

**Rotary Club of Putnam County  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2013**

**Board Membership**

**Present:** Tina McComas, Marilyn Pemberton, Sam Sentelle, Bob Keely, Bonnie Prisk, Glen Gibbs, Chuck Nuckles, Steve Patrick and Jack Bailey

**Others Attending:** Mary Keely, George Six and Cheryl Rust

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

**Reading and approval of minutes for previous meeting**

Minutes from the Jan. 16, 2013, Board meeting were discussed with Bob Keely noting that Club member Bobby Rhyne's name was misspelled in the minutes. Chuck Nuckles moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion was seconded by Steve Patrick and approved by the Board.

**Club Finances**

Mary Keely gave a report of the Club's finances through Jan. 31, 2013. The report showed a balance of \$12,752.71 for the Club, including \$2,000 being held for scholarships and \$100.75 in petty cash, leaving \$10,651.96 available for the Club to use.

**Reports of Committees**

**Fundraising.** Glen Gibbs delivered the report of the Fundraising Committee and said that the annual Rotary Raffle in support of scholarships was well underway. More than \$7,000 in tickets has been sold, with the goal of selling all \$10,000 in tickets. The first drawing for a \$500 prize was held on Feb. 12 with Jess Kuhl winning the first prize. The second drawing will be held on March 12.

**Membership.** Chuck Nuckles delivered the report of the Membership Committee and said that he would like to create a contest to encourage greater attendance at Club meetings. He said he would like to divide the Club's members into two or three teams with each team having a captain that would 'draft' other Club members for their team. The team with the greatest attendance during a set period of time would be declared the winner with a prize to be determined. Also, on the topic of membership, Club President Tina McComas said that the Club would be inducting new member Steve Neher at today's regular Club meeting.

**Foundation.** Bob Keely delivered the report of the Foundation Committee and said that projects to receive District Matching Funds must be submitted by May. He said that Club projects like the annual thesaurus distribution and scholarships could qualify.

**Scholarship.** Bonnie Prisk delivered the report of the Scholarship Committee and said that the latest round of Club scholarships is being promoted at the county high schools as well as on the Club's website and that applications are now being accepted.

**Service Projects.** Glen Gibbs reported that Shelly Hodges of the group Friends of Fort Liberte had left the previous Friday for mission work in Haiti. Hodges is taking a care package to Walnise St. Julian from the Club. Last year, the Club had agreed to sponsor Walnise and pay for part of her schooling. Also, on the topic of service projects, Tina McComas handed out a list of potential service projects in the local area for the Board to review. She also said that she would give the same list to the Club's general membership and take additional suggestions to consider for service projects.

**Rotary 5-K Race.** Bob Keely delivered the report on the 5-K race. The race will be Saturday, March 30, at Valley Park in Hurricane beginning at 10 a.m. Posters will be available soon for Club members to hand out to promote the race, and the race will also be featured on the website of the Tri-State Racers racing club.

**Happy Dollars.** Marilyn Pemberton said that the Club's Happy Dollar Fund was just now up to \$79. She said that it had taken the Club 11 meetings to take in enough Happy Dollars to cover Happy Dollar checks that had been handed out to groups. She said that it is not good to commit Happy Dollars to a group until the funds have actually been collected.

On the subject of Happy Dollars, Steve Patrick presented a Happy Dollar request sheet to the Board that he had created. The one page form would be completed by a group seeking Happy Dollars and reviewed by the Board.

### **New Business**

#### **Rotary Leadership Institute**

Tina McComas said there would be a Rotary Leadership Institute held in St. Albans on March 9 and that Club members Steve Patrick and George Six were planning on attending. She added that the Club had set aside funds to send two more members if there was interest in attending.

#### **Rotary District Conference**

Tina McComas said that the Rotary District Conference was coming up at The Greenbrier in April and that online registration was now open for the event.

#### **Deputy Phil Program**

Steve Patrick said that he had received a request to support the Deputy Phil program – a program that teaches safety in local elementary schools. The request was to support the program through buying an advertisement in an activity book that officers visiting schools give to the kids. Steve asked for the Board to authorize \$299 to purchase an advertisement. Marilyn Pemberton seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made at noon by Marilyn Pemberton seconded by Tina McComas and approved by the Board.