

**District 6000 Board of Directors
Special Online Go-To Meeting
May 1, 2020**

Present: DG Erna Morain, Tom Narak, Mike Ruby, Chris Knapp, Loring Miller, Steve Dakin, Alka Khanolkar, Shawn Mullen, Devin Boyer. Non-voting participants: Steve Wieneke, Carolyn Scharff (District Administrator), Steve Morain. Absent were Michelle Cassabaum and Bill Tubbs (Ex-Officio, non-voting participant).

Call to Order: DG Erna called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Quorum Verification – a quorum of members was present

District Governor Report:

- **RD6000 Festival 2020** – Due to many uncertainties at this point regarding the Covid-19 virus, and after numerous contacts with Prairie Meadows, DG Erna reluctantly recommended the in-person Festival be cancelled. Part of this decision was based upon RI's recommendation that in-person district conferences not be held. The board unanimously supported DG Erna's recommendation to cancel the in-person Festival. The \$750 deposit we made at Prairie Meadows will be refunded. DG Erna is considering various options regarding the awarding of certificates, an in-memoriam to honor our recently deceased Rotarians, etc. but details of this recognition have not been finalized.
- **Virtual Club Meetings** – Because of the Covid-19 virus about 60% of our clubs are meeting virtually. The goal is to increase this to 80%. To date, DG Erna has attended 25 virtual club meetings.
- **Food Insecurity** – D6000 applied for a \$25,000 Disaster Grant from RI regarding food insecurity but was refused in the first round due to lack of funds. The application can be considered for future funding. DG Erna asked clubs, as well as individual Rotarians, to raise \$25,000 and to date they have raised in excess of \$25,000. All donations will go to the Food Bank of Iowa where they are able to provide 4 meals for just \$1.

Volunteer Help Needed – DGE Steve Dakin and District Administrator Carolyn Scharff reported we are still in need of a District Treasurer and Accountant. Job descriptions for both positions have been posted on the district website and promoted in the second issue of the District 6000 News and will be in April's RD 6000 News. There is a possibility we will have to outsource these positions at a cost to the district. This topic will be more thoroughly discussed at the May 21, 2020 district board meeting.

Report from DGE Steve Dakin –

- At the April 2020 RI Board of Directors meeting, Governors were strongly encouraged to use virtual meetings for club visits that occur during the calendar year 2020. RI will not reimburse any 2020-21 DG for expenses until after Dec. 31, 2020.
- Upcoming Zone meetings in Des Moines and Kansas City will be virtual.

Report from PDG Chris Knapp –

- RYLA is cancelled for July 2020.
- Rotary Youth Exchange is cancelled for the 2020-21 Rotary year. Most of the current exchange students (both inbound and outbound) have already returned home but there are still some who are waiting for available flights to return home.

Next Board Meeting – Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Budget & Finance meeting will meet at 12:00. The meeting likely will be virtual.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Ruby, secretary