

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2024 - 6:15 P.M.
ZOOM

The District 5970 Board of Directors met on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. via zoom. Present were PDG and Board Chair Carole Bernhard, DG Shannon Duncan, DGE Ward Budweg, DGN Jeff Halverson, Foundation Committee Chair Michelle Bell and District Treasurer Gary Winterhof. Also present were DES Suellen Kolbet, Foundation Committee member John Wasta, and Rotary Youth Exchange Chair and PDG Jeff Hassman.

Board Chair Carole Bernhard called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. DES Kolbet declared a quorum present.

Moved by Winterhof, seconded by Budweg; That the consent agenda be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were:

Minutes of **4-30-24** BOD Meeting
District Meeting minutes of 6-8-24
Electronic votes
DG Line minutes of 7-8-24
Foundation Committee minutes of 5-15, 6-19, 2024
RYLA Board minutes of 5-11-24
Grants Committee meeting of 6-24-24

Reports were received as follows:

District Governor Activity report
District Executive Secretary Activity report
RYLA
DRFCC Report
Rotary Youth Exchange (in person)
Membership Committee Report
Human Connections Team Report

Jeff Hassman reported that the inbound and outbound students process is going smoothly. Jeff will be reaching out to clubs to promote youth exchange. Applications for outbound students for the 2025-2026 school year need to be approved by their clubs and submitted to the District by the first Saturday in November. The District interviews will be held on the first Sunday in December, 2024.

Treasurer Gary Winterhof reported that all accounts are reconciled and the District completed the 2023-2024 fiscal year with over \$10,000 of surplus of income over expenses. Total assets exceed \$334,000. The certificates of Deposit will generate approximately \$10,000 in interest this year. Rotary Youth Exchange has a reserve of \$30,000 and Jeff Hassman asked that a short term CD be purchased. Moved by

Budweg, seconded by Duncan; To Invest \$30,000 of Rotary Youth Exchange funds in a certificate of deposit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Budweg, seconded by Halverson; That the Finance Reports be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

Carole Bernhard reported on the Human Connections Team. They held four workshops, two in person and two via zoom. They were not very well attended. The Committee needs to work at the club level. They were pleased to have some exposure to people outside of Rotary.

The application for the District Governor Nominee Designate (2027-2028) was discussed. Currently the process for selecting the interview committee in the bylaws conflicts slightly with the Manual of Policies and Procedures. Carole will follow the bylaws and the conflict will be resolved when amending the bylaws.

The Board discussed how to use reserves to better serve the District. The bylaws require a minimum of 75% of the previous year's budget to be kept in reserve. Some ideas were:

- Purchase gifts for outgoing Committee Chairs that have served a three year term.
- Hire a consultant to set up a public image system
- Pay for club leaders to attend meetings
- Give clubs \$500 if they give \$500 to give a club member a Paul Harris Fellow. That way it would add some funds to the Annual Fund.
- Try to find things that are impactful for large and small clubs - create incentives to get new faces at District, Zone, and International Conferences.
- Find ways to increase membership - use funds to incentivize, for example - Membership Olympics.
- Find ways to front load contests so clubs get the funds right away.
- Use funds for a membership workshop. Carole Bernhard will come up with a dollar amount at the next Membership meeting and make a request to the Board.

Shannon Duncan reported that she is attending the Zone Conference, along with two Future Leaders (Janette Fiedler and Stacie Eastman), Jeff Halverson, Jeff Hassman, Carole Bernhard , and Kathy Fahy.

Kathy Fahy is attending the Zone Conference as a facilitator. She is the alternate representative on the Council on Legislation and has offered to attend the required meeting so the District doesn't have to send Ralph Smith. She is asking that the District cover her airfare. Moved by Duncan, seconded by Budweg; To approve paying Kathy Fahy's airfare to the Zone Conference in the amount of \$320.24. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed work done on the Strategic Plan. After putting it together, the Board hasn't done anything more with it. We need to evaluate what we have and see where we need to go from there. Suellen will create a Strategic Plan folder in Google and share it with the Board. She will put the document Carole created, as well as information Shannon has received. There is a Zone zoom meeting on August 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.- Introduction to Rotary Action Plan/Three Year Goals/Rotary Roadmap - that will be helpful.

The Board discussed setting a special meeting for the sole purpose of working on the bylaws. Sections 1 and 2 are done. Suellen will send a copy of the current bylaws with the changes to section 1 and 2 (which have been combined) along with a survey of dates for a meeting with the options of September 16, 17, 18, and 19.

North Central President Elect Training will be held in Minneapolis February 27 - March 1, 2025. It was agreed that if a club has co-presidents, the District will cover the registration fee for both.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.