

2019 PETS Planning Committee Meeting via conference call
September 17, 2018 Corrected

Chair Bill Emslie called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Those in attendance were:

District 5390: ~~Rick Moore~~, Lori Cummings, Sandy Wong

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

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

District 5470: Chris Peterson, Forrest "Chip" Ecks

District 5630: Dale Schultz, Scott McLaughlin, Kirsten Faessler

Support Team: Arlene Weber, Liz Becher, Gary Gilliard

Karen Faessler moved to approve the minutes of the August 13 meeting as posted on the website; Chris Woodruff seconded. Passed.

Arlene stated the conference flyer will be on the PETS website toward the end of October/first week of November. It is recommended that each DGE communicate this by email or mail with each club's PE and PEN. To be able to finalize the flyer, it needs to be determined how many break-out sessions and which topics will be offered on Friday afternoon, along with who will be speakers for the general sessions.

Bill asked about having each general session opened by a District, along with music and fanfare to create a celebration atmosphere. Discussion followed about needing to keep this to a short time period, and it may need to happen from tables grouped together, or an area near the stage, rather than a grand march style entrance due to room set-up. Bill stated we will need to have a script for each meal and general session. It is expected we will have at least two RI Directors in attendance. Dale will set up the RI Leadership update, including the RID update, which could be given by Johrita or Larry.

The invitations for Vendors and Exhibitors have been sent. Russell Hampton and Awards4U have accepted. Peter was not on the call to report on other parties.

Phil reported on the September 11 Subcommittee meeting and referred to the matrix that was included with the Agenda for this meeting. The Subcommittee has been brainstorming topics for Pre PETS training and the Friday afternoon electives. The Break-out sessions during the conference will be similar to last year for PEs/ PENS/AGs. Phil stated he needs 1 more Facilitator; has 14 and needs 15.

The speaker for Friday evening will be RI Director Larry Dimmitt and RIDE Johrita Solari. Saturday morning will feature a panel of Past Club Presidents. Saturday lunch will include a

networking session, with suggested topics for discussion and include a Table Host. Saturday evening will feature RIPE Mark Maloney.

There were two ideas for the Sunday morning speaker. Scott McLaughlin suggested a speaker from the “Because I said I Would” organization, which promotes the value of keeping your commitments and following through. This would include a 35 minute presentation and a 30 minute Meet and Greet. The organization has a website with details and many favorable reviews.

Sandy Wong proposed Karen Grosz, a Rotarian and owner of Canvas Creek Team Building. Karen is a professional facilitator/speaker in the area of Team Building, Coaching and Motivation, is the RYLA curriculum coordinator for District 5390 and recently lead the charge to establish the first Rotary e club in Montana. Karen could tailor her presentation to motivation, team building or coaching, setting and attaining personal goals, or youth-related topics, and engage attendees in her presentation. Canvas Creek has a website, and Karen can be found on Amazon for the sale of her book ‘What’s Next?’

Scott and Sandy were directed to check with each speaker to see if they are available on March 3 and what the fees would be. Arlene stated that we will cover the travel, meals and lodging for a speaker for one night typically, and possibly a small honorarium if needed. Generally, we do not pay speakers, but there is about \$2000 in the budget that could be allocated. The Subcommittee will have a conference call on September 25 to further develop the conference curriculum and review these proposed speakers, and will make a suggestion on the next full committee call on October 15.

Bill suggested we make up a timeline of critical tasks with target dates to show when key activities for the conference need to be accomplished and post it on the website.

Arlene stated the room reservation for PETS is active on the website. DGs and DGEs need to reserve their rooms.

Next meeting is October 15 at 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Sandy Wong
Scribe