

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROTARY DISTRICT 6000
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018
DISTRICT OFFICE – PELLA, IOWA

PRESENT:

Gov. 18-19 Tom Narak, Chair
Gov. 16-17 Chris Knapp, Secretary
Gov. 14-15 John Ockenfels
Gov. 20-21 Steve Dakin
Gov. 04-05 Bill Tubbs – Ex-Officio

Gov. 17-18 Mike Ruby, Vice-Chair
Gov. 15-16 Loring Miller
Gov. 19-20 Erna Morain
Gov. 21-22 Alka Khanolkar, Ex-Officio
District Admin Carolyn Scharff, Ex-Officio

Others Present:

Vernette Knapp
JoAnne Ruby

Carol Narak

The Meeting was called to order at 11:12 A.M. by chair Tom Narak.

Verification of Quorum:

Quorum is present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve Agenda – Erna Morain
Second of Motion – Loring Miller
Passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes – Loring Miller
Second of Motion – Erna Morain
Passed.

Budget and Finance Committee Report:

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Loring Miller, reported that the Budget and Finance Committee had approved DGE Erna Morain's proposed budget. This budget is for the Rotary Year 2019-2020. The Budget and Finance Committee commended Erna for an excellent budget and presentation.

Motion to approve Budget and Finance Committee Report – John Ockenfels
Second of Motion – Steve Dakin
Passed.

District Reports:

Youth Exchange Committee:

Youth Exchange Vice-Chair Chris Knapp reported that there are fourteen (14) students that are currently outbound student candidates. Their first training session will be January 12-13, 2019, at the Christian Conference Center, Newton, Iowa. Sean Sexton has agreed to be the Inbound Coordinator for the district. Sean's appointment is necessary because Rebecca Schultz, the current Inbound Coordinator is becoming the Inbound Coordinator for District 5970, joining her husband, John Schultz, who is now the D-5970 Youth Exchange Chair.

Sean is a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur County. He is approximately 40 miles from Centerville where Amber Hoffman, the Outbound Coordinator for the district is a Rotarian. Sean is a neighbor of Loring Miller, past district Rotary Youth Exchange chair. Therefore, there is a synergy that will make the transition go more smoothly.

Youth Exchange committee member Greg Probst has agreed to succeed Chair Doug Peterson beginning July 1, 2019. The transition is already starting and is going smoothly.

NAYEN:

District 6000 Youth Exchange Program received a return on its financial commitment to contributing to the funding of the 2018 NAYEN Conference in Omaha. The program committed \$1000 to support the initial programming for the 2018 conference. A result of that commitment as a \$4,802.05 return plus the initial \$1000.

The funds were distributed to D6000 Youth Exchange as follows:

\$1,000 to the Youth Exchange general account

\$4,802.05 to the Youth Exchange Scholarship account

SCRYE:

District 6000 and District 5970 have submitted a proposal for the two districts to host the 2020 Summer SCRYE Conference at The Kirkwood Hotel and Conference Center, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There is no financial liability for the district's sponsorship.

RYLA:

Chris reported that at the last Iowa RYLA Board meeting, held Thursday, November 8, 2018, at Grinnell College, several decisions were made.

First, a re-commitment to identifying future leaders and providing them with the best possible RYLA experience.

Second, to market to District 6000 and 5970 Rotarians to participate as Rotarian mentors during the RYLA week. Two RYLA teams did not have Rotarian mentors and this is not an acceptable situation.

Third, weather emergency procedures are being developed after it became apparent that the RYLA leadership team found themselves improvising during a tornado watch this past summer.

Fourth, a more concerted effort to identify Rotary values to the outcomes and goals that the students should learn when participating in the various activities during the week.

Steve Dakin concurred with the assessment of the Iowa RYLA board.

FOUNDATION:

Foundation Dinner:

Chris reported that there were 70 participants at the 6th Annual District 6000 Foundation Dinner held at the Sheraton West Des Moines on November 3, 2018. The event essentially broke even. The speaker, Carl Chinnery was very good though at times during his speech he was difficult to hear. It was a very successful event.

The tentative thinking for next year is to hold two events, one in eastern Iowa on Friday and a second event on Saturday in Des Moines. The idea is that more people might attend if the dinners were held closer to where they live. The same speaker would be used at both locations. DGE Erna Morain and Chris are in discussion to see if this is a possibility.

Grant Management Seminars (GMS):

Chris is working on bringing a webinar presentation of GMS to the district in 2020-2021.

Club Visits:

Chris and Vernetta have visited all but one club. That club will be visited in February. The presentations were seen by almost 2000 Rotarians. All of the clubs seem to appreciate the program and also to have someone from the district providing a service to them.

Club Contributions:

Chris reported that there is a need to have the clubs understand the necessity of remitting contributions made by Rotarians to TRF in the quarter that they are received. Rotarians are on a calendar year for tax purposes and TRF may be required to provide tax receipts to the donors. Some clubs are holding the donations till near the end of the Rotary Year. Also, TRF generates the revenue necessary to fund operations through the wise investment of the donations received from donors. There is lost revenue to TRF when the funds are not able to be invested. Chris will be working with the AGs to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of remitting the funds and much more.

District Governor Report:**District Training Video:**

Tom discussed the district video that has been produced to be our district's replacement for the Zone One Rotary Summit event. The video has three scenes, each focused on Membership, Public Image and Foundation. The video is to be shown at a club meeting. At the end of the video the club members are asked to discuss 6 questions that focus on the three areas. Tom Narak, Chris Nelson, Liz Cox and Chris Knapp star with a supporting cast of Carol Narak, Vernetta Knapp and Ron Heideman.

District Visioning:

Tom is scheduling a district strategic planning session for Saturday, April 6th at Shive Hattery. Tom requests that the board think of one or two possible district members to participate.

Club Visits:

Tom will create a listing of the responses that he has received in conversation with each club. The conversations with club leadership has been very positive.

Polio Sculpture Update:

Chris Nelson has been working with Unity Point – Blank Children's Hospital on reducing the cost of the foundation for the statue. The new projected cost is approximately \$28,000, well below the previous \$72,000 estimate. The construction of the base will be in the spring. This will require that the statue be stored over the winter either in Nebraska or in Iowa.

Xicotepec Update:

Tom reported that there are 43 applications for the March trip. This fall, the pre-trip planning visit to Xicotepec identified several good projects for the team to address. It was also a time to renew acquaintances with two of the original planners/founders of the project, David Hansen and Ray Muston.

District Governor Elect Report:

District Governor Elect Erna Morain presented her Budget to the Board. The board was very impressed with the calculations and how the budget was derived. There is a deficit with the budget of \$14,750. However, the deficit includes the required 10% of the budgeted expenses which is \$13,200. Thus, if the contingency was subtracted from the budgeted deficit the deficit is only \$1,550.

Other Reports:

DGE Erna Morain gave a brief report on a couple of pre-NCPETS events that she has and is planning to bring her class of presidents together and hopefully inspire them. The first event will be hosted at the Waukee Innovation and Learning Center.

Loring welcome DGND Alka Khanolkar to her first meeting. All in attendance joined in the welcome.

New Business:

DG Tom Narak reported that he and Carolyn Scharff, District Administrator, were in the process of working through her annual review. Tom acknowledged to all that Carolyn is instrumental in maintaining District 6000 quality of excellence.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher W. Knapp

Secretary

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

10:00 A.M.

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