

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

Board Membership

Present: Marilyn Pemberton, Steve Patrick, Chuck Nuckles, Sam Sentelle, Jack Bailey, Cheryl Rust, George Six, Bonnie Prisk and Denise Springer.

Absent: Steve Neher and Tina McComas.

: Mary Keely and Bob Keely.

Meeting called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Steve Patrick.

Reading and approval of minutes for previous meeting

Minutes of the Oct. 15, 2013, Board Meeting were moved for approval by Marilyn Pemberton, seconded by Sam Sentelle and approved by the Board.

Club Finances

Mary Keely provided a report of the Club's finances through Oct. 31, 2013. The report showed a balance of \$14,094.92 for the club, including \$100.75 in petty cash, leaving \$13,994.17 available for the Club to use. Cheryl Rust moved to accept the report, seconded by Chuck Nuckles and approved by the Board.

Happy Dollars

Happy Dollars are currently being taken in support of the Shop with a Cop program.

Committee Reports

Membership

Chuck Nuckles reported that he recently handed out a membership survey to Club members and that they are being handed back in. He asked if the Club would like to do a larger lunch and set up informational booths and invite people in from the community as it has done in the past. Cheryl Rust said that she knows two people that may be interested in joining the Club. Steve Patrick suggested another "blitz" of local businesses after the holidays to let members of the Putnam County business community know about Rotary.

Public Relations

Sam Sentelle reported coverage of the Club in The Putnam Standard and Metro West in recent weeks.

Foundation

Bob Keely said that today's meeting was the last meeting of Foundation month at the Club and that Club Member Dianna Casto would be talking about her experiences working in Africa in support of an orphanage there that the Club and the Foundation had supported. He also said that at almost the halfway point of the Club's fiscal year, giving in support of the Foundation was about halfway toward the annual goal. He said that he would continue to emphasize Club members making a contribution to the Foundation on their birthdays.

Fundraising

Mary Keely reported that she had been able to locate Chet Marshall's files for the 2011-2012 raffle ticket sales in support of Rotary scholarship programs, and she had also found the company that Chet had ordered tickets from. Last year 500 tickets were ordered at a cost of \$76.56. The Board debated the best days to have the prize drawings and decided on Feb. 18, March 18 and April 15 for the grand prize drawing. Tickets will be sold at a cost of \$20 each. Ticket sales will start in January.

5K

Bob Keely said that the 5K Run for Scholarships would take place on March 29, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The goal is to raise \$10,000 in sponsorships through the event and four different sponsorship levels are being offered: platinum, gold, silver and bronze.

Pancake Breakfast

Marilyn Pemberton said that the Pancake Breakfast would take place on Jan. 25 at Applebee's and that workers are needed that day from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. She said that the Club must supply the paper products (plates, napkins, etc.) for the event and Steve Patrick said that many items like that are being housed in the Club's storage unit.

Orientation

Bob Keely said that in the past, the Club has tried different approaches to orientation, including a single one hour session, or four separate 15-minute sessions before Club meetings. He noted that one of the most popular was to educate new, and existing, members about Rotary and Club activities was through playing a 'Rotary Jeopardy' game. He said that the game needed updated and recommended George Six provide the updates in advance of playing the game at an upcoming meeting in 2014, possibly at the March 4 meeting.

Service Projects

Steve Patrick delivered the report on behalf of Steve Neher who said that he was in the process of getting updates on the Friends of Fort Liberte and also on Walnise St. Julian, who the Club has supported in the past.

Steve Patrick also said that the Club's distribution of thesauruses was almost completed with only the parochial schools left to be visited.

Old Business

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Steve Patrick said that the Club's day to ring bells in support of the Salvation Army was Dec. 5, outside of the Kroger's in Teays Valley. He said that volunteers were still needed to ring the bells and that the signup sheet would be passed around at the Club's regular meeting.

New Business

Philippines Relief Effort

Steve Patrick said that \$500 had been raised from Club members in support of purchasing a shelter box to be sent to the Philippines to support the ongoing relief efforts there.

Membership

Emails have been sent to Club members who have still not paid their dues, and Chuck Nuckles is to come to the December Board of Directors meeting with recommendations on what can be done with Club members who have still yet to pay their dues.

Club President-Elect

Steve Patrick said that the Club was going to need a new President-Elect as Steve Neher recently informed him that he would be moving to North Carolina. After some discussion, President-Nominee Sam Sentelle agreed to begin serving a year earlier than expected. Jack Bailey moved to approved Sam Sentelle becoming President-Elect, seconded by Marilyn Pemberton and approved by the Board.

Valentine's Day

Bob Keely said that Rotary Club's in the Putnam Rotary Club's Zone were all being encouraged to undertake a special Valentine's Day program to feed hungry children in their areas. After some discussion, Marilyn Pemberton agreed to investigate and spearhead the Putnam Rotary's Club's effort in this project. They will be contacted to see what is going on with them and the camp.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 12 noon made by Chuck Nuckles, seconded by Marilyn Pemberton and approved by the Board.