

Date: December 1, 2017

Rotary District 5440 Executive Committee

Time: 8:30 pm

Location: Teleconference

MEETING MINUTES

Members	Role/Position	Present	Members	Role/Position	Present	Others Present
Barbara Redder	Chair/PDG	P	Karen Trusler	District Trainer	P	
Bryan Cooke	PDG Rep (2016-2018)	A				
Bill Emslie	DG	P	Jim Epstein	Ex-Officio/DRFC	P	
Morrison Heth	PDG Rep (2017-2019)	P	Teresa Mueller	Ex-Officio/ Treasurer	P	
Phil Murphy	PDG Rep (2017-2018)	P	Kellie Tovar	Ex-Officio/Secretary	P	
Chuck Rutenberg	DGE	P	Chris Woodruff	Ex-Officio/DGN	A	

P=Present A=Absent

AGENDA/TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN	Open/ Closed
Call to order at 8:35 AM by Chair Barbara Redder	We do have a quorum for today's meeting.		
1. Approval of the October 6, 2017 meeting minutes – Chair Barbara Redder	The October 6, 2017 meeting minutes were distributed prior to this meeting.	DG Bill Emslie moved to approve the October 6, 2017 meeting minutes as written, DGE Chuck Rutenberg seconded. Discussion was called and hearing none the motion was approved unanimously.	C
2. District Governor Report – DG Bill Emslie	Bill has visited the Wellington Satellite and they continue to meet as a satellite club as they do not yet have enough members to charter as a Rotary club. He will meet with Julie Phares on the status of the E-satellite and they are hoping to hit 8 members soon to start this club. The Peace building workshop with PRID Phil Silvers	No further action necessary.	C

	<p>and Dr. Bill Timpson is moving forward which will be a 2-hour workshop on April 7, 2018 at the assembly. PRID Silvers will be the keynote speaker for the Foundation dinner that evening.</p> <p>The District Foundation dinner chair is Brenda Laird from Cheyenne Sunrise and she has a committee that is working on the event. Cheyenne President Don Day will be Emcee and Liz Becher will work on the Paul Harris Society recognitions. Bill thanked Jim Epstein for efforts to get the process kicked off for this dinner.</p> <p>He has now completed all 53 club visits and will continue to visit satellite, Interact and Rotaract clubs.</p> <p>Polio has 16 wild viruses this year; 11 in Afghanistan and 5 in Pakistan. This is about half of what was reported last year at this time.</p> <p>Hurricane relief contributions are nearing the district's goal of \$100,000 and a request will go out to get official reports from club presidents.</p> <p>Work continues on the District conference and we will have a Stanley hotel package contract soon. PDG Mo Heth is reviewing it as well. There is some commitment on the rooms but total liability on rooms is \$537 if we don't reach the 30 room block (10 rooms each night). Room rate is \$179 for the conference. If we need more we can renegotiate and add more. Will need to send a deposit of \$500 for the PDG brunch which will be held on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the music room of the Stanley Hotel. Conference registration is open and the next objective is to get website up and running and that will be coming soon.</p>		
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	<p>Planning will begin on the April spring assembly soon.</p> <p>He's attending club functions and staying connected to the clubs. He attended the Casper foundation celebration dinner earlier this month and it was well attended with about \$16,000 raised and seven new PHS members.</p> <p>Most recent membership report has us up 34 with total 3,021 as of Nov. 21.</p> <p>RLI will be held in Fort Collins at Front Range Community College on Feb 2 &amp; 3 and then in Windsor on April 13 &amp; 14. Marie Zimenoff is working on dates in Wyoming.</p>		
3. District membership Chair – Nancy Hobbs	Nancy was not present on the call.		C
4. District Foundation Chair – Jim Epstein	<p>Paul Harris Society challenge that Liz Becher is coordinating is going well. Seven new members in Casper and 10 from Loveland which is being energized by past AG Carol Stark-Sorg. Have over 30 now but there is some delay in getting them on the report at RI so he is not certain on exact count.</p> <p>Local global grant is where a club or group of clubs can put in \$4,000 and get a \$35,000 grant for a local community project. We have six applications and the committee will be reviewing the applications. A community assessment now has to be done on global grants so they sent that out to everybody. The committee will select a winner this month and then at the Foundation dinner the club(s) will talk about the project.</p> <p>District grants almost \$80,000 this year and the last \$5,267 will be divided up today by Randy</p>		C

	<p>Looper for three projects that are ready to receive funding. After December 1<sup>st</sup> it was first come first serve on the remaining funds and there will be about five clubs that won't get their project approved this year. We had 44 projects applied for this year and 39 awarded with 20 of them being centennial grants (2/1 match).</p> <p>The committee did reserve \$12,000 for scholarships and the six regional committees all say they will have winners.</p> <p>Started a new grant this year called "RI grants" which is Rotaract/Interact grants. They will award three this Rotary year for up to \$500 (1/1 match). Steve Misch communicated with Interact clubs and Kellie will communicate with the Rotaract clubs.</p> <p>Polio committee is working on how to do a polio program that they can send out to the clubs for their use.</p> <p>Peace and conflict resolution committee is preparing for the Foundation dinner and spring assembly.</p> <p>Clubs not receiving funding this year for the local global grant will be on a pre-approved district grant list for next Rotary year.</p>		
<p>5. Continuing Business</p>			
<p>a. American Funds – Details on new fund – DGE Chuck Rutenberg</p>	<p>All monies have been sent to Teresa to close the Franklin Funds and ANB bank account.</p> <p>American funds will be broken into two funds, \$100,000 would be in A shares and the balance would be C shares. C share incurs a little higher fees but those funds are more accessible if needed. District Treasurer Teresa Mueller can</p>	<p>DGE Chuck Rutenberg moved to transfer all of the money from the Franklin Funds (\$91,358.23) and ANB Bank funds (64,000) to American Funds to be set up with \$100,000 of A shares and the balance (\$55,358.23)</p>	<p>C</p>

	<p>cut one check to American Funds and it will be separated into the two funds within one account by Matt Dixon at JBA Wealth Management Group.</p> <p>Franklin funds were \$91,358.23 so we don't need to move as much from the money market to invest at \$105,000 to the A shares.</p> <p>ANB was \$64,000.</p>	<p>to C shares, Bill Emslie seconded. Discussion was held on the original vote being \$105,000 to A shares and DGE Rutenberg explained that was to hit a price break but it will be fine to do it this way. Chairman Redder called for further discussion and hearing none the motion was approved unanimously.</p>	
6. New Business	<p>Teresa Mueller discussed the option of moving our district credit card to Guaranty Bank for a 1% cash back offer. Discussion was held and it was decided to leave the card at US Bank with the account that is already established because the office credit card does not incur that much use.</p>	<p>No further action necessary.</p>	C
7. Informational Items	<p>None</p>		C
Adjournment	<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:01 am.</p>		