

MINUTES FROM PETS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – September 21, 2015 4:00 p.m.

After some working through some issues with the phone number, Peter Ewing convened the Meeting and the following members were present: Abbas Rajabi, Arlene Weber, Bill Downes, Bill Emslie, Diana Royce Smith, Don Peterson, George Small, Karen Briggs, Ken Small, Lori Cummings, Malinda Shafman, Mary Eisenzimmer, Mary Kay Hasz, Michael Brady, Paulette Church, Peter Ewing, Teresa Anson, Thomas Mortimer, Brandi Monger and Barb Redder

Review/Approval of the Minutes from August 18, 2015 meeting: Malinda Shafman moved to approve the minutes, Karen Briggs 2nd, motion carried and minutes were approved.

Training – review suggestions from ZONE meeting – The DGEs and others had a meeting at Zone and discussed relaxing the dress code, trying to make PETS more fun, giving the PEs and PENs more leadership training, rather than technical training. The idea is that people will not remember all the technical training, but if you give them the tools on how to find answers to their questions, then you can spend more time trying to engage and inspire them for their upcoming year. The group discussed the need to maximize passion for Rotary, and not just the mechanics. However, as part of ensuring the PEs and PENs have the mechanics, the group recommended a cheat sheet, so the PEs would have a quick reference on who does what and where to find answers to their questions.

The group also suggested having a survey ahead of time to see the level of understanding of general concepts by the PEs and PENs. Some voiced concerns about not giving the PEs and PENs all the technical information. However, the goal is to rethink what PEs and PENs really need to know and what they will actually remember. A big piece is making sure the AGs have the training and know that they will be the people the Presidents come to with questions on the technical issues. Paulette raised the point that the other important piece of PETS is the opportunity for networking.

Karen discussed some of the training modules. She thinks the planning your year is a good. It was suggested that it might be beneficial to have the trainers review the modules and report back.

***The District Trainers will look at the modules and get with Karen and decide the best modules and report back.**

Speaker and Vender Review

Speaker review – The current speaker line-up is as follows:

Friday Night – John Germ

Saturday morning – Greg Podd

Saturday Lunch – Past Presidents Panel

Saturday Dinner – Still discussing some sort of entertainment

Sunday Breakfast – a number of ideas discussed – should be a high energy speaker with impact

***Arlene needs final speaker lineup of speakers by Nov. 1, Dec. 1 at the latest. The DGEs will discuss and identify Saturday entertainment and Sunday speaker.**

There was some discussion of the format for the Past Presidents Panel. At the Zone meeting, the DGEs had come up with criteria for panel members, to diversify location and club size. Based on the timing, the panel could potentially go 45 minutes.

*** The DGEs will discuss and tie down format and report back on next call.**

Lori asked if it would be possible to talk to the ERT Team about recording the speakers, so if there was a really dynamic speaker, they could have a recording to take back to their clubs. Will discuss with Doug.

Vendors – Looking at 3 vendors, Russell Hampton, National Awards for You, and vendor providing custom items. The limit on three vendors excludes Club Runner, who can be with TRF. Also talked about inviting Wells Fargo to discuss some of the funding they are doing. Arlene will talk to Karl about the set up to make sure there is ample room for folks.

Breakout session facilitator update – Karen reports that all the DGEs did a great job getting names to her and she is working on getting with facilitators. The presenters for Rotary 101 and Foundation 101 have agreed to present again this year.

Greg Podd is planning to be here on Thursday night to meet with Districts 5630 and 5390 on Friday morning and to participate in the District Leadership Update. Don Peterson will be Greg Podd's aide. Peter is trying to get John Germ here a little earlier to participate in the District Leadership Update.

PETS Exchange for 2015 and proposed for 2016 – Peter will talk to Bill about possibility of exchange. Arlene said it is not necessary that we do it this year, but if Bill would like to do it, then they need to get it set up soon.

ERT Team – Doug was not on the call, but Peter discussed using videos while people are getting settled for meals. These would be short 2-2 ½ minute video that would show some of the local projects. Paulette mentioned Interact had competition, would look at some of those videos. All DGEs will see what videos might be available in their districts.

*** Need to get with Doug to figure out what he would need in terms of file types.**

Registration – Arlene needs names and contact information for registrars before November 1, 2015. Some districts have already got this information in to Arlene. Paulette will be registrar for District 5740. Arlene would like to open registration on November 1, 2015, so she needs the information as soon as possible. Arlene is working on the website for registration.

PETS Guidelines – Reviewed and discussed changes. The changes are in redline, so they are easy to see. Other than raising the reserve level, the biggest change is related to who gets reimbursed for PETS attendance. Added in language requiring a certain level of attendance on committee calls before a person could be reimbursed for PETS.

New suggested dress code – At the ZONE meeting, they discussed revising the dress code, so that the meetings would be more casual, “Rotary Casual Comfortable”, a great time to wear Rotary wear. Then the dinners would be business casual.

Other items – Bill Downes discussed the AG track training. They had discussed four sessions:

- Goal Setting
- Case Studies (2)
- RC Central from AG perspective

Bill offered that District 5450 had the facilitators for the goal setting, if the group was interested. There was also a discussion that the case studies should be live examples.

***Each DGE will provide two case studies, for a total of 10 case studies for the trainers to consider.**

Bill Downes moved to adjourn the meeting and Tom Mortimer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Next meeting is a conference call on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. The new number is 641-715-3276, access code 778590.

Dates for following conference calls as follows (all calls will be from 4-5:30 P.M.):

November 9, 2015

December 14, 2015

January 11, 2015

February 8, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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