**District 5500**

**Finance Committee Budget Meeting Minutes**

**January 13, 2025**

Present: Diane Ventura-Goodyear, Sue Archibald, Bruce Monro, Bill Hansen, Ellie Patterson

Diane called the meeting to order at 10:04am

**Discussions had:**

* Two committee members have jobs; make sure meetings are scheduled for after work hours.
* Diane would like to reinstitute comparative year budgets.

Historically we’ve done well, never exceeded forecast numbers.

* PETS reimbursements: number of reimbursements last year were 34
* Thursday added, so costs are higher now.
* AG’s now attending; they get partial reimbursement of $250

**Bruce presentation:**

* Focus on helping to defray costs to leaders, especially for smaller clubs

Discussion was had re: unreimburseable expenses for DGs

* Increase PE reimbursements by $100 for PETS and by $250 for AGs to prompt more clubs participating
* Regional President/AG trainings combined with Spring Assembly - IN PERSON
* Emerging Rotary Leaders (ERL)
* 50% travel reimbursement for DG line and some reimbursement for officers
* Basic DACdb costs picked up by D5500: about $3000 increase
* Proposed $2.50 increase per billing cycle ($5 per year)

**Members weighed in:**

Don: Reasonable to raise dues now rather than wait. The value for the increase is great. Share DACdb savings with all clubs

Bill: Almost 10% increase; how about $2.50 per 6 months

Sue: Increase is necessary, and ideal to do a one-time raise of $5

Ellie: Recommends a $2.50 increase this year

Diane: AGs are a key element to educate clubs re: value of the district

Diane moved to raise dues by $2.50. Ellie seconded.

Recommendation: a $2.50 increase

**Diane Addendum to Minutes:** In notes the DG line wanted to increase dues by $5. Another suggestion was to increase $2.50 for the next 2 years. Both were turned down.