

Rotary District 6000 Board of Directors Meeting

December 8, 2022

In Attendance: Erna Morain, Dave Cook, Norlan Hinke, Steve Wieneke, Dennis Drager, Steve Dakin, Tim Trudeau, John Schroeder, Susan Davis, Jim Patton, Alka Khanolkar (Zoom), Bill Tubbs (Zoom), Scott Naumann (Zoom). Guests: Heidi Drager, Carolyn Scharff.

Discussion prior to the meeting regarding future meeting dates. The start time for the next B & F meeting (February 9, 2023) will be moved up to 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

DG Steve Wieneke called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m.

Dennis Drager moved approval of the agenda; Susan seconded-Approved

Steve Dakin verified that a quorum was present.

Norlan moved approval of the Minutes for September 19, 2022 meeting, seconded by Susan – Approved

Budget and Finance Committee Report – Erna

*Actions were tabled until financials are distributed to B & F Committee for approval.

*Budget presentation by DGE - Dennis has changed some items in the proposed Budget and those items will be emailed to B & F Committee members to look over before coming to the BoD with a recommendation

* Recommended approval of \$4,500 by BoD for DG Steve Wieneke to attend the Rotary Convention in Australia May, 2023 – moved by Steve D, seconded by Norlan -Approved

District Action Team Reports – received previously via email. No questions/concerns

District Governor Report-Steve Wieneke

*DG Steve is very pleased with the turn out for the two Foundation Dinners. Thank you Vernetta and Chris Knapp for making the arrangements in Des Moines and Norlan for coordinating Muscatine. He noted that younger members are attending.

*Club visits are complete, including satellite clubs. DG Steve will do follow up meetings in January, February & March with clubs struggling after COVID. He plans to connect with RC Davenport, the new Wilton/Durant Club and the LeClaire area.

*President-Elect/DG Zoom meetings: participation is low and DG Steve is looking for some alternatives. Erna noted that if you give all participants a reason, attendance may improve. Alka suggested that each Club President share with others, and also guest speakers to address interests of some presidents. DG Steve explained topics addressed at each meeting. A recent survey asked for feedback, but the responses were limited. Dave feels that people are thinking they are obligated beyond their own Club. Susan found that there was a blending of larger/smaller clubs that she felt was advantageous.

*Seventeen Clubs have not reported their 2022-23 goals. 16 Clubs have not held elections yet. DG Steve is confident that Clubs will get these done.

*Youth –Clubs need to be encouraged to select attendees and increase participation. A lot of RYLA attendees were interested in working with their local Clubs. Marshalltown/Iowa Quad Cities are starting two new Interact Clubs, also in Mason City in District 5970. Interact/Rotaract Clubs before COVID are struggling. Dave Cook reported District 6000 has 36 total Rotaract members: 27-Simpson, 3-Des Moines, 5-Iowa City AM, 1-U. of Iowa. These are not included in DGE's budget. DG Steve will report back to RI by January 1 regarding those membership numbers. Rotaract dues are \$8. Alka asked that

Rotaract Clubs also be invited to the Grant Writing Seminar in the Spring and PETS. Communication with Rotaract members is difficult because their email addresses aren't on ClubRunner. PDG Steve and DGN Dave also noted that I-JAG is a good way to contact students in the high schools.

*District 6000 Magazine – Bill and DG Steve will review content with a hope to publish in January, this publication is now produced twice a year. Dave Cook will provide latest membership data, a comprehensive overview. RYLA is not allowing photos of students since they do not have a waiver so the large group photo will not be published. There will be an article regarding RI information from efforts in Ukraine. DG Steve will provide information regarding spring activities for an article.

*Scott Naumann-The “Grinch” video has been sent to Gretchen and Shawn Mullen.

*INTERACT- Coordinating with District 5970: Wayne Steen and Katie Wilford have developed 2 training sessions. They have a video for INTERACT training to be shared January, February, March & April, as well as an International Service Project to be shared with local Rotary Clubs.

DGE Report-Dennis Drager

*Communicated with PEs in a Zoom meeting. PEs indicated that there is an interest in youth service opportunities, RYLA, and Youth Exchange. Wayne Steen and Greg Probst will be sharing with the PEs.

*Clubs have been asked for input when Dennis should visit next fall. 10 Clubs have responded.

*Dennis and Heidi have been making club visits

*President Elect Orientation & District Assembly in March-working on the agenda; talked with Dave and Gretchen, Heidi and Dennis are looking at and evaluating “FlipBook” to enhance District communication.

*We've begun some work on the District Leadership Directory and changes we'd like to see in that.

*One of our club's asked about Rotary Insurance, they need a certificate of insurance for a new meeting site. Carolyn shared information about this with the group.

DGN Report-Dave Cook

*Close working relationship with DG Steve & DGE Dennis is advantageous for all

*Initiating plans for one District Conference in 2025

*District 6000 membership is down 13 members: #1 growth club is Marengo, provided list of all clubs and their membership. July 1- seven satellites, now-16 satellites, currently meeting or launching.

*February-Dave will share information with DGNs in Zone 29 & 25b about satellite growth

Old Business

*PDG Steve-If DGs are asked to meet with “satellites” or “extension” clubs, there should be funding allotted for them to attend both groups. Suggestion made to meet at one time when the DG comes to visit. Discussion of options for DGs planning visits.

*PDG Jim Patton (Chairperson Global Scholarship Team)-\$394,000 distribution from Foundation, ½ allotted to Global Grants, ½ allotted to Community Grants. The Global Scholarship is grant money coming from RI. \$30,000 for Global Scholarship Endowment was set 10 years ago. A task force will be formed to: recommend amount necessary for Global Scholarship, timing for review of the Global Scholarship, what are RI guidelines, examine scholarship history/options, length of scholarship benefit. Goal is to have a report by February to start on July 1, 2023. The current Scholar is doing well and is on a 12-month program. DG Steve moved Jim Patton will chair a task force to research the Global Scholarship and return to BoD with recommendations, seconded by Erna-Motion Approved. Carolyn received from past team chair Liz Beck, a list of past scholarship recipients.

New Business

*Technology at the District office was updated through a donation of a Smart TV by Merrill Hotel in Muscatine with Gretchen's help. Heidi and 4 members of the District Team recommended acquiring a new system, Meeting Owl Pro for Good, that enables the participant in person to not only be picked up by voice and a 360 degree visual. The cost would be \$750 and this is above and beyond the budget. Discussion about need and use of this system.

*Neil Fell and Mark Ruggeberg will be Co-Chairs of the Annual Fund Subcommittee in 2023.

*Norlan announced that Doug Flournoy will take over as District Global Grants Chair in 2023 because Brock is stepping down after many years in this role.

*Review of the By-Laws is tabled to the February meeting.

*\$5,000 that was donated when Mike Ruby was DG, to Salisbury House was in an Endowment Fund, earmarked for a room designated as a Rotary room, but later that room was not designated to recognize Rotary. They directed the funds for a terraced stone retaining wall and donors will be recognized. Rotary Branding will be developed.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 9 via zoom, following the 8:30 a.m. Budget & Finance meeting

NOTE: After the meeting, the Board approved the Proposed 2023-24 Budget by email vote.