

Minutes

Rotary District 6000 Board of Directors

October 15, 2020 online meeting 12:15 pm

Present: DG Steve Dakin, Erna Morain, Tom Narak, Mike Ruby, Chris Knapp, Alka Khanolkar, Shawn Mullen, Michelle Cassabaum. In addition: Bill Tubbs (ex-officio) and District Administrator Carolyn Scharff (ex-officio) Absent: Devin Boyer.

District Governor Steve Dakin called the meeting to order. A quorum was ascertained by PDG Tom Narak. PDG Chris Knapp moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. PDG Erna Morain seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget and Finance Committee Report

Mike Ruby reported on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting which was held prior to this meeting. All was reported to be in good order. DGE Alka Khanolkar's proposed budget was introduced. Suggestions and modifications will be made by December 3, 2020. DG Dakin explained the grant money for emergency services relating to the derecho, that are available to clubs within the district. PDG Erna Morain reported that the final report of finances from 2019-2020 budget year will be available from Matt Corwin by December 3.

District Team Reports were emailed to members prior to the meeting. DG Dakin reported on RYLA. It will be held at Grinnell College July 17 - 23 with the same director and co-chairs. The status of the corona virus will dictate whether or not it will be held. Application deadline is February 1, 2021.

District Governor Report

DG Dakin reported that he has made 34 out of 66 club visits in person. At this time, three clubs are still not meeting due to the virus; Coon Rapids, Manning and Osceola. Many clubs are meeting online or in a hybrid meeting. He has been encouraging hybrid meetings especially during the winter.

One Rotary Summit will be held on October 22nd via Zoom. The topics will be public relations, diversity, and club design. It should last about an hour.

On November 7, an online Foundation Luncheon will be held with R.I. Holger Knaack as the Keynote.

On November 19, a Peace and Conflict Resolution program will be held online, with Kathy Fahy and Ron Heideman presenting. There was a question on how it would be promoted, Steve will get the details to District Administrator Carolyn.

The District Disaster Relief Team chaired by Troy Thompson reported that a grant to R.I. written by our Community Service Grant Chair, Norlan Hinke for \$25,000, is available to clubs, but only a few clubs have asked for funds. Funds can be used for rebuilding with a \$2500 limit per club. District Administrator Carolyn Scharff reported that an email was sent to all club presidents on September 9, 2020 regarding this. Clubs have one year to use the money.

District Governor Elect Report

DGE Alka Khanolkar reported on a proposed resolution on human trafficking prepared by George Belitsos, Rotary Club of Ames, to put before the R.I. Council on Resolutions. PDG Tom Narak moved to support this resolution. DG Steve Dakin seconded it. Motion passed. Alka will contact Susan Herrick, COL Representative, for the next steps.

Alka has visited 43 clubs virtually so far. She said the SAS team (Steve D., Alka and Steve W.) is meeting monthly which helps with continuity in the district. She is trying to find Assistant Governor replacements. Gretchen Nollman, incoming District Trainer is working with Alka on the Pre-PETS training. A summit for Assistant Governors will be held in early December. RI President Elect has a closed Facebook page for their peers, so she is working toward setting up a closed Facebook page for our district, mostly for presidents-elect, presidents-nominee, assistant governors, and past district governors. She submitted her proposed budget today and she thanked the finance members for their help. A new Rotaract club has begun at the University of Iowa. She attended a Des Moines Rotaract Club meeting, and they are working on a project in Africa. She's working on recruiting new Rotaract Clubs and to reactivate the one at Iowa State. The Friendship Exchange Team is meeting Oct. 31 with a group from South Africa joining, everyone is welcome so if you're interested, contact her for the link.

Governor Steve called on Michelle Cassabaum to report on news from the Nevada club. She said they inducted 9 members into their new evening Satellite Club that meets twice a month. They have 3 others who are interested in joining the evening club. She said it involved a lot of hard work and said they're proud of their Membership Chair. They are an active group in the community already. She added that each new Satellite member was assigned a sponsor from the noon club so they have a mentor.

District Governor Nominee Report

No report, DGN Steve Wieneke had notified the board he couldn't attend due to a family obligation.

Old Business

On January 26, 2021, the District's GoToMeeting subscription is due to renew. Discussion followed about changing to Zoom because the capacity is 400 with up to 20 breakout rooms. PDG Erna Morain asked if more than one meeting can be held at the same time. DG Dakin and District Trainer Elect, Gretchen Nollman will research and make a recommendation on Dec 3. Usage policies are needed.

New Business

D6000 Global Grant Team Motion (see attached) - DRFC Chris Knapp reported TRF has changed the funding model for Global Grants as of July 1, 2021 and this motion modifies our district policies to align. PDG Erna Morain moved to approve the motion as presented, DG Steve seconded. Motion passed.

PDG Erna Morain moved to adjourn the meeting. DGE Alka Khanolkar seconded. Motion passed.

The December 3 meeting will be online, starting at 1 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Tom Narak
Secretary

The District 6000 Global Grants Committee met on September 28, 2020 and approved the following motion, offered by PDG Cal Litwiller and seconded by PDG Denny Skinner, to be presented to the District 6000 Board of Directors.

Moved that the global grant policies of District 6000 be revised to provide that:

- D6000 will match cash contributions from D6000 clubs with \$1 DDF for each \$1 club cash to a maximum of \$25,000 for any single project or for any single D6000 club during a Rotary year so long as there is sufficient DDF available; and
- All DDF contributions to projects sponsored by non-District 6000 clubs will be considered by the committee on a case-by-case basis; and
- If support is approved by the Global Grants Committee for a project sponsored by a non-D6000 club, D6000 will match cash contributions from D6000 clubs at the same ratio as the sponsoring club's district, up to maximum ratio of \$1 DDF for each \$1 D6000 club cash and a maximum of \$25,000 for any single project or for any single D6000 club during a Rotary year so long as there is sufficient DDF available; and
- District 6000 will reserve \$15,000 DDF to sponsor one global grant scholarship in Rotary year 2020-21 if there is a qualified applicant.

The motion further recommends that District 6000 withhold its decision about a DDF contribution to Polio Plus until June 2021.

The motion further recommends that the Global Grants Committee plan to review the grants policy at or before the beginning of the 2021-22 Rotary year and each year thereafter to consider changes, if any, to adjust to new policies of The Rotary Foundation and to District 6000 DDF availability or other factors.

This action by the Global Grants Committee and proposed policies for adoption by the District Board of Directors were precipitated by The Rotary Foundation's recent implementation of several significant policy changes in the global grant program which included elimination of the match on cash contributions to global grants, elimination of the minimum World Fund match for global grants and adoption of a \$30,000 minimum budget for global grants.