

The Rotary Club of Putnam County

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2011 – 11:00 am

Board Members:

Present: Mike Herron, Marylyn Pemberton, Sam Sentelle, Tina McComas, Glen Gibbs, Dianna Casto
Bob Keely, Bonnie Prisk, Chet Marshall

Absent: Glen Clark

Meeting called to order by Mike Herron 11:00 am

I. Reading and approval of minutes from previous meeting

Motion made, seconded and approved

II. Financial Report, Bob Keely

- Funds for Gov Mary reduced to \$10K for fiscal year from approx. \$14K.
- Carryover set aside for next fiscal year \$7,500.
- Costs for District Conference will be paid by the District instead of the club.
- Cash reserve is tight at \$714.86 on lower than expected donations and proceeds from fundraisers.

III. Committee Reports

1. Spin to Win Raffle Project

Request for club to backstop advertising costs in case the raffle does not collect sufficient funds was discussed. A motion was made, seconded and approved stating that Putnam Rotary cannot guarantee advertising or any other costs for the proposed raffle.

2. Happy Dollars designation

The Board approved Happy Dollar projects for "The Gabriel Project" and YMCA in that order of priority

3. Pancake Breakfast

Tina proposed another pancake breakfast for May timeframe. Mike authorized her to move ahead with the planning phase after Board discussion and general consent.

4. Scholarship Awards

The Board discussed the changes to the annual scholarship award as proposed by Bonnie and the Scholarship Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Committee's proposal to award two (2) scholarships, each worth \$2,000, along with the proposed changes to the application, qualification and merit review process. The intended distribution of the awards is one for academic and one for vocational training, as determined by Scholarship Committee review of applications.

IV. Foundation

The club will dedicate a meeting to discussing Paul Harris participation in the near future (on or about April 5?)

V. New Business

1. Bob announced that Putnam Rotary did not qualify for Tax Exempt status.
2. Chet suggested that the Club begin sending out notices on dues in June so that dues will be paid by July 1 start of new fiscal year. The suggestion was agreed upon.
3. There will be 2 openings on the Boards next year. Mike suggested that Bob choose the new Board members since they will serve next year in Bob's term as Club President
4. Mike discussed the many requests for funding the Club receives and the need for the Club to develop a way to set its position(s) on whether or not to fund these requests. Bonnie suggested an application process. The subject was left open for further discussion.
5. Tina suggested that the club should get more involved in hands-on projects that do not require Club funding. Mike and the Board agreed with her suggestion.

VI. Old Business

1. Bob is still working on Corporate Membership approval for the Club. First target is Toyota in Buffalo

VII. Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 2:30 (meeting was suspended at noon and reconvened at 1:15 pm) made, seconded and passed.

Minutes submitted by Glen Gibbs on behalf of Glen Clark, March 17, 2011