

Minutes D6270 1st Quarterly Board Meeting, 2021 – 2022 Year

August 10, 2021, Moraine Park Tech College Room T117, West Bend and Zoom

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.

Call to order

Hybrid Meeting was called to order by DG Lisa Werner at 3:05 PM

Koop **called the roll of Board members.** Those present in person or via zoom were: Lisa Werner, Tamie Koop, Craig Burnett, Mike Phillips, Steen Sanderhoff, Don Griffing, Lisa O'Halloran, Mark Ruedinger, Dennis Swetlik.

Guests: Rick Debe, Jeff Reed, Angie Rester, Nancy Rhodes, Cindy Petted, Larry Myers, Tim Crawford, Roger Clark, Kris Ulrich, John Henderson, Julie Craig, John Hein, Monica Phillip, Administrative Assistant Dana Kohlmeyer, Colleen Inman, Tim Freudenthal.

There was a quorum present to conduct business.

There were no changes to the agenda. Moved by Steen Sanderhoff to approve the agenda, seconded by Mike Phillips. Motion carried.

Consent agenda

No items were requested to be pulled from the consent agenda. Consent agenda items were; Meeting Minutes April 11, 2021, Financial Reports from Swetlik, Other Reports of DG Line, AG's Report, Committee Reports and Miscellaneous Reports. Moved by Dennis Swetlik to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Don Griffing. Motion carried.

New Business

Governance Committee, Jeff Reed reported on the changes made to the Manual of Policy and Procedures (MoPP). With district by-law changes incorporating Rotaract, changes were made to the MoPP including electronic voting. Updating was done including previous revisions to the MoPP and clean-up work.

Moved by C Burnett, seconded by M Phillips to approve the MoPP as submitted to this meeting. Motion carried.

District Treasurer Swetlik, brought forward to the Governance Committee some inconsistencies of wording of external audit and review, which need to be addressed. Finance committee recommends these concerns be addressed. There is a significant difference in aspect and costs of an external audit or a review. Treasurer Swetlik would like to send out a proposal to solicit bids for a 3-year contract. Would seek a firm with a Rotarian on staff. D Griffing moved to approve the proposal from the Finance committee, seconded by C Burnett. Motion carried.

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Strategic Plan Jeff Reed reported on the District Strategic plan. Recommendations were gathered at a meeting. District Strategic Plan is focused around the 4 areas of action steps (Impact, Reach, Engagement, Adapt). Each committee needs to review this Strategic Plan and determine their action steps. Are clubs building an understanding with members about the Strategic Plan? What message is being sent to clubs? Time to change? North America decreasing in membership, India increasing in membership. Original start to district plan was to determine ways that the district could/would support clubs in their roles and functions. Do clubs understand practices to help them to do their jobs? Enhancing education for clubs. Increasing the health of the organization.

District Grants Jeff Reed referenced the submitted report. Committee did diligence in reviewing applications. Block grant was forwarded to Rotary International. Now waiting for funds to be received by the district. Things are moving forward.

Global Grants – The Global Grants committee is recommending the Rotary name change to the International Service committee. Moved by D Griffing to change name of Global Grants Committee to International Service Committee, seconded by M Phillips. Motion carried. (Update in MoPP)

India Covid project – PDG Burnett reported that the District is at about 25 % of goal for the 3 projects in India related to Covid. A response from the board was sought. Three options were: 1. Send collect funds, 2. Return funds to donors, 3. Continue process in hopes of soliciting more funds.

Discussion raised some questions that need addressing: Does the Board need to determine guidelines for raising funds like being sought here?

Should District pursue a 501c3 status?

Shelter Box is an example of what has been done previously in the District.

Need to have an end date on these requests.

D Griffing moved that another notice be shared across the district with an end date of August 31, in regards to this appeal for the 3 projects in India, T Koop seconded the motion. Motion carried. Funds to be sent out in early September 2021. Governance committee to look at district fundraising.

Funding request for COL/COR representative This item was removed from discussion as representative found another zone that was offering virtual training and representative will attend that training.

Board Summit and Scheduling L Werner will send out a doodle poll to determine a date for Board summit. Topics: Fundraising question, Obtain a 501c3 status for district.

DEI Task force Currently this is a temporary committee. C Burnett moved that the DEI task force be changed to a permanent standing District committee, seconded by M Phillips. Motion carried.

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Environmental & Sustainability area Newest area of focus in the Foundation list of focuses. D Griffing moved that an Environment & Stability task force be formed, seconded by C Burnett. Motion carried.

Meeting date and time

Via discussion it was agreed that the next 2 quarterly (November and February) meetings will be done via Zoom technology and will be starting at 3:30 PM

Old/Unfinished Business

There was none.

Announcements

Koop announced that Tom Platenberg has been diagnosed with cancer and that a transition process will soon be underway for a new Executive Director of WAS.

IPDG Burnett announced District Governor candidates are being sought for the next DGNN.

Adjournment

Moved by M Phillips, seconded by D Griffing to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tamie Koop, PDG & District Secretary

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