

MINUTES
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 30, 2017
Pella Office

Present:

Mike Ruby, Chair
Loring Miller, Secretary
Terry Geiger
Erna Morain
Bill Tubbs by Phone

Chris Knapp
John Ockenfels
Tom Narak
Steve Dakin
Jacque Andrew by Phone

1. Governor Ruby called the meeting to order at 12:37
2. Tom made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Erna, motion passed
3. Secretary Loring reported a quorum present
4. John made a motion to approve the September 28, 2017 minutes, second by Tom, motion passed
5. Budget and Finance Committee Report:

A \$9,978 balance from contingency will be applied to the Polio Statue cost. Matthew Corwin recommended that we approve the 990 tax filing. John made a motion to accept the CPA report as presented, second by Chris, motion passed.

The board discussed recommended changes to the 2018-2019 budget. Tom will include the changes and forward the budget to the board for review. After review, the board will vote on the final budget.

6. District Reports:

Public Image – Peggy Geiger sent a list of image related activities: A Polio film called Breathe, Salvation Army Rotary Ring Day on December 2, A Iowa Public Television event next spring, and the Polio statue will be complete by March 10, 2018. Tom reported that he and Chris Nelson have contacted Dr. Steve Stephenson from Methodist Blank Hospital in Des Moines. The hospital has accepted the Polio quilt. He is also receptive to the statue but has concerns about donation bricks placed in the sidewalk.

Membership – Chris reported that District 6000 received a presidential citation for membership retention.

Rotary Youth Exchange – Chris reported that District 6000 will have 15 outbound candidates during the 2018-2019 school year. We had one outbound student come home early this year and one inbound student will return in December both due to homesickness.

Polio – Susan Herrick reported that The Ride to End Polio event fell short of their goal. Six clubs and 24 riders were reported to the district. The concern was raised that not all clubs understood the process. Some clubs reported directly to RI so they were not included in the district total.

Assistant Governor – Susan Herrick reported that the AG's are having difficulty getting their club presidents to turn in goals. It would be helpful if it is emphasized at NCPETS that president elects turn in their goals prior to the beginning of the next Rotary year. The AG's are working diligently to increase membership and foundation support.

Council On Legislation Representative – Susan Herrick has received over 20 detailed voting recommendations to the Council on Resolutions.

RYLA – Mark McAndrews reported that head counselors for RYLA 2018 have been selected. At the November 3rd RYLA Board meeting, members were informed officially that District 6000 would no longer participate in YRYLA and that it would be removed from the Iowa RYLA Board's control and responsibility. Wayne Steen was selected to chair RYLA 2020. Recruiting Rotarian volunteers has begun in an effort to reinforce our commitment to RYLA.

7. Foundation Report:

Community Service Grants – We have 37 Community Service Grants amounting to \$114,546.00 this year. Checks have not been forwarded to Keokuk and Winterset due to missing former reports. Norlan Hinke is helping Doug Flornoy process community grants but the process is still slow. Chris Ockenfel has volunteered to work with Norlan. The district will not send a grant check to a club that has not listed their goals with the district.

Current Global Grants – There is a total of \$177,305.10 committed to Global Grants this year. We have sent our 20% DDF commitment for Polio eradication. Two VTT's are pending in Columbia and South Africa.

Fundraising Status – Twelve clubs have not submitted their annual fund goal and 15 clubs have not submitted their Polio goal. As a result, our estimated contributions are down about \$56,000. Terry has given recognition presentations to 12 clubs this year.

Rotary Club of Ames Request – Dave Fox would like to raise the maximum district match for global grants. The current limit allows available financial resources to support multiple requests. Therefore, the board believes that the current ceiling is appropriate.

8. District Governor Report:

Club Visits – Governor Ruby has completed 59 visits

Membership Concern – Several clubs are not integrated or do not report timely membership changes. Numbers for those clubs list different totals with RI and district reports. Greater Des Moines increased by seven members.

Training – We had one future leader attend Zone. One Rotary Summit had 179 members attend at three locations.

Toast to District 6000 – The Toast will be held at five locations. Lisa Herring from District 5840 in Texas will be the Presidential Representative. Bicycle Relief representative Mary Beth Johnson will be a featured speaker.

Newsletter Survey – Coming in January

Consider Mentorship for District Governor – It was felt that is a good addition to training on a volunteer basis.

Steve Dakin has been approved as the next District Governor Nominee Designee.

9. District Governor Elect Report:

General Overview – District Governor replacements for Areas 4 and 13 need to be appointed.

NCPETS – Club president financial support is available for struggling clubs.

Xicotepec – The trip date will be March 10-18.

10. District Governor Nominee Report:

Erna reported that Zone was a great learning experience. She is looking for breakfast venues in Toronto.

11. Immediate Past District Governor Report:

SCRYE meeting dates will be January 25-27 in Tulsa.

NAYEN meeting dates will be March 15-17 in Omaha.

ZONE meeting dates will be September 26-29 in Erie

12. District Projects:

Operation Warm: - John reported that 22 clubs participated and 3,300 coats were distributed.

RAG4ClubFoot – John reported that Clubfoot is becoming a nonprofit entity with 501c3 status. The Mexico VTT has been approved and is in process

Iowa MOST – John reported that February 22 to March 4 is the date District 6000 will partner with the Rotary Club of Guatemala City to expand service to complete 50 surgeries. We will be expanding service to also do cataract surgeries.

World Bicycle Relief – Currently, we have 51 clubs involved to fund 653 bicycles.

World Bicycle Relief will match all donations in November and December.

13. New Business:

Staff Review – All is well.

14. Old Business:

Rotary Leadership Institute, RLI, graduated six people. District RLI sessions are scheduled March 3rd in Coralville and November 3rd in West Des Moines.

15. Additional Business:

Registration is up and running for NCPETS. We are encouraged to take advantage of early bird price reductions.

16. Next Scheduled Meeting: February 8, 2018 after the Budget and Financing meeting

17. Adjournment: John made the motion to adjourn, second by Chris, motion passed at 3:25.