



General Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2009

In Attendance:

Craig Young	Tammy Meiners	Tammy Casto
Anna Baxter	Jeff Covert	Brian Moore
Scott Cunningham	Ben Newhouse	Mandy Curry
Christina McCune	Rebekah Greene	Jeremy Bumgardner
Samantha Delph		

1. YMCA Playground Relocation Project – The decision was made on Tuesday, August 25th, to postpone this project. Based on information provided, we felt as though this was too big of a project for us to complete. Since this would have been our first service project, we wanted to make sure it was one that would go smoothly and would leave all participants with a good feeling about what was accomplished.
2. Website Development – with the help of Ryan Wheeler from Terradon, we now have a website up and running that is actually a page on Generation West Virginia’s site. We have also established a domain, www.generationputnam.com, which will lead you directly there. Our GP application, current events, and information about our group can be found there. If you have any suggestions about the site, please direct them to Craig Young (craig.young@cityholding.com) or Ryan Wheeler (ryan.wheeler@terradon.com).
3. Constant Contact – This website provides a means to distribute mass e-mails. The e-mails are distributed in a newsletter type format. This has been used for the Generation Putnam After Hours and for t-shirt ordering. If you are having trouble receiving these messages, please let Craig Young know, and also you may contact your IT department to determine if the messages are being blocked.
4. Membership Update – Currently have 68 members. Set a goal of each member bringing in one new member per month. Invite friends and associates to our events. We seem to have a shortage of members in the food industry. Please direct new members to our website to do their application online. The membership committee will be responsible for all Generation Putnam After Hours. Please send any recommendations for event sites to Debbie Lilly or Samantha Delph. **By the way, we are taking suggestions for names for our after hours events.**
5. Networking/Media Relations Update – No Report

6. Events/Professional Development Update – A couple of events are in the works:

* Cornhole Tournament – tentative date 10/3/2009. If you have access to any cornhole boards please let Jeff Covert know.

* Halloween 5K Run/2 Mile Walk – Date has been set for Saturday, October 31st at the Hurricane Wave Pool Park. Some proceeds will benefit the Putnam County Animal Shelter. We will need approximately \$2,500 in sponsorships. Prizes for winners and best costumes (including dogs). There will also be a Casino Night at Sleepy Hollow on the same day jointly sponsored by the Chamber and Generation Putnam.

* Spring Event – no date determined. Wine/Jazz/live music

If you are available to help with any events please contact Brian Moore or Jeff Covert, ASAP.

7. Community Outreach update – Still looking for our first service event. If you have ideas please forward them to Jeremy Bumgardner or Ben Newhouse. Craig Young and Ben Newhouse met with Patsy Smith and Dr. Penny Fisher at the Putnam Co Board of Education. Discussion was centered around ways for Generation Putnam to work with the county school system on mentoring projects, on the job shadowing, portfolio interviews, and career days. This will likely be a slow developing process. If you or anyone you work with has skills or a facility that would be good for an educational visit from a county school or class, please let Ben Newhouse or Craig Young know. We will be providing a list to the Board detailing our opportunities.

8. Generation Charleston – A Day of Service – October 10th, 2009. This is an opportunity for us to partner with them and piggyback some of their marketing. Their idea is to help a number of organizations that fight hunger and support the homeless. They are hoping to partner with approximately six non-profits and run projects across the city. They also suggested working with Rotary is a possibility. Any ideas would be appreciated and can be forwarded to Craig Young.

9. Chamber Update – Annual Directory Ad sales are beginning. This may be an opportunity to get information out about Generation Putnam. Casino Night is beginning to evolve. Goal for Generation Putnam is to help sell 60 tickets. Pricing will be \$35/person or \$50/couple. There will also be a silent auction. Please contact Mandy Curry if you are interested in helping.

10. Generation West Virginia – We have officially joined Generation West Virginia as the 8th regional group in the state. There is no cost to us but we must provide one of our members to serve on Generation West Virginia's steering committee. We may also allow any of our members to serve on one of Generation WV's subcommittees which include: Leadership Development, Legislative/Policy, Economic Development, Statewide Image & Marketing, and Best Practices & Outreach. If you have an interest in any of these committees, please contact Craig Young. Generation WV is also planning a social reception to be held in conjunction with the Create WV (www.createwv.com) conference on October 18th. This will be held in the Huntington area. More information to come on this as it is provided.

11. T-Shirt orders – We have black and blue t-shirts available. The cost is \$12. If you have not already ordered one, but would like to, please submit your order to Craig Young by Tuesday, September 8th.

12. Upcoming Events

- * GP After-Hours – Thursday, 9/3, 5:00-7:00, Creekside Café
- * Sept. General Meeting – Friday, 9/25, 8:00 a.m., Hurricane Community Center
- * Community Outreach Committee and Events Committee have established regularly scheduled monthly meetings:
 - Community Outreach: Second Tuesday of the Month at 12:00
Contacts: Ben Newhouse/Jeremy Bumgardner
 - Events: Last Wednesday of the Month at 5:00 at Friday's – Cross Lanes
Contacts: Brian Moore/Jeff Covert