

**WILLIAMSTON SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
February 28, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Campbell, Gene Klco, Steve Terry, Julie Pfeifle, Tom Clay, Mark Steinberg & Rick Delaney (Absent: Carrie Thorburn, Merlin Hopkins)

President Fred Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Agenda – Agenda reviewed & approved (M/S/P)

Prior Board minutes – Reviewed & approved (M/S/P)

Duck Race Planning:

- Discussed at regular meeting
 - Still plan regular Duck Race (if water level is low)
 - Backup plan to do a Duck Pen
- Sponsors:
 - Tom has sent out list from last year for signup
 - Many businesses signed up for
 - Like results by end of March

Other Business:

- Narda – on April 17 will have the Robotics Team from the HS – 11 kids
 - Unsure can handle?
 - Just let Mary Ann know ahead of time – so prepared for larger number
- Bev wants us to negotiate with Mary Ann at Brookshire
 - Variation of food served at meetings – change menu - simplify
 - Only serve one meat vs. three
 - Ask for options
 - More variety of food
 - Even if it only saves them money or waste
 - Currently pay \$7 per person – with 25 person minimum
 - Seldom go over 25 (today with Students of the Quarter had 27)

Grant Request by Williamston Theater:

- Presented by Rick Delaney
- Rick saw what happened in Chelsea, MI – before/after Purple Rose Theater started
 - Saw big increase in downtown
 - It was a magnet to bring people downtown and to the restaurants
- Want to see that continue to happen in Williamston with the Theater here
- Asking for an extra grant to help bring in matching funds
 - From Capital Regional Community Foundation – for \$20,000
 - The grant will double our investment
- For building improvements
 - Added escape door (steel-fireproof)
 - Provides entry-exits for actors and costume changes
 - Remove drop ceiling in theater
 - To add improved lighting for stage
 - Installation of new light pipes ad stages

- Williamston Theater has increased in attendance each year
 - 914 – 1st year (2005-6)
 - 5081 : 2006-7
 - 6000+ : 2007-8
 - 7000+ : 2008-9
 - 8000+ : 2009-10
 - 9475 : 2010-11
- Half of the dollars are from donations
- Requesting about \$10,000 total
 - Including other area organizations
- We currently have about \$18,000 in the foundation account
 - Concern that we not spend moneys that usually give to other organizations
 - Also want to do a “Capital Project”
 - Don’t think this really qualifies
- Tom motioned that we offer to add \$2000 to our regular \$3000 donation
 - Bring our total to the Theater this year to \$5000
 - Seconded by Gene
 - Motion passed

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

The next Board meeting is set for **Tuesday, March 20, 2012** after the regular Club meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Gene Klco, Club Secretary