

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.  
ZOOM FORMAT

The District 5970 Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. via zoom. Present were DG Carole Bernhard, DGE Shannon Duncan, DGN Ward Budweg, Board Chair/PDG Jeff Hassman, PDG Don Meyer, Foundation Committee Chair John Wasta, and District Treasurer Gary Winterhof. Also present were DES Suellen Kolbet, Interact/Rotaract Chair Katie Wilford, and Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound Coordinator 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 Duncan; That the consent agenda be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were:

Minutes of 11-14-23 and 12-21-23 BOD Meeting  
Electronic votes  
DG Line minutes of 1-16-24  
Foundation Committee minutes of 12-11-23 and 1-17-24  
RYLA Board minutes of 11-11-23  
Public Image Grants

Reports were received as follows:

District Governor Activity report  
District Executive Secretary Activity report  
RYLA  
DRFCC Report  
Interact  
Rotaract  
Public Image  
Rotary Youth Exchange (in person)

Maripili Hassman reported on Rotary Youth Exchange. All is going well. Seven outbound students have been selected. The Committee is now working on selecting inbound students. They are also expanding the Youth Exchange Committee.

It was reported that Global Scholar Chair Chris Lindell has two applications. Interviews will be held soon.

Treasurer Gary Winterhof reported on the District financials. The District is in good financial condition. There are six staggered CD's invested in two different banks. There are no budget concerns at this time. Suellen Kolbet reported that the bylaws require a review of the past year's budget by an independent CPA. Larry Pump of the Charles

City Rotary Club is in the process of reviewing the 2022-2023 year. Moved by Bernhard, seconded by Budweg; That Financial Reports for the month ending January 31, 2024 be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Don Meyer leaving the District. He would normally be the Board Chair beginning July 1, 2024. Carole Bernhard and Jeff Hassman are both willing to assume Don's position. They will work it out between them and will make the decision at the next Board meeting.

Carole Bernhard reported on the Cultural Immersion Workshop held in Dubuque. The next workshop will be held in Waverly on February 29. Carole is working on a Cultural Dinner as the Saturday evening dinner at the District Conference. One thing they need to make sure of is that the clubs that are hosting the workshops are totally on board. The eventual goal is to increase more diverse membership.

Carole Bernhard reported on plans for the District Conference. She is working on determining costs. Venues are booked, she is working on catering options. She hopes registration can be launched by March 1.

Shannon Duncan reported on North Central PETS. There is an in person and virtual option this year. Registrations are down but all the involved Districts are working on it. There is a potential that the reimbursements will be over budget. If so, it will need Board approval. Suellen Kolbet will inform the Board if that happens. It doesn't look to be too much over. John Wasta asked that goal setting be a topic of discussion.

A new PETS Board member needs to be selected. It is a five-year commitment. Suellen will send out an email to past District Governors to see if any are interested.

A representative and alternate for the RI Director Nominating Committee needs to be selected. They need to be a Past District Governor. Carole will contact active Past District Governors to see if any are interested in the positions and the Board will vote on it at the next Board meeting.

The cost of credit card fees for registration was discussed. Suellen will contact Sage to see if there is an alternative to paying a monthly fee.

Carole Bernhard announced that the Rotary International Convention in 2029 will be in Minneapolis.

The Board reviewed Articles 1 and 2 of the District Bylaws. Board members need to review the remaining articles and they will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Hopefully the Board can have a proposal to send out to the District so it can be approved at the District Conference. The next Board meeting was changed to April 30 to give more time to make changes and get the document sent out in plenty of time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

