

Putnam County Rotary  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 1, 2003

Board Members Attending: Mary Keely, Sam Sentelle, Tom Midkiff, Rick Slater, Lana Newhouse-Taylor, Don Broyles, Nathan McBrayer

Board Members Absent: Cheryl Rust, Tom Moore, Peter Faulkner

The meeting began at 1:10 PM.

Lana opened the meeting by stating that the Board needed to determine the status of Cheryl Rust's position on our Rotary Board. The Board recognized the past contributions of Cheryl Rust to the Rotary organization, her service and positive outlook on our mission. The Board also recognized that family concerns took Cheryl away from her steady attendance and we look forward to welcoming her back as immediate Past President and as a gainful member of our Board of Directors. Should Cheryl not be able to fulfill the time and service requirements of a Board Member, we still look forward to having her participation at Putnam County Rotary whenever possible.

Lana stated that her major focus for this year is on the YMCA. While the usual donation is \$1500, she would like to make it more. It costs \$75 per week per child to send "needy" children to camp. There is a concern that we are just writing checks to organizations in need without following our mission of service to the entire community. It was noted that we have, in previous years, supported organizations that support us and supported area youth scholarships. We can focus on the same projects each year or reserve funding for flexible donations as needed. In either case, the Board agreed that consistency is important. The Board discussed the fact that they have not created a budget for this year. They also noted that the golf tournament would be held in six weeks, and some funding may be needed for that event; most transactions are in/out funding for the tournament. The annual membership billing will be done in July, and that revenue will be received within 30-60 days. The Board agreed to write a check for \$1500 for the YMCA now. We will review our financial status again at the next meeting.

Mary presented the financial statements for June 30<sup>th</sup> noting that the bank account had not been reconciled at this date. The Board asked that Mary prepare summary financial information for the last two fiscal years to aide the Board in preparing a new budget for FY2004. The Board also asked Mary to poll members and create a date for a working meeting to prepare a budget and a strategic plan for our future. The meeting will be scheduled sometime in August.

Mary also presented a membership list showing current attendance percentages and the number of members who had not paid dues for this year. The Board agreed to contact several of them by telephone and inquire about their interest in Rotary. Since we pay dues to Rotary International for each member on our books, it is important to determine if those people would like to remain involved in our club. Several people who have not attended and who have not paid their dues will be notified by letter that they are being removed from our membership list. The current membership list will be adjusted accordingly before the billing is mailed in July and before our final membership report is mailed to Rotary International.

Bob Keely, newly appointed Sergeant at Arms, presented a Rotary wheel called the Wheel of Fame and Shame. The wheel will be used to raise additional funds for educational programs. Any member who does not wear their pin, who has a birthday or anniversary during the month or whose name or picture appears in the media (i.e. television, newspaper, etc.) will be asked to spin the wheel to determine their "penalty." For the first month, only Board members will be penalized to allow the membership to see how it works. The object is to create a little more fun in our meetings and learn more about each other. The Board approved the project.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM