:** Marty and his team continue to plug the holes of the speakers calendar. Soon a German immigrant will speak to the group of his love for his adopted country. The programs have been very well coordinated and received. Lunch attendance has been climbing due, in a large part, to the quality of the speakers present.

**Social:** Jim Sanderson and Rich Wahlberg have arranged a progressive dinner for Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Coopers Hawk. Sign-up sheets are being distributed.

**BINGO:** The club has responded well to requests for volunteers. Only 7 spaces remain through 6-3-10. Although attendance and revenues are down, we have been guaranteed our dollars through 2010. We continue to search for programs in which Rotary and Kiwanis might partner. Kiwanis members will join us for lunch on 2-18.

**EarlyAct:** Recently the students have made blankets for distribution to Project Linus and have made Valentine's Day cards for veterans at a Manteno Veterans facility. A local military reservist, Paul Alberts, directed a program on military service for the students. Marty was one Rotarian to attend the military session and commented on the fine job Rob is doing.

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**Rotaract:** No report

**Student Related:** Mike Casey spoke to the group of the success of the last RYLA conference. He is looking for a new director of this program. Additionally, Mike has asked another member to step up and take on the challenge of Youth Exchange. The board authorized the payment of \$220.00 for a new pair of eyeglasses for Angelo. Both Angelo and our outbound student will be in attendance at the 2-18 meeting. It will give the club an opportunity to meet them and for them to meet the members. Mike was also authorized to contact Lisa Flynn at Century in an effort to initiate an Interact Program there. He will update us on his progress. Melanie will update Jim Gay on this effort.

**Public Relations:** Sue reported on the “club runner” program available from Rotary. In an effort to update and streamline our website, newsletter and communication outside of and within the club, the board authorized an in depth review of the program for immediate application.

**Fines:** Scott is feeling a bit rushed when doing fines. The board agreed that fines should be kept around \$3.00 per person with extremes up to \$5.00. We’ll also work to encourage the membership to give Scott their full attention so that he can conduct the business of fines quickly.

**President’s Topics :**

Melanie reminded the board of the importance of participating in the Club Night at the District Conference. To be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Lincolnshire Marriott, the cost per person is \$28.00. The club will waive our regular weekly meeting so that the cost to members would be \$16.00. (\$28.00 less our weekly meal cost of \$12.00) Ken Reilly is the chairperson of this event. More details to follow.

Joe will manage this year’s scholarship raffle. He is forming his committee and will have information for the membership on 2-18.

Jerry suggested that the board make all expenses and purchases available to the club. He expressed that the club would be well served by fully open and distributed financials. Our outdoor Rotary sign is on order and will be installed when weather permits. Rich expressed a desire to see our sign on its own post and displayed to the greatest advantage.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30PM at the office of the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce.

\_\_\_\_\_ debi Ross, Secretary

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