

DISTRICT 5970 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 25, 2020

ZOOM FORMAT

1:30 P.M.

The August 25, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chair Neil Fell at 1:30 p.m.. via Zoom format. The following board members were present: Board Chair Neil Fell, PDG Michelle Bell, DG Lowell Stoolman, DGE Jeff Hassman, Foundation Chair and DGN Don Meyer, DGN-D Carole Bernard, and District Treasurer Eric Levenhagen. Also present District Executive Secretary Suellen Kolbet, Membership Committee Chair Wendy Bowman, and Decorah Rotarian and PDG of District 6220 Christina Hall..

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Hassman; That the Consent Agenda be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes of the May 6, 2020 Board of Directors meeting
- RYLA Board minutes of May 1, 2020
- DG Line minutes of August 10, 2020
- District Grant Committee minutes of July 14 2020
- District meeting to approve Financials as of June 30, 2019
- Electronic Votes
- Club Votes
- Google Analytics for June and July, 2020
- Public Image minutes of August 11, 2020

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- DES Activity Report
- DG Report
- DRFCC Report
- DDR Report
- Committee Reports (Public Image, Rotaract/Interact, YRYLA, Rotex, Membership)

Moved by Hassman, seconded by Bell; To approve Committee and Leadership reports. All ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Reports for the period ending June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020 were discussed. Moved by Meyer, seconded by Hassman; That Financial Reports be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

Membership Committee Chair Wendy Bowman met with the Board to discuss a proposal the Membership Committee has to incentivize membership. They would like to offer a District mini-grant in the amount of \$500 to clubs who show the required net membership gain in the 2020-2021 year. Their proposal would give grants to nine clubs with the highest percentage net gain. The Board discussed that the \$4,500 could come from District designated grant funds, which would be available the year Jeff Hassman is District Governor and John Wasta is Foundation Chair. The Board felt it was a good idea and asked Bowman to amend the document with discussed changes and have everyone look at it for final comments, and discussion on how to budget for this.

Christina Hall, Decorah Rotarian and Past District Governor from District 6220, met with the Board to discuss forming a new District Committee for the purpose of helping clubs do projects in the 7th area of focus - Supporting the Environment. For now, the Committee would be a resource to help establish committees at the club level and help with environmentally sustainable projects. Many projects that fit into this area of focus overlap with projects that have long been Rotary projects. Moved by Stoolman, seconded by Bernhard; To establish a District Environment and Sustainability Committee. All ayes. Hall will forward names of committee members to DES Kolbet and she will add that Committee to the District website.

The Board discussed DES Kolbet's compensation. A survey will be sent out to the Board so the yearly review can be completed.

DGE Hassman reported that he and District Trainer David Drewelow have been discussing One Rotary Summit training sessions. They will probably be done in February and will be done virtually. DG Stoolman said that clubs need help now. He needs to get the District Trainer working on something to help presidents. It was suggested to use the Club Presidents meetings as a vehicle for training.

DG Lowell Stoolman reported that our district has been invited to join 5950 and 5960 in Minnesota for their 2021 District Conference that will be held virtually. Stoolman will find out what our District's financial commitment would be, as well as volunteer commitment, and get back to the Board.

PDG Bell reported that the Leadership Conference will be held sometime in October. It will focus on leadership speakers and topics as well as Club awards.

The District has received a Disaster Grant from Rotary International in the amount of \$25,000 due to the storm that devastated Linn County. The grant will go to the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program to provide food for the food bank.

DG Stoolman has been approached by District 5650 in Kearney, Nebraska to solicit volunteers to help with the food truck that provides food during disasters. It was in Tama and Marshalltown, and there is a possibility that it will come to Cedar Rapids. PDG Bell volunteered to create a list of all opportunities to volunteer in the Linn County area to send out to District Rotarians. DG Stoolman will highlight it during the Club Presidents meetings. Public Image Chair Jenny Monteith will be asked to put together some promotional materials publicizing what Rotarians are doing to help those in need in Linn County.

The Zone Institute will be held virtually on September 8-13, 2020. All Rotarians are invited to attend. DES Kolbet will send an email to District Rotarians with information on the Institute.

Next steps in training Assistant District Governors were discussed. DES Kolbet will send out a survey to see what the best date and time for a training session will be, the choices will be October 7 or 8, either before noon or after 4:30 p.m. Christina Hall said that in some Districts, an executive AG is appointed that is not assigned clubs, but only works to assist ADGs.

Foundation Chair Meyer reported that there is \$5,372 left in grant funds to be awarded this year. Several Committee members proposed that those funds be used to help in the Cedar Rapids area, and possibly waive any match. The Foundation Committee will discuss it and make a recommendation to the Board for their approval.

PDG Bell told the Board that Rotary International wants to publicize the Iowa Global Health Care Grant.

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Hassman; That the meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.

The next Board meeting will be held on December 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.