



**Rotary District 7430 District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 15 2021
Quakertown, PA**

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting. The Meeting of the Rotary District 7430 District Executive Committee was called to order by DG Bob Hobaugh at 6:30 pm

B. Attendance. In Attendance were DG Bob Hobaugh, DGE Len Gieseler, DGN Diane Donaher, Foundation Chair Cindy Hornaman (by phone), IPDG Janet Kolepp, Treasurer Tom Hartzell, Youth Exchange Chair Linda Kennedy, and Council of Governors Liaison PDG Frank Romano.

II. Secretary and Treasurer Reports

A. DLT Minutes. DGE Len Gieseler moved. IPDG Janet seconded and it passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 District Executive Committee meeting.

B. Treasurer's Report.

1. Treasurer Tom Hartzell reviewed information provided in the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2021. Two Rotary Clubs that have not yet paid the District dues – Pottstown and Central Perkiomen. DGE Len Gieseler moved, DGN Diane Donaher seconded and it passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2021.
2. IPDG Janet Kolepp moved, DGE Len Gieseler seconded, and it passed unanimously to engage Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits, LLP, to perform a review of the District's accounts for the Rotary year ended June 30, 2021 under the quote of \$3,000.
3. DGE Len Gieseler moved, IPDG Janet Kolepp seconded, and it passed unanimously to use District Recognition points to provide a Paul Harris Fellow to Bruce Palmer of the Bethlehem Rotary Club for his many years of conducting the District financial without charge.

III. Old Business

A. Committee Reports

1. **Increase our Impact**

a. Foundation Committee- See Report. Committee Chair Cindy Hornaman provided some additional updates: web-site in process of being updated. DGE Len Gieseler will be sending out letter announcing new grant application period. In transition-training new grant chairs for next year.

b. Public Image—See Report. Chair Lou Bottitta is looking for more people to help with the Public Image Committee. He and Barb have moved to Florida.

c. International Service Committee—See Report.

2. Expand our Reach

a. Membership Committee— Chair Diane Donaher met with the leadership of the Warrington Rotary Club to discuss membership categories and a potential new satellite club. Membership Mixers will be scheduled for Areas 2,7 and 8 in the spring. Have now processed 12 potential member notifications from RI. Still working on creating the President Chats for Membership and mentioned multi-area membership mixers.

b. Environmental Sustainability Committee See Report- DG Bob Hobaugh reported that Chair Terry Reed is organizing and vision and mission statement, with priorities and projects. A Rotary Day of Service is being discussed. The next meeting will be held in December.

c. DEI Committee- see Report. Mary Cook reported there has been some pushback on DEI and discussed a situation in one Club. The Committee is on track to have 13 presentations.

d. Welcome to Rotary—No Report. The next session is scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

e. Rotary Leadership Institute- See Report. Chair Mary Cook proposes to have a District 7430 session in March 2022 at DeSales University.

3. Enhance Participant Engagement

a. Learning Committee See Report. DG Bob Hobaugh said that the Committee has coordinated both Project Showcase videos and the Showcase Tuesday theme presentations.

b. Youth Exchange—See Report. Linda Kennedy reported that work is being done with 5 students moving through the process and 5 additional are expected applying for outbound exchanges. The District 7430 Foundation will hold donations in memory of Sharon Rittenhouse to support Youth Exchange.

c. Friendship Exchange—See Report. There will be more Club-to-Club exchange opportunities such as nature hikes and visits to Longwood Gardens.

d. Rotex Alumni. No Report.

e. Four-Way Test Speech Contest. See Report. The contests are on track. Finals will be held at the District Training Assembly with winners of the 3 Districts speaking at the District Conference.

f. District Conference 2022- Chair Diane Donaher reported that early Conference Registration date has been extended to January 15, 2022. DEC members are asked to consider donating Wine Bottles for the Wine Pull fundraiser, large scale auction items (vacation weeks, balloon rides, etc). We also need to start recruiting Rotary Clubs that would like to have a table in the House of Friendship to promote their projects. District 7430 will have a table for Youth Exchange, Shelter Box and STEM YEA.

g. STEM YEA. See Report. Discussion was had about continued support by the DEC for STEM YEA which will operate from the Allentown West Rotary Foundation. DGE Len Gieseler moved, DGN Diane Donaher seconded, and it passed unanimously for the District to promote a fundraiser, Big Ticket Reverse Raffle Night scheduled for February 12, 2022, at the Indian Valley Country Club for the benefit of the STEM YEA project. DG Bob Hobaugh circulated a “save the date” card and will work with the Committee to promote the event.

h. Camp Neidig- See Report. DG Bob Hobaugh advised that the Camp will be held at Camp Manatawny in person.

i. Interact- See Report. The Zone Interact Conference will be held in Calgary on March 10-13, 2022. West Reading Wyomissing Rotary Club will sponsor a student to attend the event. DG Bob asked for consideration to send Interact Chair Bill Thomas to the conference as the chaperone at a cost not too exceed \$2000 using unexpended funds from not paying for the District Administrator over the last few months. DGE Len Gieseler moved, DGN Diane Donaher seconded, and it passed unanimously that District 7430 underwrite the expenses of Chair Bill Thomas to serve as the chaperone to the Interact Conference in an amount not to exceed \$2000.

4. Increase our Ability to Adapt

a. Shelter Box- See Report.

b. Rotaplast- No Report. Activity is on hold until we get through COVID. The District 7430 Foundation will hold donations in memory of PDG Linda Young to support Rotaplast.

c. Grants – No Report. Foundation Chair Cindy Hornaman advised that 70 people are trained in grant writing and one MOU has been signed.

d. Legislative – No Report.

e. Council on Resolutions – No Report. DG Bob Hobaugh advised that he has reviewed the 36 proposed resolutions and will discuss the same with Chair PDG Doug Cook.

B. Other Old Business

1. Foundation Seminar. The DEC commended PDG Cindy Hornaman for a successful Foundation Seminar on November 6, 2021. Fifty people attended and provided positive feedback.
2. Rotary International Convention. IPDG Janet Kolepp will serve as the Convention liaison for District 7430. She promoted the Rotary Roundup Barbeque scheduled at the Convention on June 5, 2022 at 6pm. DG Bob Hobaugh has registered for the dinner.
3. Administrative Assistant. Discussion took place regarding advertising for new Administrative Assistant for the District. DG Bob Hobaugh sent on November 5, 2021, an e-mail to all District Rotarians announcing the available position. DG Bob Hobaugh has circulated resumes to members of the DEC and will copy Youth Exchange Chair Linda Kennedy.
4. Zone Summit. The Zone Summit was held November 2-4, 2021. PDG Linda Young was acknowledged during the memorial service. Recordings of the session are available on the Zone 28 & 32 website.

IV. New Business

A. District Events.

1. President-Elect Training. DGE Len Gieseler reported that PETS training is occurring during November with good turnout.
2. Showcase Tuesday. DG Bob Hobaugh reported that Showcase Tuesday on December 14, 2021, will feature Dr. Noel Alidio of the Philippines who will address Disease Prevention and Treatment, specifically malaria eradication.
3. STEM YEA Fundraiser. The Committee will hold a fundraiser, Big Ticket Reverse Raffle Night scheduled for February 12, 2022, at the Indian Valley Country Club.

B. Governance Matters

1. DGN - No Report
2. DGE - See Report
3. DG -See Report. DG Bob Hobaugh reported that he published an article about our October Project Showcase in the current edition of the Zone newsletter, "Beyond Borders." RIP Valarie Wafer will meet with the DEC, AGs and Council of Governors for breakfast on December 9, 2021.

VI. Next Meeting :

The next District Leadership Team meeting will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021, at John's Plain & Fancy Restaurant in Quakertown.

VII. Adjournment

PDG Cindy Hornaman moved, IPDG Janet Kolepp seconded, and it passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:59 pm.