

**Rotary District 6860  
Fall Leadership Conference  
Council of Governors  
The Harbert Center, Birmingham, AL  
October 17, 2014    2:30**

**Minutes of the Council of Governors Meeting:**

**PDG John Valieant**

**Mary Grace Evans, Secretary**

**John Valieant, Council of Governors Chair, called the meeting to order with the following members of the Council present:**

**Members Present:**

DG Jerry Shepherd (2014-2015)	PDG Ty Robin
iPDG Tom Greene	PDG Mary Jean Sanspree
DGE Pat Cross	PDG Bo Porter
DGN Gary Andrew	PDG John Valieant
PDG Bill Johnson	

**Members Absent:**

PRID Mark Maloney	PDG Dennis Brooks
PDG Martin Uptain	PDG Phil Fowler
PRIVP Ken Schuppert	PDG Bill French
PDG Byron Nelson	PDG Don Hadden
PDG JG Brazil	PDG Ron Layne
PDG Georgia Medori	PDG Scott Stone

**Chair Valieant welcomed everyone and distributed minutes from previous meeting**

**PDG Porter moved to accept minutes.**

**PDG Sanspree seconded the motion**

**Minutes approved.**

**PDG Porter** provided highlights from the Finance Committee. One action item to form a committee to get the financials in order. The committee will include: Lee Weisman, Bo Porter, Jerry Shepherd, Alan Hartley. Lee will serve as lead for committee.

**DGE Cross** reported on the Annual Foundation Dinner.

- Madison is hosting the Dinner

- 150 Invitations mailed (active members of Paul Harris Society, Club Presidents, AGs, names provided by Carol Argo)
- Venue is the Best Western Plus in Madison
- Cash Bar during reception
- \$50 per person
- PRIP Ron Burton will be attending. He is staying with Mark and Gay Maloney
- Already ask John Germ to be the speaker next year

**DG Shepherd** commented that the Madison Club has 18 Paul Harris Society members. He also commented on the great quality of the facility (Best Western Plus) and the food.

**PDG Chair Valieant** mentioned that on the Evanston trip it was questioned why we have to pay \$50 to attend the Dinner.

**DG Shepherd** said is a reward to those that attend due to the quality of the speaker.

**PDG Greene** said that we work very hard not to pay out of the District something that only benefits a few.

**PDG Porter** gave background that when the Foundation Dinner first started, there was a committee that desired to pattern it after a successful dinner that Larry Lunsford had in Kansas City (in their District) where they raised money for the Foundation. The committee did not feel that we were quite ready for that and decided instead upon a recognition Dinner for those that support RI in our District. Perhaps we need to invigorate the program.

Some general discussion ensued (expanding the invitation list, providing more information to PE's about the dinner, etc.) and **DGE Cross** suggested that next year we may plan for a Polio fundraiser in conjunction with John Germ.

**DGN Andrew** shared Awards at Zone Meeting 30 and 31 (26 Districts)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Annual Giving \$510,557 given to Annual Program
- Top District per capita giving \$141.31
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place District in total giving to the Rotary Foundation \$629,124
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Endowment Fund \$75,225
- 2 New major Donors – Tom Greene and Gary/JoAnn Andrew

**PDG Greene** shared that we had 81% of membership donate to the annual fund.

**DGN Andrew** provided an update on the District Leadership Plan. It was blessed at the Winter Leadership Meeting last year and approved at the District conference. Request everyone look over your area of expertise and make sure that it meets everything that we need as we reconciled the District Policy manual into this plan. We will want to approve changes at Planning Conference.

**ACTION:**

**PDG Greene** said he would expect DGE Cross to bring recommendation to the February meeting.

There was a discussion about the information in the Directory being outdated and why we don't just use DaDcb. The Directory is an expense. **PDG Porter** suggested a committee be formed to determine if DGE Cross should move forward with the Directory.

**PDG Chair Valieant** discussed Vocational Service Award – Club Member and Non-club is out to the Club Presidents now with a deadline of January 15. There was discussion about maybe changing to be able to include a Club/Organization (i.e. Boy Scouts). Possibly there could be another category. Valieant explained that it would have to be year because it had already gone out for this year.

**MOTION** Made and Rescinded. **ACTION** Item

**PDG Johnson** made a motion to add a third category next year.

**PDG Sanspree** seconded the motion.

Discussion . . . **PDG Porter** said he would like to see more criteria and make the decision at the next meeting. **PDG Robin** said he would bring more information. Motion taken off the table.

**PDG Greene** discussed the nominating committee. He is forming the committee now. The deadline is December 15.

Open discussion ensued. There was great discussion about the open/closed meeting of the candidates in the interview. PDG Sanspree indicated an interest in what they have to say. PDG Porter said he favors a closed meeting for the group to make their decision without influence. PDG Robin said he thought it was a way to learn more about the individuals. He said it would be nice to have them present or write a bio to post on the district site. PDG Greene said that we could do that if it is the wishes of the COG. PDG Porter said it could be sent to all Club Presidents.

**ACTION:**

**PDG Chair Valieant** asked that this be sent to the Parliamentarian before any action is taken.

**PDG Greene** said he would contact PRID Maloney and discuss this.

**DGE Cross** shared strategic planning for this year. She has started working with Mike Tate. A survey was sent to a varied group of people. The information came back to Mike and the committee

reviewed this and had a visioning meeting. They came up with some ideas that they would like to add to the strategic plan. She and DGN Andrew have been working with existing plan to incorporate some ideas and update the language. Some of this will take place in her year and some in Gary's. They are looking at Mobile Planning Teams to work with Clubs. At PETs last year, DGE Cross asked the PEs to complete a survey about if they have a Strategic Plan, have one that needs updating, etc. Hope to help 2 Clubs per quarter.

**ACTION:**

**DGE Cross** will present Strategic Plan at the Winter Leadership Meeting. .

**DG Shepherd** said it has been suggested that we add Rotaract to DaCdb. They could be; however, we could not do direct connect to RI. Discussion ensued. PDG Robin asked if Rotaract or Interact information could be added to the directory. DG Shepherd said the Club would need to add the information. It would be more complete if it was on DaCdb. PDG Sanspree asked if we could put student sponsors on DaCdb. PDG Greene said that they could just be added as a Z Club. There are still questions about this and some concerns. Further discussion needed.

**DGE made a motion to adjourn**

**PDG Porter seconded**

**Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Grace Evans  
District Secretary