

DISTRICT 5970
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

The Rotary District 5970 Board of Directors met on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cedar Falls Public Library, 524 Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa. The following were present:

PDG Jim Coloff – Board Chair
DG Neil Fell
DGE Michelle Bell
DGN Lowell Stoolman
DGN-D Jeff Hassman
DRFC Don Meyer
District Treasurer Eric Levenhagen
District Executive Secretary Suellen Kolbet

DES Kolbet informed the Chair that a quorum was present.

Also present were:

David and Betsy Kutter - RYLA and YRYLA
Mike Babcock - RYLA
Elizabeth Daly and John Schultz - Rotary Youth Exchange

Moved by Michelle Bell, seconded by Don Meyer; That the Consent Agenda be approved. All ayes.
Motion carried.

District Treasurer Eric Levenhagen reviewed the Financial reports. District Governor Neil Fell summarized some cost savings that will be realized this fiscal year. Moved by Michelle Bell, seconded by Neil Fell; To approve the Financial Reports as of November 30, 2018. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Interact and Rotaract Report provided by Rochelle Naylor. She will be resigning as Committee chair as of June 30, 2019. Michelle Bell advised the Board that she is looking for a Committee Chair and would also like a standing committee to help advise and organize the program. Jim Coloff reported that there is talk of a Rotaract Club at UNI and Don Meyer is hopeful one will be organized at Wartburg as well.

Dave and Betsy Kutter reported on YRYLA. The planning for 2019 is behind last year because of some personal issues. They will have the same head counselors as last year and all will be from District 5970. Last year there were 49 participants, eight were from District 6000. In 2019 they are hoping for 60. The speakers will be three former RYLarians. There will be four groups so they need four RYLA Counselors. Betsy said that in 2020 she would like a co-chair that would agree to take over the program in 2021. Michelle Bell and Lowell Stoolman offered to help find a co-chair. There was a profit of approximately \$3,000 last year, but they didn't pay any mileage or lodging for any training. In 2019, YRYLA will be held the week of July 21, 2019 from Sunday to Friday.

Dave Kutter reviewed the budget with the Board. He will have a preliminary budget for the February, 2019 Board meeting. In the RYLA report from Dick Rasmussen, it showed a \$13,000 surplus from the 2018 year. Since District 6000 is now the treasurer for RYLA, District 5970 will need to appoint a Financial Review Committee of three people from District 5970 to review the financials. The review should be done by March of 2019. Moved by Neil Fell, seconded by Michelle Bell; That the RYLA Financial Review Committee shall consist of Eric Levenhagen, David Kutter, and Mike Babcock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mike Babcock reported on RYLA. Last year there were not enough Rotarian volunteers. He needs six more for 2019. There will be training on June 15, 2019 and RYLA will be held from July 14 - 19, 2019. Volunteers will need to be there on July 13. They will try to get videos to post on the District's Facebook page to promote volunteers. He is looking at changing terminology from Camp Counselors to Team Leaders. The percentage of Counselors from each District is based on the percentage of youth from each District from the previous year. By January 15, 2019 each club has to request the number of slots they want.

Elizabeth Daly reported on Rotary Youth Exchange. Her report concentrated on where the program has been in the past and where it is now. She will be stepping down as Chair of the Committee on June 30, 2019 and John Schultz will take over as Chair. They are in the process of selecting and training students now. There are eight outbound students and six inbound students.

John Schultz presented a detailed outline of future planning for Rotary Youth Exchange. There will be more collaboration with District 6000. He proposed that the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) Summer Conference be held in Cedar Rapids in 2020. There will be no liability and financial responsibility for our District. Moved by Lowell Stoolman, seconded by Don Mayer; To co-host the Summer SCRYE Conference in Cedar Rapids in 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

Neil Fell questioned how training could be better logistically so volunteers don't have to travel such long distances. More training will be done at the Club's individual locations. He also heard that Youth Exchange students were bored at the District Conference. Both Elizabeth and John reiterated that students have a role to play to interface with Rotarians and it is their responsibility to participate in the District Conference.

Jeff Hassman reported on Rotex. He was Rotary Youth Exchange student 30 years ago. He wants to provide a support network for students that are returning RYE students and wants them to participate in training of inbound students. Hopefully in the future they will become Rotarians.

Don Meyer reported on Donor Advised Funds. There is approximately \$12,000 in the District's funds. More research will be done on what can be done with these funds. This will be discussed at the February 15, 2019 Board meeting.

Neil Fell reported on the District Conference to be held in April, 2019 in Clear Lake. The theme of the Conference is "Be the Inspiration". Suellen Kolbet, the District Conference Team Leader, and Neil and Kathy Fell have toured the venue. There will be 20-25 carnival booths from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday night. Saturday there will be the Annual District Meeting and speakers Mary Beth Selene and Wooj Byun. The Foundation reception will be at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. President-Elect makeup training

will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday. The Board will meet from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

The Board discussed the Zone 29 District Leadership Institute in Kansas City in 2019. Michelle Bell will pick two District Rotarians to attend.

Public Image grants were discussed. Michelle Bell reported that Foundation Funds can't be used for Public Image Grants. Reserve funds will need to be used. By-laws have to be changed to lower the amount of reserves required. Clubs will probably need to do a 1:1 match. The Public Image Team is developing a grant application.

Ralph Smith has agreed to lead the update of the District By-laws. He will start this after he returns home after the 1st of the year.

Michelle Bell has agreed to lead the update of the District Policies and Procedures. The last time they were updated was in 2011. Update of the Policies and Procedures only needs Board approval. She will have a draft for the February meeting and they will be voted on at the April 2019 meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Rockwell City on February 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held online. The Board will have lunch with the Rockwell City Rotary Club.

The DGN-D search process was discussed. The Committee will consist of Jim Coloff, Neil Fell, Don Meyer, Ralph Smith, and a Club president. Suellen will send out a request for available dates for the Committee to meet in March, 2019 after the 1st of the year.

The Youth Protection Policy will be on the agenda of the February 15, 2019 Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Suellen Kolbet
District Executive Secretary