

Putnam County Rotary
Board of Directors Meeting
October 7, 2003

Board Members Attending: Lana Newhouse-Taylor, Don Broyles, Cheryl Rust, Tom Midkiff, Mary Keely and Richard Slater

Board Members Absent: Tom Moore, Nathan McBrayer, Sam Sentelle and Peter Faulkner

The meeting began at 1:10 PM.

The new structure of the Rotary Club was discussed. It was decided that all active committees will begin reporting to the membership on January 6th, 2004; that will allow enough time for each committee chair to recruit members and meet with their committees. January 6th will be a business meeting for the purpose of introducing the new committees, the new budget and our new vision for the Putnam County Rotary Club.

Lana expressed concern that all board members were not attending the board meetings. She noted that all members were asked for their most convenient time to meet, and they agreed that the first Tuesday following our regular noon meeting would be best. She suggested that board members be polled again for a convenient time to meet.

The board discussed creating a vision for each committee and for the club as part of the new and exciting direction for our club. Don suggested "More through the door" as a possible theme.

Lana noted that November 18th has been chosen as "For This We Give Thanks" day at Sleepy Hollow. Members of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs will join us for lunch and meeting that day. She will notify Sleepy Hollow of the event.

The board will meet at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 28th to complete our planning session. At that time, committee chairs will have defined their committee's role, members will be chosen for committee participation and their funding needs will be determined. Our budget for FY2004 will be completed. We will also complete a vision statement to support our mission statement: "We are a growing organization who serves the community by meeting fiscal and human needs through a membership that is committed to volunteerism and service." Tom noted that he would like to see more members become Paul Harris Fellows. Members suggested several ways to inspire our membership to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. That will become a project for our new committees.

The board asked that Mary contact Vinnie Kudva, our District Governor, for the purpose of getting specific information on our Christmas project of buying toys for children either through Toys for Tots or through the YMCA Gift Bag program. We may be able to use funds for that project as a Rotary Foundation donation also. Before we proceed, we need to know the specific requirements to receive reimbursement from our district for such projects. In the meantime, the board would like to ask our membership to donate their pocket change each week to a fund that will purchase those toys. Mary will ask Bob Keely to create a vessel for that purpose.

The Interact club has been meeting monthly since January. They meet on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 AM. Our board has been invited to their next meeting. Tom will get the details and email each board member.

Lana would like to continue our gift exchange at the last meeting before Christmas. She felt that it was an enjoyable event for all. The exchange will be held on Tuesday, December 23rd.

Lana also suggested that we have a family day, and invite spouses and children of the membership to attend. Special entertainment will be planned. Lana asked Mary to contact Sam Sentelle regarding the holiday vacation for our school system. Depending on his response, family day will be held on either December 23rd or December 30th.

Mary presented a packet with the minutes of the previous meeting, the current financial information and a list of members that have not yet paid their dues for the current year. The board suggested that Mary send a letter and a second bill to all members whose dues have not been paid. If their accounts are not current by December 31, 2003, they will be removed from membership.

The board reviewed the application of Michael Howard for membership in our club. The board approved his application and asked that Mary notify him in writing of that approval and pending admittance to Rotary. [Note: All applicants names are read at the next two meetings following board approval, and are welcome to attend meetings during that time.]

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.