

MINUTES
DISTRICT 6000 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 28, 2017
Pella Office

Present:

Mike Ruby, Chair	Tom Narak
Loring Miller, Secretary	Erna Morain
Carolyn Scharff, District Administrator	Bill Tubbs
Chris Knapp	John Ockenfels

1. Governor Ruby called the meeting to order at 12:10.
2. John made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Tom, motion passed.
3. Secretary Loring reported a quorum present.
4. Chris Knapp made a motion to approve the May 23, 2007 minutes, second by Erna, motion passed.
5. Budget & Finance Report:

Chris reported a B&F recommendation: Rotary District 6000 will reimburse the expenses for those district positions requested by Rotary International and approved by the Board of Directors of District 6000 to attend the 2017 zone. The zone expenses that shall be reimbursed are registration fees, zone meal package, lodging at zone and mileage. Additional positions to be funded are one additional public image appointee, one additional foundation appointee, and one additional membership appointee. John made a motion to approve the recommendation, second by Tom, motion passed.

John suggested that clubs be directed to forward future disaster donations to the HEF Disaster Relief Fund for the District to disperse as needed. Governor Mike will send a message to Bill Burress to clear left over designated donated funds in isolated accounts and transfer them to the disaster relief account.

6. District Reports:

Public Image – Peggy Geiger sent a list of activities discussed in their September 25 GoToMeeting. The Iowa State Fair Rotary Booth possibility was sent back to the PI Committee to explore the possibility with funding options.

Membership – No report was presented. Current membership in the district is 3,792.

Rotary Youth Exchange – Doug Peterson sent a list of activities. We currently have 15 inbound students.

Polio – Susan Herrick sent a report of activities as discussed at their August 19 meeting. Cases this year remain a ten, four in Pakistan and six in Afghanistan. Polio giving in District 6000 last year was \$97,987.24.

Assistant Governor – Susan Herrick sent a report of AG activities. Some have had cluster meetings with their assigned clubs. Some clubs have not submitted club goals for this year. AG's are asked to assist obtaining those goals.

RYLA – Mark McAndrews sent a report of RYLA activities in 2017. They had 239 conferees (147 from District 6000). We are at size capacity. Mark joined the discussion via phone. Twenty nine students participated in Young RYLA which resulted in a financial loss. The board had a discussion considering District 6000 separation from Iowa RYLA. With participation at capacity, it was felt that D6000 expansion in the program may not be possible. Finding local leadership and a new location were concerns discussed. Division of assets and termination are addressed in the RYLA By-Laws. Action concerning separation was deferred until the next meeting. John made a motion not to renew District 6000 Young RYLA support for 2018 in order to strengthen the core program, second by Loring, motion passed.

District Office Update – Carolyn reported 2 AG's are taking advantage of GoToMeeting for group meetings with assigned presidents. A color printer will be purchased for the district office.

7. Foundation Reports:

Terry Geiger sent a Community Service Grant update. Thirty seven grants were approved from 50% to 100% requested funding for a total of \$102,915 distributed. Eight checks are being withheld due to lack of prior grant documentation.

Terry Geiger sent a Global Grant update. There are seven humanitarian global grants with DDF funding totaling \$137,478. The remaining DDF global amount available is \$3,511.73.

Zone will be in Erie, PA next year. Our new zone boundary will not go south into Mexico.

8. District Governor Report:

Mike has had 31 visits to date.

One Rotary Summit dates are: October 3rd in West Liberty, October 5th in Mt Pleasant and October 12 in West Des Moines.

Toast to District 6000 will be held April 12-14 at five locations with local task force organization. Youth Exchange students will attend the Ottumwa meeting only.

All major committee chair positions for 2018-2019 have been appointed.

9. District Governor Elect Report:

Tom would like to focus on a literacy project for disadvantaged youth. He reported November 3rd is a possible date for a 2018 foundation dinner. October 15, 25 and November 1 are possible dates for 2018 One Rotary Summits. The 2019 District

conference will be May 2-4 at the Sheridan Hotel in West Des Moines.

The board discussed concern for reduced and limited time allowed at NCPETS for district meetings.

It was also a concern that NCPETS By-Law changes concerning selection of the Executive Committee of the NCPETS Corporation may limit available candidates.

10. District Governor Nominee Report:

Erna reported that a high school senior survey she conducted revealed that those students liked hard copy communication at a time when Rotary International advances electronic training.

11. Immediate Past District Governor Report:

Chris reported on a recent trend for clubs to limit meeting dates.

12. District Projects:

Operation Warm – John presented a written report of activities. He expressed concern that the five year wait to repeat a community project will limit Operation Warm availability. Over 3,300 coats were distributed last year. We should experience similar numbers this year.

RAG4Clubfoot – John presented the Summer 2017 RAG newsletter. He reported that four VTT grants have been submitted. The D6970 Mexico grant should be approved soon.

Iowa MOST – John presented a list of activities and accomplishments of Iowa MOST. This year was their 13th sponsored cleft medical mission to Guatemala.

Xicotepec – Tom reported that scheduled dates for trips in the current Rotary year will be October 15-20 and March 10-18. Applications for the March trip are open and due November 12. Due to Tom's commitment as Rotary Governor, Ana and Mario Rodriguez from the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines will replace him as chair.

Newsletter – To apply for Periodicals mailing privileges in the publications of institutions and societies category, the District 6000 Board of Directors adopted the following resolution:

Resolved: That a copy of each issue of District 6000 News shall be sent to each member of Rotary District 6000 and that \$1 of each member's annual dues of \$30 shall be for a year's subscription to that publication.

World Bicycle Relief – Mike reported that 553 bikes have been funded.

Hurricane Relief Donations – Review item #5 recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee.

13. New Business:

Collecting Club Attendance Records – Carolyn said that weekly and monthly reports are on the web. Rotary International no longer requires attendance reporting. Mike will draft a letter to club secretaries saying the newsletter will no longer publish attendance records.

Letter of Engagement for Annual Audit – Chris reported that this has been done.

Helmet Law Support – Charles Hesse suggested that District 6000 lobby state government in support of a helmet law as a memorial to Rotarian William Olin. The general feeling of the board is that our district activities are nonpolitical. We can be supportive but not in a political position.

14. Old Business: None presented

15. Additional Business: None presented

16. Next Scheduled Meeting: November 30 following the B&F meeting

17. John made the motion to adjourn, second by Chris, motion passed at 4:03.