

Minutes

Rotary District 6000 Board of Directors

December 3, 2020 online meeting 1 pm

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

The meeting was called to order by DG Steve Dakin. A quorum was ascertained, and DGN Designee Dennis Drager was welcomed by the group. Dennis thanked the group for their support. The Agenda and Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, and a quorum was verified.

PDG Mike Ruby gave a report on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting from earlier that morning. Matt Corwin (District CPA Review) was also present to share the preliminary draft of the financial audit report with the Board. PDG Ruby commended DGE Alka Khanolkar for her work on the district budget proposal for her DG year. The proposed budget was approved. Matt Corwin discussed the District 6000 tax return that will be submitted to the IRS. The tax return was approved to be submitted to the IRS. There was more discussion on discontinuing GoToMeeting and signing up for Zoom for District 6000 purposes. DG Steve and District Educator Elect Gretchen will select a plan.

District reports were sent out in advance of the meeting to the Board members. DG Dakin asked if there were any questions/comments. PDG Chris Knapp shared some information from RI that indicated they will decide by July 1, 2021 if there will be any Rotary Youth Exchanges in 21/22. He also indicated that a decision on RYLA will be made later by the district concerning the summer of 2021.

PDG Erna Morain spoke about the great support by Rotary Clubs in their communities for food insecurity. She also reminded the group about the \$5.00 per member District 6000 dues increase that is scheduled to start on July 1, 2021.

A brief discussion on the District Newsletter advertising was held. The revenue has totaled \$2400 and the projected cost of the newsletter is \$2795. It has gone very well. PDG Narak suggested we look at starting a "Friends of the Newsletter" program so interested members who do not advertise could donate to help support the newsletter.

District Governor Report

DG Dakin shared several items in his report. He suggested we review the by-laws concerning the appropriate level of reserves needed by the District. He shared that four clubs are still not meeting due to the pandemic and that many clubs are meeting with Zoom. Three clubs still need to pay their District dues. He shared that the One Rotary Summit and the Foundation luncheon both went very well. He praised RI President Holger Knaack for his participation in the luncheon by Zoom. He shared that District Educator Ron Heideman did a very good job with the Peace and Conflict Resolution event on Nov. 19. He praised the Disaster Relief Committee for receiving a \$25,000 RI grant and many other donations. A total of \$39,210 has been distributed to clubs in our district for disaster projects. He initiated a discussion on voting concerning our by-laws and if it needs to be in person or if virtual attendance at NCPETS counts when clubs are voting during the District Annual Meeting. That question will be

researched, and he will report back to the board. He shared that Ambassador Quinn shared a request that our District be supportive of a statue of George Washington Carver being placed at the Capitol in DC. The Board voted unanimously in support of the request. He shared that the District Conference Team will be meeting again later this evening.

District Governor Elect Report

DGE Khanolkar shared several items in her report. She told the Board that the International Assembly will be held Feb 1-11 on Zoom. She has been visiting several club meetings on Zoom. PETS planning is going very well. It will be held March 12-20 on Zoom. A summit for AGs will be held Dec 10, 2020. They will share information for new and returning AGs. They also have a closed group FB page for AGs, PEs and other leaders to facilitate information sharing. Five new AGs are needed, four have already agreed to serve. She has been meeting online 1-1 with club PEs and it has been going very well. She is working on updating the Directory and during 2021-22, District Teams will be called Action Teams, because Rotarians are People of Action. Preventing Human Trafficking, the environment, and PolioPlus will all be focuses during her DG year.

District Governor Nominee Report - None

The next meeting will be on February 18 online starting at 10:30 am.

The meeting adjourned.

PDG Tom Narak
Secretary