

Putnam County Rotary
Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 2003

Board Members Attending: Lana Newhouse-Taylor, Don Broyles, Tom Midkiff, Sam Sentelle, Peter Faulkner, Mary Keely, Richard Slater

Board Members Absent: Tom Moore, Nathan McBrayer, Cheryl Rust

Peter Faulkner began the meeting with prayer.

Lana asked if any Board member knew the location of our Banner Board. Sleepy Hollow says they not have it stored here. Mary noted that Cheryl Rust stated that she would look in her barn where some Rotary items may be stored. Lana will ask the staff at Sleepy to look for the banner again.

Mary distributed minutes from the October meeting and financial statements for October.

The idea of Family Day at Rotary was discussed. Children will be out of school from December 23, 2003 until January 2, 2004. It was noted that we have not had Rotary meetings between Christmas and New Years in previous years. We will not have Rotary meetings on December 23 and December 30. Our Holiday Gift Exchange will be moved to Tuesday, December 16. (Each member is asked to bring a small gift not to exceed \$10 to exchange with other members attending.)

A discussion was held on our confidentiality policy. In the past, some members have expressed concern that their email addresses were readily available to all other members; that has been remedied by using the blind copy method of sending email. We would like to create a membership directory in January. It was suggested that all members proof their own information and be advised that it will be distributed to all other members unless otherwise requested. With the directory, a statement will be included to advise that the information in the directory be used for Rotary business only.

Lana announced the matching funds from our District for Paul Harris Fellowship at our regular meeting earlier today. From now until the end of the year, the district will match funds sent to them for Rotary International contributions up to \$500.00. Since our club already has a policy of matching, dollar for dollar, monies from members toward Paul Harris Fellowship, it is possible to attain that level of giving (\$1,000.00) by making a donation of \$250.

The Interact club has requested that we purchase an Interact Club Banner for them. The cost of the banner will be approximately \$145.00 and the Board approved that expense. Mary will order the banner and notify either Tom Midkiff or Randy Lucas when it arrives.

Lana suggested that we discuss buying a computer for the Literacy Council. We learned at a regular meeting last month that their computer is very out-dated. It was suggested that we might be able to use some matching District funds for local projects to aid in the purchase. We also may be able to increase our donation to them this year, and ask them to buy a computer. After more specific information is gathered and our budget is complete, a decision will be made.

Lana noted that two committees (Public Relations and Fund Raising) have not submitted their goals and objectives yet. She felt it was important to get that completed as quickly as possible.

Lana also noted that the YMCA Camp needs a bathhouse (separate shower and bathroom facility). Cathy Stark is currently having plans drawn, and will give us an estimate of the cost when that is complete. Lana noted that this is another reason that the Fund Raising Committee is so important; we will not be able to support this project without additional funds. She would like to see a schedule of volunteer workers and a list of possible donors for materials as soon as possible. She will notify the board when costs estimates are available.

The Board discussed a donation to a local food pantry. Mary had talked to Manna Ministries and Community Cupboard and reported on both to the Board via email. The Board would like to make a donation to Community Cupboard by taking them on a shopping trip to Foodland. Tom Midkiff will contact Bill Birt to make those arrangements. The Board suggested spending \$1000 to supply their pantry. Mary was asked to check with our District office for funding assistance through their local program funding support; reimbursement may be available with a donation to Rotary International.

Don requested that the Board approve the purchase of a plaque for Charter Communications as sponsor for our golf tournament this year. The Board agreed and would like to present it at a regular meeting. Mary will order the plaque after the proper wording is determined.

Mary distributed a worksheet for the Board to use in preparing our budget. Lana asked each member to submit numbers to Mary by next week. She will compile them for our next Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM