

Education Committee Meeting Minutes of 29 March 2018

In attendance:

Todd Taylor, Marge Nordstrom, Don Stanger, Brady Surles, Michel Tharp, Mimi O'Brien, Peter Jacobi, Kim Shaw, Jenny Levine

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

Agenda:

1. RYLA – Some discussion evolved around the transportation was taken care of and the word was sent to the approved students. There was discussion around some issues that Student U had with RYLA in the past, the current thought is that those issues were in the past and Student U students should be made aware of the opportunity. It was also felt that RYLA graduates should be invited to get involved in more Rotary activities and other opportunities such as Student Action.
2. We needed new leadership in the Scholarship committee and Kim Shaw has stepped up. Marge was thrilled. Shannon Leskin mentioned in an email that Kim Saurez is interested in helping but not leading the Scholarship committee. Kim was thrilled.
3. Books on Break. Mimi reported that the sign up genius has been sent. Jenny Levine has agreed to take a larger role with Books on Break and will be a great help to Mimi. This is a great one and done project. Talk it up with Rotarians. Kim offered to put the request out on a list service for 24000 volunteers. We decided to announce to Rotarians first to get signed up then in a few weeks open it up to other volunteers. Encourage Rotarians to get involved. Some discussion was to invite other clubs. Something to consider. Perhaps a great opportunity for the e-club?
4. Reading Rangers. Kim mentioned that the same list could be used to enlighten Reading Rangers. Happy to get the word out. Todd also asked if the Ripple Effect resonated with membership. Apparently many members were trying to guess how many ripples we could possibly have. General feeling was that the club was impressed the body of work the Ranger effort have done.
5. EDCI Reading Month. We revisited the reading effort with EDCI. Generally positive vibes, Todd will chat with David Reese about how well attended the events were with Rotarians and share some surprises like the need to speak Spanish.
6. Kim Shaw was asked to present the same information that she related to the Grants committee about the work that the Institute for Civic Engagement for Emerging Leaders does with HS kids. These kids meet throughout the year and have projects, and there is a summer camp for 2 weeks of learning about civic involvement. Given that these are RYLA aged and some RYLA grads and perfect demographics for Interact clubs or engaging in social projects, it was worth knowing about. Possible opportunities exist for Rotarians to mentor, coach, or evaluate projects. It was good to learn about this program.
7. Jenny mentioned that the library needs HS kids to act as tutors for struggling elementary school kids as they prepare for assessments. Perhaps Kim's group of kids could assist? This was a perfect example of the Rotary Education Committee learning about and connecting different organizations. Demonstrated how valuable the committee can be even beyond Rotary. Truly service above self – even Rotary self.
8. Next Meeting will be 26 April 2018 @ 5:30 PM at Lucky Strike.