



**Rotary District 7430 DEC Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 18, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

Attendance: Janet Kolepp, Bob Hobaugh, Len Gieseler, Tom Hartzell, Mike McCarthy, Herb Klotz, Cindy Hornaman, Sharon Rittenhouse, Frank Romano, Lou Bottitta, Linda Young, Al Engel, Jean McGill, Diane Donaher, Darlene Scott, Mike Orbin, Justin Kresge, Simon Steel, Bill Diamond, Rolf Schlake, Keegan Worley, Pam Harman, Mike Seidner

For Review & Approval

- December 2021 DLT Minutes- Bob Hobaugh motioned to approve, Mike McCarthy 2nd the motion, all were in favor.
- December 2021 Treasurer's Report- Herb Klotz motioned to approve, Len Gieseler 2nd the motion, all approved. Currently have total assets totaling \$108,992.62. Buckno Lisicky is reviewing our 2019-20 financials, they have requested some additional information for Camp Neidig. *Refer to submitted report for full details.

STEM/SETI Presentation

AL Engel (Souderton-Telford) and Bill Diamond with SETI presented information on a potential partnership between the District and SETI to provide a 3-day STEM Academy Camp for 7th and 8th Graders to be held in Spring of 2022. Curriculum would be developed by SETI staff, educators, and Rotarians. Volunteers would be SETI trained. Tuition would be paid by sponsoring clubs, also need to look at corporate sponsors and grants. The cost to launch the program would initially be around \$100,000. Consensus from the DEC was that the committee could proceed in evaluating club interest, do a needs assessment and seek grant & sponsor opportunities.

For Discussion and Consideration

DG, DGE & DGN Report

- DG Janet Kolepp** *Refer to report
- DGE Bob Hobaugh** *Refer to report
- DGN Len Gieseler** *Refer to report

For Consideration and Action

- **Grow Membership**
 - Membership- February 1 we will hold a Rebound meeting to discuss our membership.
 - Area 2 AG Jean McGill presented a Membership Incentive Proposal. \$7,500 for 75 new members. Clubs would receive \$100 for each new member they brought in from Feb 1 – May 1. DEC decided they needed to have a longer discussion before deciding. Questions included where the money will come from, how will clubs use the money, will members be retained. (See addendum.)
 - Training Report – Doug Cook has stepped down as District Trainer. Janet, Dan Watson-Bey and Amy Sheller will lead next Welcome to Rotary event on Feb 2.
 - Training Report- PDG Linda Young- PETS II on Feb 15 and PETS III starts Feb 25.
 - District Conference
 - DG Janet- District Conference has been officially canceled. It will however continue as a multi- district virtual event with a small fee of around \$30. Bob motioned to absorb the \$2,000 deposit fee from the conference budget that was lost, Len second the motion, all were in favor.
 - DGE Bob- Successfully negotiated with Hershey Lodge for lower room rates(from \$200 down to \$189.
 - DGN Len- Site selection committee is putting some ideas together.

- **Grow Giving**
 - Foundation Report - PDG Mike McCarthy *Refer to report
 - Annual Fund Goal has risen to \$168,060, so far we have donations totaling \$113,695. Race to Zero total is now \$43,850. 20 new donors participated in our Giving Day.

- **Grow Service**
 - District Grants Report – PDG Mike McCarthy *Refer to report
 - Grant Training has begun, there is another session scheduled for March.
 - International Service - PDG Cindy Hornaman*Refer to report
 - Training Tuesday International Service zoom was well received, part 2 will be held in February.
 - Friendship Exchange- Dee Eng * Refer to report
 - District Administrator – Sharon Rittenhouse
 - Committee Chairs continue to provide updated info for the website. Encourage clubs to send articles and events in for the Vibrant Club News newsletter.

- **Grow Youth Programs*Refer to report**
 - Youth Services - Darlene Scott *Refer to report
 - Youth Exchange – Linda Kennedy *Refer to report
 - 4-Way Test- Al Engel *Refer to report
 - Camp Neidig- Charlie Incalcaterra *Refer to report
Camp will be held May 1 virtually in the morning and then service projects will be held in the afternoon.

- **Grow Public Image**
 - Public Image Report - Lou Bottitta- *Refer to report
 - Email and video went out last week for the first PI Challenge.

✚ **For Reference**

- Need an inventory of District materials, banners etc. Herb will check and see what he has in his house.

✚ **Adjourn**

- Bob Hobaugh motioned to adjourn, Herb Klotz second the motion, all were in favor.

✚ **Addendum**

A special meeting of the DEC was held on January 27, 2021 at noon (via ZOOM.) A motion was made by PDG Herb Klotz and second by DRFC Mike McCarthy to overspend the Membership Budget up to \$7500 to implement the Vibrant Club Membership Incentive as outlined. The motion was unanimously approved by a showing of hands of the DEC members.

Next DEC Meeting: February 22, 2021 / 7:00pm Please remember that Committee and Officer Reports need to be completed (Via Google Link) by Friday before the scheduled meeting even if the Committee Chair or Officer plans to attend the meeting.