

2019 PETS Planning Committee Meeting via conference call
October 15, 2018

Chair Bill Emslie called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Those in attendance were:

District 5390: Rick Moore, Lori Cummings, Sandy Wong

District 5440: Bill Emslie, Chris Woodruff, Bill Shilling, Karen Trusler

District 5450: Sandra Mortensen, Bob Kemp, Amy Weed, Connie Syferd,

District 5470: Chris Peterson, Forrest "Chip" Ecks, David Wood

District 5630: Dale Schultz, Scott McLaughlin, Kirsten Faessler

Support Team: Arlene Weber, Liz Becher, Ruthe Gleason

Rick Moore requested a correction to the minutes of the September 17 meeting, stating he was shown as present, but was not on the call. With this correction, Bob Kemp moved to approve the minutes of the September 17 meeting as posted on the website; David Wood seconded. Motion Passed.

Nathan Dudden, General Secretary of the Rocky Mountain Rotaract organization, which serves members in 22 districts and 100 clubs, was on the call as a guest. Nathan requested that Rotaract be able to join our PETS conference to host a Rocky Mountain Rotaract Institute, with sessions separate from Rotary sessions, to train Rotaract Presidents, Board members and representatives. Bill Shilling asked 'what financial expectations will Rotaract have of Rotary?' Chris Woodruff asked 'how many rooms are needed?' Ruthe Gleason asked 'will we need to provide: materials, bags, notepads, pens, etc?' Nathan stated he expects 5-7 attendees from 5 districts, for a total of 25-35, and they would need 2 rooms. Arlene stated that the meal package for 5 meals is \$220, and the Saturday night banquet is \$60. Discussion followed about allowing the use of the hospitality rooms for each district to serve as the meeting rooms, so there would not be a room charge as well as allow Rotaract to bring in meals at a lesser cost than the hotel meal costs. Sandy Mortensen voiced support for allowing the Rotaractors to attend our conference, as long as we did not have direct expenses for hosting them. Bill Shilling moved that we welcome and encourage participation from the RMR group coinciding with our PETS conference with expenses to be covered by Rotaractors or sponsorships; David Wood seconded. Motion passed.

Bill E noted the PETS planning timeline is on the website with updates.

Scott McLaughlin and Sandy Wong each had details about the proposed speakers for the Sunday morning session. Scott was not on the call yet, so Bill Emslie reported on the 'Because I said so' speaker/presentation. Alex, the founder of the organization, was not available on the date needed, but could send another presenter, Amanda. They agreed to lower the fee to \$2000, plus hotel rooms and meals for up to two days, and airfare. Arlene estimated total cost would be \$3600. Concern was expressed that this amount was over the budgeted amount.

Sandy stated that Karen Grosz, Canvas Creek Team Building, is available for the Sunday presentation for an honorarium of \$1000, plus airfare (about \$500), room and meals. Karen is a professional speaker/facilitator and her normal fee is greater than the \$5000 fee quoted by 'Because I said so.' Karen typically engages her audience in the presentation and is giving us a break on the fee because she is a Rotarian.

Chris Woodruff stated he watched a You-Tube presentation by Amanda, and she is not as dynamic as Alex, and he felt the cost might be prohibitive to bring her in. Rick Moore shared that he had been at a club meeting in his district recently where RYLA alumni reported on acting as Ambassadors for the first day of school, using skills they had learned at RYLA where Karen had been the curriculum director over the summer. Arlene stated she has worked with Karen for six years at RYLA Camp and could vouch for her enthusiasm. Bill Shilling asked if we might ask Karen to be available for short presentations within each district in the areas of Youth, Motivation or Team Building, in addition to the Sunday presentation, if she can be there the whole week end. Lori Cummings shared an idea about districts pitching in to cover the additional meal or room costs, if they want Karen to speak in their district sessions. Arlene stated the hotel room cost is \$138 per night, including tax. Chris Woodruff moved that we invite Karen to be the Sunday morning presenter. Bill Shilling seconded. Motion passed. Sandy will work with Arlene on a written agreement with Karen.

Peter was not on the call with a vendor update.

The PETS planning committee will meet at 8 pm on Thursday, Feb 28, in a Presidential or Governor's Suite.

Ruthie is waiting on a cost estimate for producing the conference booklets. The program needs to be finalized by Jan 28 to allow enough time for printing. She has ordered 500 bags for conference materials for attendees.

For a PETS Exchange, Dale is waiting on details from the Pacific Northwestern PETS. Some other conferences are scheduled for the same week end as ours.

Dale is working on the Leadership Panel for Friday afternoon and plans to have Larry Dimmitt and Mike Forney, and perhaps Jim D'amato and Julie Aubrey. Johrita Solari will arrive about 4 pm, too late to be on the Panel, but will speak at the Dinner on Friday night with Larry.

For the music for each general session to be opened by a District, Doug will need to know the choice of songs. Discussion followed about how long the music would run, and whether there may be some issues with needing to pay royalty fees to use the music. Doug was not on the call, so discussion will continue at a later meeting.

Phil was not on the call to report on facilitators. Bill E gave an update from the Oct 9 Subcommittee call on the Friday sessions planned.

For conference registration, Arlene asked if any clubs were added or dropped during the year. Sandy Mortensen reported one club in her district dropped. Arlene needs to know if districts wish to have photos taken on Saturday, so she can list it on the schedule. She hopes to have the flyer finalized by October 30.

Bill E noted that Chip and Bob Kemp will lead the training for PENS.

The PETS guidelines revisions have been posted and distributed. Arlene hopes we can finalize on November call.

Dale stated that Linda Peterson, Public Image Chair for Zone 27, sent him a letter with a request to present a 40 minute session on Friday or Saturday. After discussion, consensus was made that there is not room on the schedule to accommodate this for a general or plenary session, but individual districts may contact her and schedule her for Breakout sessions.

Next meeting is November 19 at 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Sandy Wong
Scribe