

Putnam County Rotary  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 15, 2004

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

Board Members Absent: Rick Slater

Guests: Bob Keely

President Don Broyles called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Don announced that our former treasurer, Barry Sisler, died unexpectedly two weeks ago. Barry's wife, Karen, informed Don that the company that Barry worked for had set up an education fund for their boys. Mary will make an announcement at our annual "For This We Give Thanks" program (if the Chamber feels it is appropriate) to collect funds for his children. She will also buy a card for everyone to sign.

Don continued the meeting by reviewing our goals for the year. One of the goals was to increase our membership by one new member each month. So far this year, we have enrolled eight new members.

We still do not have an International project, and will continue to look for one that our club can support.

The Group Study Exchange program is looking for team leaders for the next two years. It's an opportunity to visit another country with a group of non-Rotarians to learn about their culture and to help wherever needed.

The club had received several requests for donations. Mary will keep them for review at a later time.

Three members have not paid their dues. It was decided that a board member would contact each of them to determine if they would like to remain active members.

Don would like to have our new members act as greeters at each meeting. Mary will obtain proper identification tags, and members will be recruited to be our greeters each week.

Lana stated that the Y Bathhouse project has not begun. However, she anticipates that it will begin soon. The building is ready to be constructed and both a plumber and an electrician have been hired. The area needs to be prepared and the footers poured before construction can begin. She is encouraging the Y to hold a groundbreaking ceremony and invite all Rotary members to attend.

We still need to have another fundraiser this year. Tom noted that perhaps we could do something at Christmas. The discussion led to our support of other projects for the Christmas holiday. We have contributed to the Y Christmas bags, Toys for Tots and Prison Ministry in previous years. It was determined that we will support the Y Christmas bag program this year. Tom will contact Cathy Stark and invite her to speak at one of our meetings. Don suggested that we consider a wine-tasting party after the holidays. Tom also mentioned that we might be able to host a fundraising event at the new theater prior to its grand opening next spring.

Vinnie Kudva is still willing to hold a four-hour training session about the Rotary Foundation. We could invite other clubs in the area to attend as well. We will discuss this further after the holidays.

After reviewing the attendance reports, board members offered to call those members who do not attend on a regular basis and invite them to participate at a more active level.

Brian offered some suggestions to help streamline the tasks of the treasurer's office. Brian noted that Sleepy Hollow would bill us monthly for our weekly lunches. We discussed billing members on a monthly basis for their meals and recruiting volunteers to assist at the "front desk" each week or month. There are many considerations (cash box, deposits, guests, etc.) before a change can be made. Following a discussion, the board will wait to hear specific suggestions from Brian and Mary before making a decision.

We need to recognize our golf tournament sponsor by presenting an award to them at one of our weekly meetings. Mary will contact Randy Lucas to make those arrangements.

Beginning this year, all in-coming Presidents will be required to attend our Rotary District's PETS training. Secretaries are also encouraged to attend. After a motion and second, the board approved to fund the training for our new President and Secretary each year. The board discussed the possibility of funding some of the expenses for our officers to attend our District Conference. The discussion was tabled until we get further information on the costs involved.

Bob Keely announced that the Literacy Council Fund will be disbursed before the end of the year and we will need to determine another project to fund with our Happy Dollars. Currently, we have collected \$214.50 (Literacy Council Fund and Happy Dollar Fund) through the end of October.

Don announced that we would not have our regular weekly meetings on December 28, 2004 or on January 4, 2005. If students are out of school for the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, we will plan a family day for all Rotarians.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.