

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
ZOOM FORMAT

The District 5970 Board of Directors met on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. via zoom. Present were DG Carole Bernhard, Immediate PDG Don Meyer, DGE Shannon Duncan, DGN-D Jeff Halverson, Board Chair/PDG Jeff Hassman, Foundation Committee Chair John Wasta, and District Treasurer Gary Winterhof. Also present were DES Suellen Kolbet and Rotary Youth Exchange Co-chair Maripili Hassman.

Board Chair Jeff Hassman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. DES Kolbet declared a quorum present.

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

Minutes of 5-8-23 BOD Meeting
DG Line minutes of 7-18-23
Foundation Committee minutes of 5-8, 6-12, and 7-10-23
Google Analytics May and June, 2023
RYLA Board minutes of 4-28-23
Electronic votes

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Bernhard; That submitted reports be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. Reports submitted were:

District Governor Activity report
Secretary Activity report
RYLA
DRFCC Report
Interact Report
Rotaract Report
Rotary Youth Exchange (Maripili Hassman will report in person)

DG Bernhard noted that in the Rotaract and Interact Report, Katie Wilford referred to a \$700 budget. The budget for 2023-2024 is \$1,000. Bernhard will update Wilford.

Marilipi Hassman reported on Rotary Youth Exchange. All outbound students have returned home. All inbound students are back in place. Seven inbound students will be here on August 18 in time to start the 2023-2024 school year. Five outbound students will be leaving for their placements. She and Co-chair Shari Stoll have been very busy. They are improving details to make the program stronger. She noted that Webster City Rotary decided not to sponsor a student. That relationship is being repaired.

Foundation Chair John Wasta reviewed the 2023-2024 District Grants. As soon as funds are received from Rotary International, checks will be mailed. He would like to

allocate up to \$3,000 in District funds for Rotaract/Interact grants of \$500 each. Moved by Wasta, seconded by Winterhof; To allocate up to \$3,000 from District reserves for Rotaract/Interact grants. All ayes. Motion carried.

Wasta updated the Board on the Cedar Valley Global Grant. It is 18 months past due. The project is in Mexico, and they have been unable to get the final signature that is required to finalize the grant. Our District has completed all requirements. *(During the meeting he was informed that all signatures have been submitted and we are just waiting for final Rotary International approval.)*

Wasta updated the Board on the Webster City/Ames grant. Ames has been doing a grant with Webster City for several years without going through District 5970's Global Grant process. Wasta has contacted Rotary International and informed them that District 5970 is not to be involved unless the project goes through our Global Grant process. DG Bernhard will contact her counterpart in District 6000 (Dennis Drager) about the situation.

DG Bernhard informed the Board that Cedar Falls Rotary will be doing a 100th Anniversary project – the Rotary Plaza, that will honor essential workers during the pandemic. Cedar Falls would like to promote this through the District, so Bernhard would like approval to give Cedar Falls contact information for clubs in the District. She is also proposing that the District donate for some sort of recognition. The Board felt it was appropriate to promote the project to the District by giving contact information. Moved by Bernhard, seconded by Meyer; To donate \$1,000 from District reserves for the Cedar Falls 100th Anniversary project to promote the District. All ayes. Motion carried.

DG Bernhard told the Board they would like funds to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District. Waterloo Rotarian Annie Vander Werff is the Chair of our DEI Committee and has hosted several cultural immersion events. The Committee is working on how to move forward. There is no specific request at this time but will contact the Board with specifics when they are available.

There was no new information on NCPETS. The Board will be updated as it is available.

Tricia Beatty with the Independence Club and Annie Vander Werff with the Waterloo Club will be attending the Zone Conference in Chicago under the Future Leader program. She needs someone to attend for Membership, Foundation, and Public Image.

The Board welcomed Jeff Halverson as the District Governor Elect-Nominee. Jeff is a member of the Waterloo Club.

District Bylaws were discussed. They are out of date as compared to the Manual of Policies and Procedures and current practice. It was advised that we keep the bylaws

as generic as possible and outline details in the Manual of Policies and Procedures. DG Bernhard will contact her class of District Governors and ask for their bylaws to compare to. DES Kolbet will contact RI to see if they have a template to use.

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Bernhard; That the meeting adjourn at 6:16 p.m.
All ayes. Motion carried.