

**Rotary Club of Putnam County
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2012**

Board Members

Present: Elaine Raider, Marilyn Pemberton, Sam Sentelle, Glen Gibbs, Tina McComas, Jack Bailey, Bob Keely, Chuck Nuckles, Bonnie Prisk, Linda Tennant, Steve Patrick and Mary Keely.

Absent: Dianna Casto

Others Attending: Chet Marshall and George Six

Meeting called to order at 11 a.m. by Tina McComas

Reading and approval of minutes for previous meeting

Minutes from the June 19 meeting were moved for approval by Jack Bailey seconded by Sam Sentelle and approved by the Board.

Financial statement

Mary Keely presented a bank statement reflecting the activity of the Club's bank account for the month of June. The statement reflected a balance in the Club's account of \$14,899 as of June 28, 2012.

New Business

New Club President Tina McComas presented a proposed budget for the Club for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The budget reflected a starting balance for the year of \$15,000, expected income for the year of \$55,190, and expected expenses for the year of \$60,350, leaving a projected \$9,840 ending balance at the end of the year. Tina asked all board members to take the proposed budget home for review and a vote will be taken on the proposed budget at the August Board of Directors meeting.

Reports of Committees

Fundraising. Chet Marshall delivered the report of the Fundraising Committee going over the various Club fundraisers held in the previous year and looking ahead at the current fiscal year. Chet said that the Pancake Breakfast was a huge success, however the Club's poinsettia sale was down from previous years and the committee was considering not doing the poinsettia sale this year. Chet also said that the first Rotary 5K Run/Walk was a success and that it should be even bigger and better next year. Chet also said that so far sponsorships for the Club's August Golf Tournament were down from previous years, but time remained to identify additional sponsors.

Membership. Chuck Nuckles delivered the report of the Membership Committee. Chuck said that he would like to see the Club have two open houses this year inviting friends, family and co-workers to learn more about Rotary. He also said that he would like to see the Club do two events in conjunction with Generation Putnam this year. Chuck also said that a recent game of "Rotary Jeopardy" was a success and he would like to see the Club play the game again two or three times this year. Chuck also said that he would like to see the Club host two orientation meetings during the year for new Club members featuring past Rotary Presidents sharing their experiences and knowledge of Rotary.

Foundation. Bob Keely delivered the report of the Foundation Committee. Bob talked about the committee asking members for Foundation donations at the time annual dues invoices go out. He also talked about the Club's program of encouraging members to give a Foundation donation during the month of their birthdays. He said that this year he would like to see the Club add additional Paul Harris fellows.

Scholarship. Bonnie Prisk delivered the report of the Scholarship Committee. Bonnie said that the committee had enough funds to provide four scholarships this year, but elected to only award three and save the additional funds for next year. She also said that the scholarship winners for this year have been notified and have been invited to the Aug. 7 meeting of the Club.

Service. Glen Gibbs delivered the report of the Service Committee. Glen outlined the various Club service committee activities for the coming year, including supporting Hurricane's July 4 Celebration, volunteering at the Putnam County Fair, volunteering at the Putnam County Relay For Life event, and the annual thesaurus distribution project to name a few. Glen said that the committee and Club would be more active this year in supporting Habitat for Humanity with four quarterly volunteer days. Glen said that the committee may also approach local government leaders in the county to identify additional needs that the Club could help serve.

Programs. Elaine Rader delivered the report of the Program Committee. Elaine said that each month a specific club member will be assigned to identify speakers for that month. She also said that this year the Club would try to get more speakers from the local community.

Public Relations/Website. Sam Sentelle delivered the report of the Public Relations Committee. Sam said that the Club website features a comprehensive look at Club activities over a period of time and that he has noted that in the past the Club supported local community efforts through financial donations, while more recently the Club has supported local efforts through more direct involvement and 'sweat equity.'

New Business

Happy Dollar Project. Tina McComas suggested that the Club's next Happy Dollar Project be the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Bob Keely made a motion in support of the suggestion, seconded by Glen Gibbs and approved by the Board.

Golf Tournament. Bob Keely said that more volunteers are needed for the Club's annual golf tournament in August, and more hole sponsors are also needed.

District Governor Visit. Rotary District Governor Ernie Hays attended the Putnam Rotary Board meeting and talked to the Board about his goals for the year. He said that our Rotary District is down to 27 Rotary Clubs, making it the smallest district in the world. He said that a minimum of 30 clubs is necessary to remain a district and that number is expected to rise to 33 clubs. He praised the Putnam Rotary Club for promoting awareness of the Club in the community and also praised the number and type of service projects that the Club is involved with. He said that he would do whatever he can to support the local clubs during his year in office, and also hopes to grow both the number of clubs in the district and the number of individual members in the district.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made at noon by Marilyn Pemberton, seconded by Steve Patrick and approved by the Board.