

Education Committee Meeting Minutes of 27 APRIL 2017

In attendance:

Todd Taylor, Michel Tharp, Marge Nordstrom, Shannon Leskin, BC Dash, Chris Hyland

Met in Duke CE Building and on line via Blue Jeans.

Agenda:

- RYLA: Chris may wish to update us on the recent RYLA weekend. Reaction of the students and any lessons learned.
- BOOKS on BREAK: Reminder we are approaching showtime. Set up will be 5 May and Personal Shoppers needed 8-10 May. Sign up Genius will remind you of your sign up times. If you have friends at all curious about what we do with YE Smith students, this would be a fun way to introduce them to YE Smith, Rangers and our efforts in Literacy, so invite them to check it out.
- Most of the meeting should be dedicated to our presentation at the Trade Show (26 Jun meeting)
 - Need a display that depicts:
 - Who we are.
 - What projects we do.
 - What needs do we have. Where would a new Rotarian fit in?
 - What ideas might we have.
 - We will review the club website and determine what we wish to display and what we need. <http://durhamrotaryclub.org/education-committee/>
 - Review the recent input to the board, attached. Review the value of the committee to the club.
 - Note Brown Family Scholarship will be awarded at Emily K on 24 May. Support for this award by your attendance is welcome.
 - Anyone interested in forming a subcommittee to work on the "Rotary Pulitzer"?
 - Finally, still looking for a Chair, Co-Chair and communications person for the group. Who do you know?

Minutes:

1. AREA BUSINESS: Area Youth Committee meeting did not meet 17 April.
2. CLUB Business:
 - a. RYLA: Chris reported that RYLA had over 35 applications and 8 were selected for our club to sponsor. He reminded us that the RYLA costs went up and we downsized the number to meet the budget. Board did not approve a transportation spend so he needed to find drivers this year. He had 4 drivers each way.
 - i. Chris solicited input on the following question: Does the club want RYLA to be purely merit based or have some expectation of diversity?
 - ii. Background: Of the applicant for RYLA the overwhelming majority of the kids with the highest merit were from the NC School for Science and Math. This meant that other schools who submitted applicants were shut out because their students could not compete with the NCSSM kids.
 - iii. Discussed suggestions:
 1. Perhaps we establish a quota system. If a school submits an application, then that school gets at least one seat.

2. Perhaps we establish minimum standards such that not just anyone can qualify, they have to meet some standard.
 3. We could limit NCSSM to students that are from the Durham area.
 4. We could cap the number of NCSSM students.
 5. We need to ensure the counselors and teachers inform applications of students that may not look good on paper, but have high potential.
 6. Perhaps we should instruct the selection board not to be so stringent on pure merit based selections. It may cause an issue with a selection volunteer stepping aside, and we would have to ensure the selection committee is made whole.
- iv. On the issue of transportation, it was recommended that Chris request funding for transportation in the upcoming budget. If the board disapproves the request, the transportation will have to be solved another way. However, drivers need to be made aware that Rotary assumes no liability. The Drivers take full responsibility and liability. It is recommended that Rotarians have 2 deep adult supervision to prevent any issues or allegations of impropriety.
- b. C2C: We discussed how C2C is a model Rotary project. Something that Rotary took the lead on is now self-sustaining to the point we can take less of a leadership role and more support role.
 - c. Trade Show: We reviewed and approved the draft slide deck for the upcoming "Trade Show".
 - i. We may tweak it to add some additional photos for interest.
 - ii. BC wants to make sure the Trade Show tables are manned so we can "tell the story" relate the background color of How did the effort happen, and what Creative imagination came to bear.
 - iii. Here is the Trade Show idea for the end of the year.
 1. BC intends to have each committee present information on tables at the final meeting. The idea will be for committees to show
 - a. Who they are
 - b. What they have done
 - c. What they intend to do
 - d. How someone can get involved.
 - iv. Please check the website to make sure everything we say is current and correct.

3. Next meeting: 25 May 2017 at 5:30 PM at Lucky Strike.

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