

RI D6270, 2022-2023 Annual Business Meeting
April 28, 2023, 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM CDT In-person and Virtually via Zoom
The LaCrosse Center, Riverside Ballroom B, LaCrosse WI

RI Vision – Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe,
in our communities, and in ourselves.

AND - Let us be guided by the Four-Way Test: Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned?
Will it build Goodwill and better Friendship? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Minutes

The 2022-2023 annual District 6270 business meeting was called to order by DG Mike Phillips at 10:15 AM

Notice of Meeting with proposed budget was sent out on March 28, 2023, Tamie Koop District Secretary/Dana Kohlmeyer, Administrative Assistant to District Clubs and District Leadership

Roll call / Quorum of District Clubs – District Secretary Koop; via Sign In registration and virtual zoom registration; In total, there were 72 attendees; 57 in-person and 14 via Zoom. This included 45 electors representing 29 clubs.

Registered Electors

Cedarburg-Grafton, Cindy Petted; Elkhorn, John Henderson, Shelly Higgins; Elmbrook, John Allen, Harry Farchmin, Bill Petterson; Fond du Lac, Tim Holzman, Rick Parks; Fond du Lac Morning, Jeff Reed; Geneva Lake West, Don Vandello; Hartland-Lake Country, Matthew Winters; Lake Geneva, Jane Ipsen; MT Sunrise, Brian Monroe; Milwaukee, Leslie Hauser, John Hein, Tim Hunter, Mary McCormick, Natraj Shanker, Francis X. Vogel, Jonathon Ward; Milwaukee Amigos Afterhours, Marta Carrión; Milwaukee North Sunrise, Ruby Dent; Milwaukee Rotaract, Mark Ruedinger; Mitchell Field, Rob Bassett; Mukwonago, Rick Debe; Neenah, Dana Kohlmeyer, Dave Kohlmeyer; Oconomowoc, John Scambler; Oshkosh, Sara Muhlbauer, Catherine Zimmerman; Racine Founders, Liz Rosenberg, Steen Sanderhoff; Ripon, Kevin Mundell, Elizabeth Nevitt; Sheboygan, Derek Klahn, Stuart Schmidt; Slinger-Allenton, Ken Reiser; Two Rivers, Michael Ditmer; Waukesha, Pete Bosch, Paul Senger; Waukesha Sunrise, Gary Tritt; West Allis, Nancy Rhodes; West Bend Sunrise, Mike Phillips, Mary Beth Seiser; Whitnall Park, Rob Petri

Other attendees in-person and via Zoom

Delavan-Darien, Saskia Lodder; Elmbrook, Tom Curl, Christine Sprester, Wally Smanski; Fox Cities Morning, Deb Rohrkaste; Guests, Gillian Leggett, Jessica Engelbrecht-Higgins; Milwaukee, Jessica Gatzke; Milwaukee Amigo Afterhours, Angela Rester; Neenah, Lisa Werner; Oshkosh,

Donald Griffing, Lisa O'Halloran, Karen Schibline; Oshkosh Southwest, Craig Burnett; Ripon, Kelly Mundell; Sheboygan, Judith Slawny; Slinger-Allenton, Susan Henkel; Two Rivers, Betty Bittner, Dennis Swetlik; Waukesha, Brad Wells; Waukesha Sunrise, Dean Danner, Greg Hatt, Tamie Koop; Wauwatosa Mayfair, Paul Licato; West Allis, Don Drecktrah; West Bend Sunrise, Joyce Malloy; Whitnall Park, Dan Christianson

District Board Members at the meeting were: DG Phillips, PDG Werner, DGE Griffing, DGN Bosch, PDG/DFCC Sanderhoff, PDG Burnett, Treasurer Danner, Secretary Koop, Rotaract Representative Ruedinger, Trainer O'Halloran.

Explanation and test of Mentimeter electronic voting procedures was done by DG Phillips and DGE Griffing.

Call for changes to Agenda, by DG Phillips, introduction of district RYE students was added to the meeting agenda. Harry Farchim moved to approve the agenda with the change, Jane Ipsen, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindy Petted moved to approve the 2022 annual district business minutes, seconded by Rob Bassett. 28 votes cast in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer Danner mentioned the Hawkins Ash report and spoke about the district's financial status. With change in Treasurers, from Swetlik to Danner, a different bank was gotten for the district – Associated Bank. Moving forward with electronic methods, so clubs can remit funds electronically. Mary Beth Seiser moved to accept the Treasurers report with a second by Rick Debe. 38 votes cast in favor. Motion passed.

DGE Griffing presented the proposed district budget for 2023-2024. Highlighted that was no dues increase as compared to other districts, previous budgets have been under projected for the years past. No questions raised. Motion made by Jane Ipsen to approved the 2023-2024 district budget, seconded by Shelly Higgins. 30 votes cast in favor. Motion passed.

By-law changes, recommended by the Governance Committee presented by committee chair PDG Sanderhoff for approval, – Articles 2.01, 3.05.01, 4.03, 5.08.02, 8.02, 3.02.01, 4.02, 5.11, 8.04. Motion by Harry Farchmin with a second by John Henderson to approve the by-law changes. 36 votes cast in favor. Motion passed.

Nominating committee co-chairs PDG Burnett and PDG Werner reported that Liz Nevitt, of the Rotary Club of Ripon was selected as the District Governor for 2025-2026, by the Nominating Committee. 37 votes in favor. Motion passed.

Nominating committee co-chairs PDG Burnett and PDG Werner reported that PDG Rick Debe, was selected as the District's COL/COR Representative Delegate. 39 votes in favor. Motion passed.

Nominating committee co-chairs PDG Burnett and PDG Werner reported that PDG Jeff Reed was selected as the COL/COR Alternate Representative Delegate. 38 votes in favor, with 1 abstaining. Motion passed.

Jeff Reed, WAS Board President, spoke about the WAS resolution of District support and that funding be continued at least at the current level of \$8,000. Resolution about World Affairs Seminar (WAS), 32 in support, 4 voting no. Resolution passed.

District Rotary Youth Exchange delegates, 7 inbound and 2 outbound did self-introductions to meeting attendees.

Representative Angela Rester, gave a report on Council on Legislation/Resolutions, she highlighted some of the recent actions: member of Rotary no longer needs to live in the locality; takes 15 new members to start a club; word "retired" can be added to a person's classification; action can be taken to strip off officer status. One can review actions of the CoL/CoR in 'My Rotary'.

DG Mike Phillips, highlighted some actions and activities during his year as District Governor: 3 Disaster relief grants to Ukraine, website updated, new club in Union Grove a cause-based club – a satellite of Mukwonago Rotary, Foundation committee reaching and exceeding goals.

DGE Don Griffing, shared some of his outlook and plans for 2023-2024 Rotary year, increasing impacts in our communities and expanding our reach. Getting back to pre-Covid levels; making the Rotary Foundation, the charity of choice; Positive Peace; taking care of our mental health; work on creating lasting change in our communities. Rotary Day of Hope on February 29th; greater AG support; changes with website; create more personal connections; all volunteers need balance.

Old Business, none.

New Business, none.

Adjournment—Sanderhoff moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cindy Petted. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamie Koop, PDG
District Secretary

Dana Kohlmeyer
Administrative Assistant