

Executive Leadership Meeting
Thursday, December 15, 2011
District Office, Pella, Iowa
MINUTES

Present: Don Patterson, Terry Geiger, Gary Welch, Cal Litwiller, Diana Reed, Susan Herrick, Bill Tubbs *, Jacque Andrew, and District Administrator, Carolyn Scharff *.

*Note = Ex-Officio

Meeting called to order at 4:30 by DG Don Patterson.

Secretary Gary Welch ascertained that there was a quorum present.

Terry Geiger was selected to be timekeeper.

Approval of minutes. A Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October meeting by Terry and was Seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

Don welcomed Jackie to the meeting and indicated that John Ockenfels is currently in Africa.

Terry presented his final budget for 2012-13 for approval to the Budget & Finance Committee and that budget was recommended for approval by Budget & Finance. Jackie made a Motion to approve the budget, Cal Seconded. Motion passed.

DG Don made the following reports: Club Extension – Don has appointed Gene Gabus as the DG Special Rep to start up a new club in the Des Moines area with provisional status. Gene will set up a meeting to inform the oversight committee on January 16. Currently PDG Dale Belknap and PDG Del Bluhm serve on that committee and Don will appoint another member soon. The goal is to charter that new club by June 30. There have been no negative responses from other Des Moines clubs. Bill reported that he is working on an extension project in the Quad Cities area and that a former Cedar Rapids Rotarian has moved to Dewitt and this has renewed discussion about forming a club there.

Future Vision – Brock Earnhardt has been appointed to take over the Future Vision planning after Rita Perea's resignation and he is working on reorganizing the schedule and calendar for Future Vision activities. Brock will be sharing those with us around the first of the year.

District Simplified Grants had \$80,000+ in requests and that committee determined that 75% of requested funding would be granted to clubs in the highest category and 40-45% funding would go to the balance of the applications. Doug Flournoy reports that there were 5 clubs who still have not reported on their 2009-10 grants and that could hold up funding for the coming year.

Regarding Matching Grants – the committee is trying to identify projects with Fox Engineering of Ames whose head is involved with WASRAG. RI is developing guidelines for working with NGO's and recommendations will be coming out. There will be pilot projects. It is Don's hope that we will be far enough along to present that information at the District Conference. Regarding the Hy-Vee partnership: Gary reported that the program has developed into displays at the front of all stores that will address water, food, and another additional need. They will reach out and do projects in these areas and want to have Rotary be the lead in those projects. (For instance: 2 wells in Nigeria at an eye hospital) At this point no monetary amounts have been identified. Gary raised the concern that D6000 has been helping to sell a Simon Estes CD with the understanding that \$5 of that sale would be returned to the District for polio eradication. According to what Gary is now hearing, that money is now going to be allocated to an ISU donation Gary will continue to explore this.

The Rotary clubs of Wellman, Washington, and Kalona submitted a grant to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation and received \$20,000 for the purchase of a new FAMSCO truck that will be on display at the District Conference in April.

Bill reported that the PR grant for \$30,000 to be shared by Districts 6000 and 5970 will be used for coverage on Iowa Public Television starting in January and will include spots on many of the most-watched programs. On Tuesday, March 6 D6000 will again be featured on the IPTV Festival.

Terry announced that Bill Tubbs will begin serving as new AG Coordinator for 3 years. Diana will inform the current AG's immediately of this change. As of July 1, Doug Peterson will serve as AG for the four Quad City clubs and Mike Ruby will serve as AG for the Rotary Clubs of Clinton, Muscatine, Tipton, West Liberty.

DGE Terry has AG's in place for his year: Leon Lamer of Marshalltown, Gerald Clausen of Carroll, Mary Ellen Stanley of Decatur County, Mike Ruby of Muscatine, and Doug Peterson of Iowa Quad Cities are the new AG's. Terry will be sending out notice on the following trainings: AG Training for the afternoon of March 1, 2012, to be held in Rochester, MN, prior to the NCPETS training; NCPETS to be held March 2 and 3 in Rochester, MN, beginning on Friday morning at 8:15 and running until 12:15 on Saturday – Terry has selected 5 trainers for the NCPETS, Gary Welch, Susan Herrick, Dave Cook, Jacque Andrew, and Doug Flournoy; and District Assembly which will serve as the winter-time training and work session for club officers, all club board members, and other interested Rotarians on March 31, 2012. The Assembly will include tracks for Board members, Club Secretary/Treasurers, Club Foundation, Membership, International Service Chairs. The Annual Business Meeting will be conducted at the District Conference.

Diana reported on the 2013 NCPETS which will be held in Des Moines. She stated that the Chairs for hospitality, facilities, and registration should be in Rochester to shadow the people doing those jobs. She stated that their expenses for mileage, meals, hotel would be estimated at \$1,000. Terry made a Motion that D6000 will cover the expenses for three people who will serve at the 2013 NCPETS. Jacque Seconded. Motion passed.

Diana will be approaching for Hospitality – Kitty Noble of the Rotary Club of Des Moines, Facilities – Marcy Davis of the Ankeny Club (Gary’s suggestion), and Registration may be handled by the Des Moines Visitors’ Bureau with Michael Schmitz’s help but there needs to be an on-site coordinator. Carolyn has been suggested but we need to know the job description and time commitment.

The By-Laws as reviewed at the October meeting were brought forward for acceptance for recommendation to the District Rotarians. Diana made a Motion and Susan Seconded that the revised By-Laws be brought to the District Business Meeting. Motion Passed
It was suggested that the language on Board of Directors be brought in line with the Policies and Procedures Manual also in the District Directory, that AG coordinator guidelines be explored (Diana will research), and Future Vision should be included in either the By-Laws or the Policies and Procedures Manual. Amendments – who can make them? Should they come before the whole group? (Article 10) Jacque will have the By-Laws ready for review by mid-January to be sent out electronically. It was decided that this can be handled on a Conference call on January 26 at 4:00 p.m.

The Iowa Energy game to raise money for Polio Eradication is scheduled for Jan 21.

Feb 23 is reserved for the next meeting if a meeting is necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 by Motion of Jacque, Second by Gary.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Susan Herrick, Secretary