

APPROVED MINUTES
20 MARCH 2007 – 10:30 A.M.
ROTARY BOARD MEETING – EDMONDS CONF CENTER

Present:

Alex Hopkins, Vern Chase, Elizabeth Crouch, Kathy Dahlstrom, Dennis Gallagher, Kirk Greiner, Pam Halsan, Michael Kealy, Doug Purcell, Larry Throndsen

1. March minutes approved with one correction at item IV – “The Board agrees to participate in the September 8th Running of the Balls event except for the online auction.”
2. No treasurer’s report in the absence of the club treasurer (tax season)
3. Auction discussion – Greiner and Freese have identified potential auction software; further discussion to be on agenda at the club retreat. The auction raised approximately \$28,000. \$16,800 plus \$7000 has been earmarked for future scholarships not to exceed the net. Discussion included purchase of auction software from any excess funds. Purcell’s motion to give contingent approval to purchase software following the retreat died for lack of a second. The credit card printer was a good deal at \$69 from 1st Data Commercial Services, but perhaps was a rushed decision; user fees are 1.79% + 25 cents per transaction (more at Item #8) and \$25 per month whether or not the machine is used. There was some reduction in service level due to limited outlets onsite at the auction. Dahlstrom requests a clarification on dispersal of auction proceeds. Crouch requests a ‘Return on Investment’ statement. Auction Chairman Gallagher wants additional member input on evaluation of the auction – To this end there will be an auction evaluation Fireside at Freese home on 4 April, 6:30 p.m.
4. Membership – Director Chase reports 4 new members inducted today: Bob Knowles, Stevens Hospital, Cardiac Rehab Director; Carol Lucas, Mortgage Broker; Rebecca Villareal, Director, Women’s Business Center; Jeff Martin, Investment Advisor
5. District 5030 Conference at Coeur d’Alene –President Alex is unable to attend, President-Elect Stern will attend in his place

6. Rotary Service – Director Purcell reports \$500 already realized from Macy’s ‘Shop For A Cause’ project, with more money still to be turned in by members who pre-sold coupons
Edmonds Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday 7 May at City Park; along with the Daybreakers we will collect and deliver donations for the Edmonds Food Bank
Scout Troop 301 (sponsored by our Rotary) is seeking a new meeting location; the club’s representative to the troop (Halsan) is working with the troop families to find something appropriate
One of the club’s scholarship recipients (name?) has been in an accident; when a donation system is established we will contribute \$250 (no motion was made to vote on this)
Trinity Place – Requests have been received from their staff for a fence and garage doors
7. Public Relations – Director Greiner reports development of a new club brochure; it highlights both club activities and the club’s internal foundation; there was discussion whether to feature more club history or “selling points” on the benefits of club membership
There is \$1000 budgeted for printing; this would cover the cost of two- to four-thousand copies.
This afternoon is the video taping with Carolyn Douglas of KING 5; Crouch and DG Montgomery will participate *Question – How will the tape be used?*
8. Club Administration – Director Halsan reports that storage at Civic Playfield is in urgent need of cleaning out; a day will be set as soon as better weather can be expected
Speakers for lunch programs are set through May
Carl Swenson will host the next Fireside, early May
The credit card printer will be used for lunch fees beginning 27 March on a trial basis; the Board favors not passing the user fees (1.79% + 25 cents) along to members
9. Waterfront Festival – Chairman Throndsen reports the next committee is set for 27 or 28 March at the Port of Edmonds Commission Room
Committee positions are still being filled
Greiner states that Event Consultant Craig Cooke is ‘outdoing himself’

Recorder: Pam Halsan in the Secretary's absence

