

**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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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