

Putnam County Rotary
Board of Directors Meeting
February 25, 2005

Board Members Attending: Don Broyles, Mary Keely, Sam Sentelle, Rick Slater, Brian Wadsworth, Cheryl Rust

Board Members Absent: Lana Newhouse-Taylor, Tom Midkiff, Peter Faulkner

Guests: Bob Keely, Randy Lucas

President Don Broyles called the meeting to order at 8:20 AM.

Don presented financial statements through February 22, 2005. Mary explained a few of the items on the statements noting that only one member has not paid his dues.

On behalf of the Fund Raising Committee, Don opened discussion for our Wine Tasting Fundraiser on March 4th. For the club to break even, we must have 40 people to attend at Wellington's; to date, 32 tickets have been sold. The wine has already been ordered and we have had several prizes and gifts donated. Since the objective of the event is to raise money, the board agreed that we should postpone the event until the end of March to allow our membership to sell more tickets. We also need to further discuss having the event during the week rather than on a weekend.

We need to search for a chair for the Golf Tournament. Randy Lucas has agreed to assist since he chaired the committee last year. Don will announce the "search" at our next meeting.

Don asked that we keep Peter Faulkner and Lana Newhouse-Taylor in our prayers during their time of illness.

For the Membership Committee, Don reminded the board that we need to keep looking for new members. Many of our members are not active with the club. We need to discuss guidelines for attendance and enforcement of those guidelines according to Rotary International Standards.

Mary told the board that the new meal system seems to be working well. The members are very happy with the menu choices and the quality of the food has improved. It does require a little more work at the registration table and the balancing of the cash box.

Sam reported for the Public Relations Committee that our website is up-to-date. He also explained that he tries to keep our website "politically" correct at all times. He also stated that it is also difficult to get free PR from the area newspapers and appreciates any help from the board in finding ways to keep our club in the news. Randy offered to help by getting information to The Valley, a local publication. Don suggested that we pursue sharing a billboard with others area clubs for visibility

For the Community Service Committee, Mary explained some of the details of the Student Exchange Program. Our club has been approached by an area student who would like to participate in the program and Tom Midkiff is gathering information. The student must be sponsored by a Rotary Club, will be gone for nine months, and will need some financial help from the sponsoring club. The sponsoring club must also agree to house an exchange student from another country for the same nine-month period. The board will continue to gather information and will look for assistance from the District.

Don will help an exchange team next March. He and his team will be going to Australia. While he is gone, our club will help host an exchange team from Australia.

The status of the Y bathhouse is not clear. Don thinks that the footers have been poured and the walls are up. Cathy Stark, Director of the Y, told Don that she would contact him when she needed workers to begin painting. Don would like to have a ribbon cutting in May and present a permanent plaque for the project.

The District Conference will be held April 28-30 at Pipestem. Mary has agreed to chair the District Conference Committee for 2006 at Snowshoe. She encourages everyone to attend this year's conference so we can learn what needs to be done in 2006; that knowledge will be helpful as she selects her committee. PETS training is scheduled for April 1-2 in Charleston. Incoming club officers (President Elect, Secretary & Treasurer) are encouraged to attend. The board approved a motion to pay for the registration of those officers for that training.

Mary has asked to be replaced as Secretary and Brian has asked to be replaced as Treasurer. Don has scheduled an Executive Committee Meeting for Monday, February 28 at 8:15 AM to discuss possible candidates and possible additions to our Board of Directors.

Don would like to celebrate our club's 10th Anniversary on April 23, 2005. He asked Bob Keely to be in charge of our Anniversary Celebration. If possible, it would be nice to celebrate the event with the ribbon cutting at the Y Camp. Bob will check dates and report to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.