

RI District 6270 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2020, 10:00 AM -12:45 PM CDT, via Zoom

Meeting was started with Co-Host Don Griffing welcoming participants to the meeting and doing a tutorial on how to engage in a Zoom meeting.

Meeting was **called to order** by DG Steen Sanderhoff at 10:12 AM.

Notice for the Annual meeting was published on April 15, 2020 by Secretary Tamie Koop and Dana Kohlmeyer.

Roll Call of Clubs: The following clubs indicated via a voice response that they were participating in the meeting. Burlington, Elkhorn, Elmbrook, Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac Morning, Geneva lake West, Hartford, Kenosha, Manitowoc Sunrise, Menomonee Falls, Mequon Milwaukee Afterhours, Milwaukee, Milwaukee Amigos Afterhours, Mitchell Field, Mukwonago, Neenah, New Berlin, Oshkosh, Oshkosh Southwest, Port Washington-Saukville, Racine Founders, Ripon, Sheboygan, Two Rivers, Waukesha, Waukesha Sunrise, Wautoma, West Allis, West Bend Sunrise, and Whitnall Park. Quorum was met.

Roll Call of District Board members. Those attending responding via voice were: Craig Burnett, Jim Holmes, Tamie Koop, Jeff Reed, Steen Sanderhoff, Mary Beth Seiser, Lisa Werner and Administrative Assistant Dana Kohlmeyer. Board quorum was met.

Jeff Reed moved to **amend the published agenda** with additional information and a required vote in the Nominating Committee report. Motion was seconded by Mary Beth Seiser. Motion passed. All reports and Power Point Slides are on file on Google Drive and can be referenced for the information given.

Craig Burnett moved to approve the **District 2019 Annual meeting minutes** as published. Seconded by Rick Debe. Motion passed.

Financial Reports were given by Treasurer Jim Holmes. A review of the Financial accounts was conducted and a clean opinion was given on all accounts of the District. As of June 30, 2019, the District had a cash balance of \$264,756.00. Rotary Youth Exchange had a cash balance on June 30, 2019 of \$76,259.00. Motion by Ted Gurzynski to accept the financial reports, seconded by Jeff Reed. Motion passed.

District Budget for 2020-2021. DGE Craig Burnett explained the process in determining the budget for the District via the Finance committee, to District Board approval at the April Board meeting for the Annual business meeting. Then COVID-19 happened. That resulted in the RI Board of Directors and Trustees issuing a travel ban, which resulted in scheduled events being cancelled and virtual events were planned and will be conducted which resulted in the development of an amended budget. Moved by Jeff Reed to approve the proposed District

Budget, seconded by Bob Nolan. Discussion. Moved by Steen Sanderhoff and seconded by Lisa Werner to amend the budget as shared by DGE Burnett. The amended budget would result in \$23,650.00 in projected savings to the district. These savings will be returned to Rotary Clubs via \$6,000.00 in Public Image grants and a one-time reduction in district per capita dues, done via the next invoice billing cycle. Discussion. Vote on the amendment to the budget passed. Vote on the Amended District Budget passed.

Nominating Committee Report:

Moved by Jeff Reed to ratify the selection of Mike Phillips, West Bend Sunrise Rotary as District Governor in 2022-2023, seconded by Mary Beth Seiser. Motion passed.

Moved by Jeff Reed to ratify the selection of Angela Rester, as the Representative to the Council of Legislation / Council of Resolution and Dan Christianson as the Alternate Representative for the CoL/CoR for 2020-2023. Motion was seconded by Peter Bosch. Motion passed.

Moved by Jeff Reed to select Mary Beth Seiser to serve as the District Representative and Nancy Rhodes as alternate on the Zone RI Director Nominating Committee for Zone 29, seconded by Cathy Zimmerman. Motion passed.

District Reports: Complete reports can be located on the Google Drive.

CoL/CoR current Representative Tamie Koop reported on the recent CoR actions and the timeline for the proposals to both the CoR and the CoL. Koop thanked the District for the opportunity to serve.

Strategic Plan was reported on by Committee Chair Jeff Reed. This is a three-year plan, with almost year one completed. He reported on the status in the four goal areas. He also answered questions that were asked. The committee will be meeting to review goals and actions set, which are now impacted by COVID-19.

Public Image report was given by Steen Sanderhoff. The report was prepared by PDG Kola Alayande. It covered the 3-year period of time that District dollars were spent on Public Image.

Foundation Report was given by District Foundation chair Mary Beth Seiser. Seiser reviewed the work of the Foundation's 7 sub-committees. Three subcommittees of fund raising are; Annual Fund, Polio Plus and Endowment. The other committees are; District Grants, Global Grants, Scholars and Stewardship.

Additionally, the District has awarded nearly \$9,700, in 13 grants to assist with solutions and supplies related to COVID-19. The District applied for one of the RI Disaster Response Grants of \$25,000.00. Word was recently received that the District was awarded one of these grants.

The Million Dollar fundraiser is a joint effort with D6220, which is planned for the fall of 2020. Being sought are new dollars via gifts of \$10,000.00 or more.

District Grants Chairperson Jeff Reed reported on the District Grants. During this year 21 grants were awarded. Maximum amount of funding was \$3,000.00 per grant. Final reports are due for the past year. Application deadline for grants this coming year is June 1. One Face to Face session was held as well as on-line training via the Learning Center on My Rotary. Now offered is an on-line refresher course for those who have previously attended a Face to Face session or have done an on-line session.

Global Grants Chairperson John Hein, of the Global Grants committee reported on the work of the Committee. A joint training session with D6220 was held on May 14, 2020 for Global Grants. John discussed projects that are being funded and others that are working through the process. District is looking for clubs to join in a large project in Guatemala.

Stewardship Committee Chairwoman Cathy Zimmerman, which is a newer committee in the District. The Committee has developed policy and practices based on The Rotary Foundation expectations, which is careful management of Grant Funds and the MOU's with participating clubs. Another practice is the Annual Financial Assessment of Rotary Foundation Funds. The committee will review reports made and if needed, resolve any issues of mis-use of grant funds reporting to the District Governor.

District Governor Update was given by DG Steen. Highlights included that this year was more different than normal. There is strong leadership across the district and in clubs. New accomplishments with a new strategic plan, an AG coordinator, 2 new satellite clubs, the establishment of the Western Great Lake Multi-District Conference Planning Council, the Million Dollar Journey. Disappointing was the cancelling the District Conference in Oshkosh. Membership is a continuing challenge in the District.

District Governor Elect, Craig Burnett shared his goals for his term as District Governor and talked about us Rotarians being People of Action, having flexibility and adaptability in our work as Rotarians. We all have challenges with the lack of being able to do fundraising. Recent decisions by RI will impact his year. Example being club visits, he will do visits, however the exact timing of those visits is unknown because of COVID-19.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Recognition – Club Membership Awards

Currently the District has seven clubs that since July 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 have grown their membership. 1. West Bend Noon – 6 members, 2. Two Rivers, 3. Sheboygan and Mequon

Thiensville, 4. Allenton-Slinger, 5. West Bend Sunrise, 6. Oconomowoc. The top three clubs as of June 30th will be awarded 1,000 Paul Harris points.

Service Above Self Award

Annually awarded to only one person in 150 Districts in the world. Awardee in District 6270 was PDG, Nancy Rhodes of the West Allis Rotary Club. Congratulations to Nancy!

Adjournment

Moved by Steven Chevalier to adjourn the Annual Business meeting of D6270, seconded by Mary Beth Seiser. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamie Koop, PDG/Secretary