

## **District 6000 Board of Directors**

**February 18, 2021 minutes**

**10:30 am online**

All members were present including Carolyn Scharff District Administrator and ex-officio Board member and Loring Miller, guest.

The meeting was called to order by District Governor Steve Dakin. The agenda was approved. The quorum was verified, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

PDG Mike Ruby gave a report on the Budget and Finance committee meeting. The meeting was held at 9:30 am before the Board of Directors meeting. He shared that there was a good financial report shared at the meeting by Tim Trudeau, District Treasurer and Jean Sheets, District Accountant. The grant money from the derecho has been spent as planned. The next Budget and Finance meeting will be at 9:30 am on May 27th.

District Governor Steve Dakin asked if there were any questions on the proposed changes to the District By-Laws. The By-Laws needed to be modified to allow for electronic/virtual meetings at PETS. Proxy voting was also discussed. Motion by PDG Narak second by PDG Morain to approve the proposed changes in the By-Laws and proxy voting, Approved

### **District Reports:**

HEF: More donations for food insecurity were received (\$2,470) and sent to the food bank for a total of about \$130,000.

Rotaract: Alka said they will be a separate entity, able to participate in Rotary Foundation grants in the future, serve on club and district teams, and serve on District Boards. Carolyn noted that contact information for Rotaract members is in the RI database if they have a My Rotary account. Therefore, it's possible to add those individuals to our website to be able to communicate with them, but Rotaract clubs can't be added to our website at this time. The issue was discussed, no action taken.

Friendship Exchange: District Governor Elect Alka Khanolkar has been communicating with Rotarians in some other countries.

### **DG Dakin Report:**

Disaster Relief: Almost \$40,000 has been donated, sent off, and accepted.

End Human Trafficking Resolution: Almost 40 clubs indicated support and it was sent on to RI.

District Conference: Living the 5-Way Test will be held on April 24th at the Marriott Courtyard in Ankeny. Registration starts at 4:30 with the Dinner set for 5:30 pm. It will cost \$39.95 to sign up for the early bird price break. Sukup Safe T Home and PolioPlus are designated for donations from the conference. The cancellation policy is being reviewed.

### **DGE Alka Khanolkar report:**

International assembly was very good. It was all virtual. She shared that she had a subcommittee review the applications and advise her on the at-large board position. Eight outstanding candidates applied. Some of the subcommittee members shared their comments on the wonderful applicants and great process that Alka

utilized in this important decision. She selected Scott Naumann from Bettendorf. The other applicants will be contacted, thanked, and asked to serve the District in some other capacities. Alka indicated that she may appoint another voting Board member for her DG year. Chris Knapp will continue but as a non-voting ex-officio member since he will still be the District Foundation Chair.

**District Governor Nominee Steve Wieneke Report:**

Steve Wieneke shared that he is considering emphasizing literacy and food insecurity as a focus for his year. He shared some thoughts about RLI training sessions for the future. Members shared some thoughts and suggestions for him to consider.

DG Dakin answered a question and shared a few thoughts about RYLA for this year.

Old Business: The addition of a District Zoom account was discussed. District Administrator Scharff shared some information and answered questions.

PDG Chris Knapp shared how things are going in our District for the Rotary Foundation. He has been visiting the clubs. We are having a downward trend in donations. He asked the Board members to be sure to help encourage members to help by donating to the Foundation.

DGE Khanolkar shared that she has been meeting virtually with a virtual Rotary group for Asia.

New Business: There was a discussion of the Youth Protection Policy. Several issues were discussed. Loring Miler spoke, and he answered some questions. The policy was sent out again by email later, and a vote was held electronically. It was approved.

DGN Wieneke discussed responsibilities shared by RI for the AG Coordinator.

DGE Khanolkar indicated she is still working to secure an AG for Area 12 due to the AGs early resignation.

Chris Knapp shared that Rotary Youth Exchange is on hold for this coming year. He said it may not occur, and we should know soon.

The next meeting will be on May 27, online.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Narak-Secretary