

## Education Committee Meeting Minutes of 30 August 2017

In attendance:

Todd Taylor, Don Stanger, Marge Nordstrom, Emily Oliver, Seth Jernigan, BC Dash

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

Agenda:

1. Seth's Club focus – Local Youth and literacy: land largely on our team. Seth reiterated his position and hopes to grow our committee's efforts. Youth and literacy are key to the success of Durham and things like Reading Rangers are an example of that focus. Seth wishes to examine what the club has and make sure it is in alignment with what the club wants to do in the community. Another area of interest is strengthening partnerships with local non- profits. How do we best partner? With funding or manpower? An example is funding summer camp scholarships through EDCI. How can we do this?
2. Normal Activities recap:
  - a. Reading Rangers – Report out last year and gear up for this year. See Below.
    - i. Discuss the Sign up Genius approach again for this year. See Below.
    - ii. There was discussion that Letisha may be leaving YE Smith and what that may mean to all our programs at the school. Todd will seek to find out any update.
    - iii. Discussion centered around the need to re-educate the club and new members on what Reading Rangers are, what they do and what we need. Get some guest announcements up to beat the drum for Rangers. Seth will commit to continuing a strong advertising and announcement stream from the club meetings.
  - b. Spelling Bee Judges Sign up Genius TBD. This is a great spin off project from Rangers.
  - c. Books on Break
    - i. Sign up Genius TBD generally in the Jan timeframe.
    - ii. How will we pay for the book bags? Lots of good discussion on this. With the departure of Carolyn, our major source of funding (Valentine's Card sales) disappears. We have time, but we need to think how to raise these funds. Some discussion was given to considering future District Grants to purchase the bags for multiple years.
  - d. NEW: Friday Club centered around Construction in Durham. Vandana brought this up and discussion about trades and the construction process was entertained. Don mentioned that Joseph (the kid Don has mentored) is keenly interested in construction. It was mentioned that perhaps Joseph could get PEP credit from the school to help with the program. Don will explore this. Additionally, Rotarians could plan on Friday clubs that demonstrate their hobbies such as golf or fly fishing. Just needs some coordination.

- e. Support EDCI summer program – report out and prepare for next year. We assisted with the lunch program. We may learn of more opportunities as we work with EDCI.
- f. RYLA – review timeline and what is in the current budget – Chris says 8 kids and transport is in the budget.
  - i. Story about EcoStyle. Duke CE South Africa office will use them. Good story about Rotary using a local vendor, the vendor is considered for non Rotary work as a way to express appreciation and hopefully the vendor will become a valuable partner with future Rotary efforts. Everyone wins when we work together.
- g. Area Initiatives – we will know more when the Area Youth Committee meets.
  - i. RAD? Doubt our Area will support this.
  - ii. 4 Way Test? Doubtful but some activity has been done around this.
  - iii. Interact? Need some volunteers. Todd will follow up with Jenny Levine.
  - iv. YEX? Need someone willing to learn about this. Given Rotary’s focus and backing but not funding of YEX and the fact that we have some excellent resources in Janene and Shannon, it would be prudent to seek someone to get smart on YEX so the club has some knowledge when a future need or request is made.
  - v. Other?
- 3. Seeking additional committee members – Who do you know?
  - a. Really need a communications person, someone to help get the word out of the committee’s efforts and needs.
- 4. Seeking new ideas – What is on your mind? Emily mentioned that Rotarian Lizzie is on a Durham Committee focused on literacy. We explained that Lizzie is welcome to bring information or needs back to the Education Committee and we can look for ways to help.
- 5. Seeking new leadership – Todd’s last year at the helm of Rangers and Education Committee. Need a Committee Chair to run the meetings and present to the board. A co-chair to help set agendas. A communication person to keep the minutes, communicate between committees and update the website, and send items of interest to the Communication Committee for publication etc. Todd will send a list of needs to the Membership Committee for consideration with New Members.

### Ranger Report

Reading Rangers	School year beginning in							
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	Total	
# Rangers		37	20	35	35	52	179	
# Hours		440.5	292	566	580	600	2478.5	
Added School Days		73	49	94	97	100	413	

### Interesting Stats

Members	242
% support per survey	<u>54</u>
Equates to Rotary Rangers	131
Reality	37
Non Rotarian	11
% of Club participating	11%

Draft of Reading Ranger Sign up Genius

Howdy Rangers

Welcome to our posse! We have been on the trail to increase literacy at YE Smith since 2012. As of the end of the 2016-2017 school year we have had a total of 179 Rangers and have volunteered 2478.5 hours with YE Smith. Our efforts have effectively added 413 instructional days to the school. We are glad you are part of this effort. Thank you.

In this 2017-2018 school year, we will again utilize this Sign Up Genius to allow volunteers to select the day and time and teacher (grade) that best suits the volunteer's schedule and interest. Last year, we sought a mere 100 minutes per volunteer. We had 37 volunteers give a total of 440.5 hours. This year, we desire whatever time you have to share. We have no expectation, we hope that you will give this a try and we hope you enjoy it enough to keep going as it fits your schedule.

The school principal has always stated that she will gladly take whatever time people are willing to give. Any special focused time is good for her students and they will appreciate anything they can get. Most Rangers enjoy seeing the growth of their students and the students really look forward to seeing their Rangers.

If you are a first time Ranger, you will need to complete the volunteer registration form found here:

<https://ec.volunteernow.com/recruiter/index.php?class=VolunteerRegistration&recruiterID=1343>

if you completed the volunteer form last year, you should be fine. The approval is good for 2 years. If in doubt, go ahead and update the volunteer form.

We hope you enjoy heading down the literacy trail as a 2017-2018 Rotary Reading Ranger. Please encourage your friends to sign up. More Rangers = more kids helped.

Yee Haw, Rangers on the trail again!

Please contact Todd Taylor with any questions [todd.taylor@dukece.com](mailto:todd.taylor@dukece.com).

6. The next meeting will be held on **12 October 2017 at 5:30 pm at Duke CE** (310 Blackwell St). Blue Jeans information will be distributed with the agenda.

Note: this is not the regular time because Duke CE will not have availability the last 2 weeks of September. Note Rangers may have begun before this next meeting. We may begin on 25 September, but this is to be confirmed.