

DISTRICT 6000 BUSINESS MEETING
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
MARCH 28, 2009

Governor 2009-10 Susan Herrick, Rotary Club of Boone, convened the District 6000 Business Meeting at 11:30 AM on March 28, 2009. Quorum was established and the Agenda was presented.

The 2008 District 6000 Business Meeting minutes were presented via email and hard copy was distributed at this meeting. Rotarian Ed Kiedaisch, Rotary Club of Keokuk, made the motion to approve the minutes, AG Dave Reiff, Rotary Club of Fairfield, seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

PDG Corliss Klaassen, Rotary Club of Chariton and Chair of Budget and Finance Committee, presented DGE Cal Litwiller's, Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant Evening, budget for 2009-2010. The Proforma budget was presented to the Budget and Finance Committee in November 2008. After discussion and comments, DGE Litwiller revised the budget and presented the formal budget in January 2009 to the Budget and Finance Committee. The committee approved the budget which was based on 4250 members at a district dues rate of \$30.00 per member. This rate is year 3 of a 3 year phase in of an increase in dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per member. Rotarian Steve Howell asked about increases in the budget related to office expenses and travel. DGE Litwiller explained that the increases were based on the actual expenses of 2007-2008 rather than the projected expenses of 2008-2009. PDG Denny Skinner, Rotary Club of Nevada, District Accountant, gave some examples of what had increased and what had decreased in several categories. Discussion continued as to what could be done to curtail expenses during these difficult economic times. Several suggestions were made that will be taken under advisement by the Budget and Finance Committee. Rotarian Mary Mosiman, Rotary Club of Nevada asked for a clarification of the process if the budget was not approved. PDG Klaassen explained the process. The discussion continued and it was suggested that the Budget and Finance Committee communicate earlier the assumptions upon which the budget is based and send those out to the PE's prior to the official vote. The Budget and Finance Committee accepted that suggestion as being a sound one. A motion was brought forward by Rotarian Gretchen Rowedder, Rotary Club of Jefferson and seconded by Rotarian Martin Helgerson, Rotary Club of Ottumwa to approve the 2009-2010 Budget as presented. Budget was approved with one no vote.

Rotarian Bill Koellner, Rotary Club of West Liberty and Chair of the District Extension Committee reported that the newly formed Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines received their charter on March 27, 2009.

PDG Dale Belknap, Rotary Club of Des Moines, gave a report on the Nominating Committee. That committee met in October 2008 to select the District Governor for 2011-2012. The committee selected Don Patterson, Rotary Club of Washington, as

Governor for 2011-2012 according to the Manual of Procedure. There were no challenges. PDG Belknap moved to accept the nominating committees' selection, Rotarian Brad Vollstedt, Rotary Club of Manning, seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Rotarian Jim Riordan, Rotary Club of Waukee and Chair of the Disaster Relief Committee reported that funds collected for the Parkersburg Tornado and Iowa Flood has been disbursed. The amount sent to Parkersburg was \$17,000.00 and all but \$17,000.00 of the \$48,000.00 had been disbursed for two projects. One project was by the Rotary Club of Washington and the second project was by the Rotary Club of Burlington. The committee has extended the deadline so that other clubs in the district might submit proposals for the remaining \$17,000.00 that is still available for flood relief.

DGE Cal Litwiller reported on the Tsunami Relief Fund. He reviewed the history of the efforts to find a partner in Sri Lanka and the lack of success in identifying such a partner. He further indicated that he had made contact with the NGO World Vision. This organization is involved in micro-credits in Sri Lanka and would be willing to match our amount of \$80,000.00. DGE Litwiller is pursuing this partnership and hopefully it will result in the District being able to finally utilize the collected Tsunami Relief money.

DGE Cal Litwiller reported that 37 ballots had been received as a "yes" vote on our applying as a pilot district for Future Vision. There were also two "no" votes received. The rest of the votes had not been received and as soon as received and tabulated the results would be announced. There must be a two-thirds "yes" vote from the clubs of the district before the district can apply to be a pilot district in the Future Vision program.

The report on Membership by Rotarian Bill Koellner, Rotary Club of West Liberty, was delayed until the District Conference due to time constraints.

PDG Don Goering, Rotary Club of Ames reported on both the restricted giving and permanent fund contributions as of February 28, 2009. Restricted giving was at \$20,651.00 and 2 gifts to the permanent fund were \$50,875.84. RI Director Elect Tom Thorfinnsen explained packaged grants that would be a part of the Future Vision.

There being no further business, DG Susan Herrick accepted a motion from Rotarian Jim Riordan, Rotary Club of Waukee and seconded by Rotarian Doug Flournoy, Rotary Club of Fairfield to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved and the business meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Submitted as I heard it:

Diana Reed, 2008-2009 District Secretary