

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of Governors

## September 17, 2010

1. Chairman PDG Phil Fowler called the meeting to order. Attending:
  - a. DG John Valieant
  - b. PDG Phil Fowler
  - c. PRID Mark Maloney
  - d. PDG Georgia Medori
  - e. PDG Mary Jean Sanspree
  - f. RIDE Ken Schuppert
  - g. PDG Phil Williams
  - h. PDG Bo Porter
  - i. PDG Dennis Brooks
  - j. PDG Scott Stone
  - k. PDG Don Hadden
  - l. PDG Ron Layne
  - m. PDG Ty Robin
  - n. DGE Martin Uptain
  - o. DGN Doug Barclay
  - p. Gary Andrew, Secretary
  
2. PDG Fowler introduced Jon David Connolly, Rotaract Club of Birmingham, who reported on Social Media and advocated that the District 6860 establish a Face book account to promote communications especially among younger Rotarians. He discussed the following advantages:
  - a. Bridges gaps. Can develop a worldwide following.
  - b. Recognition for the District and Clubs
  - c. Rotary International has a Facebook presence. There are 82,000 fans.
  - d. Enhance friendship, fellowship. Find friends...share best practices.
  - e. Increase Membership...social media outlets are very attractive to younger Rotarians.
  
3. Tom Green said we need to figure out how to use it in the District. Doug Barclay reported that security is sometimes an issue with viruses. The Council recognized the need to communicate with the media of the youth and will continue to explore use in District 6860. They are currently working with Four Clubs as a pilot. (Secretary Note: Anyone know who the four clubs are?)
  
4. PDG Fowler introduced Tom Green who made a presentation on the Rotary Leadership Institute initiative. Tom needs a leader to help get this going. Rotary is into training, but needs a Leadership Development Program.
  - a. The District Governor must be a leader more than a doer. The LDP provides framework for developing leaders. Provides structure and processes for leaders to advance. What are we doing today? Meetings, conferences, PETS, Zone, RI, Seminars, Training, Foundation and Membership seminars.

b. The District Rotary Leadership Institute began in 2007. We need a District Coordinator and leader for the RLDP to promote the program and get people to participate in all three courses. District 6880 has completed the program and will work with us. Organizations rise and fall on leadership. DG Valieant discussed the Leadership Institute at the end of the meeting and encourage the council members to think about who would be a good leader for the Leadership Development Program and to let him know who they would recommend in a week.

5. PDG TY Robin discussed the District Vocational Service Awards and recommended a District Committee to manage the program. He suggested a committee of three-- Chair, an Incoming Chair and Past Chair. The Council recognizes best vocational persons in the District. It's a nominative process that requires nominations from two clubs or one club and a District staff member. The process begins in December and completes work for presentation at District Conference. PDG Fowler, called for nominations. PDG's Ron Layne, Scott Stone, and Ty Robin were nominated and approved by the Council.

6. PDG Fowler reported that John Germ, Chairman of Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, had requested District 6860 provide 20% of its available current-year DDF (approximately \$44,000) in support of the effort to match the grant for polio eradication from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In addition, a separate request had been received to contribute \$2,500 for each of the next four years towards an endowed Peace Fellow Scholarship. Each district within Zones 30 and 31 is being asked to contribute a similar amount to establish this endowed scholarship. The District has previously funded the Peace Scholars program with significant contributions, most recently \$10,000. The goal is a fully endowed Peace Scholarship for Zone 31. PRID Mark Maloney asked if these funds would come from District Funds or DDF. PDG Fowler responded that they may come from either but the District plans to use DDF. PDG Porter recommended the contribution come from the Global allocation half of the DDF.

7. PRID Mark Maloney discussed that, in the Future Vision Plan, DDF comes to the district such that 50% (\$110,000) can be used for District Grants. The other 50% can be used for Global Grants, including Humanitarian Grants, Scholarships, and Vocational Training Teams. He thinks we will have difficulty spending our Global allocation in the early years of the pilot due to the newness of the Future Vision Plan. Mark recommended that we use the Global Grant half of our DDF to fund the allocation of 20% of DDF to Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge and also to fund a \$10,000 contribution to the Zones 30 and 31 Endowed Peace Fellow Scholarship. The remainder (\$134,000) can be used to fund Global Grants. DGN Barclay seconded the motion. The motion carried. As a separate action, Greg Jeane will verify that the district can so designate the funds.

8. DGE Uptain requested and moved that the Council of Governors waive the policy restriction that the District Treasurer can only serve three consecutive years. He would like current District Treasure, Lee Weinman, to server a fourth consecutive year. DGN Barclay seconded. The motion carried.

9. PDG Fowler recognized PRIP Glenn Estes and thanked him for his service to Rotary and declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Andrew  
Secretary

Approved,

PDG Phil Fowler  
Chairman, Council of Governors