

Putnam County Rotary
Board of Directors Meeting
March 2, 2004

Board Members Attending: Lana Newhouse-Taylor, Richard Slater, Tom Midkiff, Sam Sentelle, Peter Faulkner, Mary Keely, Cheryl Rust, Brian Wadsworth

Board Members Absent: Don Broyles

Lana opened the meeting with information regarding two possible speakers for our May meetings. Since May is the month when scholarships are presented, Tom Midkiff agreed to provide the speakers for that month.

Lana presented information regarding the YMCA bathhouse project that was presented to the Board of Directors of the YMCA. The information included a blueprint of the plans for that project. She announced that she has committed \$10,000.00 to that project from our Rotary club. The project is estimated to cost between \$15,000.00 and \$25,000.00. She noted that we could contribute that \$10,000.00 in cash or by getting in-kind donations; however, we will need to solicit those in-kind donors. The project must be complete by June 1st to be available for summer use. It was determined that we will need to get a list of specific materials before we can solicit in-kind donations. We will also need to do fund-raising for the project based on our current financial situation. Lana also stated that we need to enroll volunteers from Rotary to work at the project site. Lana also suggested that we could ask members to "buy" a square foot of the project for a \$100 - \$200 donation. She will make a poster to display at our meetings to measure our progress on the project.

Tom noted that the board had made a commitment to the Literary Council to assist them financially with the purchase of a new computer. He asked that we make that contribution now. The check for \$500.00 is ready; however, the members asked that Mary check with Vinnie Kudva, our District Governor, to see if any district funds are available for assistance with that purchase.

The board members present met with Dale Simmons, General Manager of Sleepy Hollow Golf Club, and Teresa, his assistant, to share concerns about the service that our club is currently receiving. Lana explained that when our club has to meet in the Anderson Room, a large open room, it is difficult to conduct a meeting in one-half of the room with the noise of other diners in the other half of the room. It has become an embarrassing situation for our speakers when the membership is unable to hear the presentation. She also noted that people enter the bar area to smoke during our meetings which also annoys some members. Dale stated that his first two priorities are satisfying his members and securing the finances of the club. While they love having our club meet there each week, we do get a "discount" on the buffet. He also noted that partitions are planned for the Anderson Room during the next year. He also noted that, whenever possible, the Rotary meetings would have their own private room.

Following our meeting with Sleepy Hollow management, it was determined that we will pursue other locations for our regular weekly meetings. Until a suitable location is found, we will continue to use Sleepy Hollow as our weekly meeting site.

The name of Kelli Burns was submitted for membership. She has replaced Melissa Walton as the Director of the Museum in the Community. The president will read her name at the next two regular meetings.

Vinnie Kudva has requested that we staff a hospitality booth at our District Conference in Charleston on April 23-25. Lana stated that we stopped doing that a couple of years ago due to the expense involved. Mary will notify Vinnie of the Board's decision.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM