

**Rotary District 6860  
Winter Leadership Conference  
Council of Governors  
The Harbert Center, Birmingham, AL  
February 27, 2015 2:30**

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

**PDG Martin Uptain**

**Mary Grace Evans, Secretary**

**Martin Uptain, appointed by the Council of Governors Chair PDG John Valieant, called the meeting to order with the following members of the Council present:**

**Members Present:**

DG Jerry Shepherd (2014-2015)

iPDG Tom Greene

DGE Pat Cross

PDG Bo Porter

DGN Gary Andrew

PDG JG Brazil

PDG Martin Uptain

PDG Dennis Brooks

PDG Scott Stone

PRID Mark Maloney

DGNE Sue Mitchell

**Members Absent:**

PDG Phil Fowler

PRIVP Ken Schuppert

PDG Bill French

PDG Byron Nelson

PDG Don Hadden

PDG Ron Layne

PDG Georgia Medori

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree

PDG Ty Robin

PDG John Valieant

PDG Bill Johnson

First order of business was to recognize Sue Mitchell and present her with DGNE name badge. Sue shared a brief message of appreciation.

**District Secretary Evans** presented the minutes from the Fall COG Meeting.

**PDG Uptain** asked for changes/corrections to the minutes.

PDG Greene moved to accept as presented.

PDG Stone seconded the motion.

**Update from the Finance Committee Meeting**

- Discussed at length the way the budget was put together. There is a need to work out a good

way to keep our financials. Committee will meet (Bo, Lee, Jerry, Gary, Pat, and Incoming Treasurer Chuck Adams). Martin shared that Chuck attended the Finance Committee meeting. Financials are confusing. The placement of items is difficult to follow. It is hard to get information in on time and actions taken on a schedule. Committee will find a way to solve problems and work for an agreeable solution.

- Gary said that he reports were presented and approved. Pat presented her proposed budget for next year. There were suggestions but overall it was accepted.

### **DG Shepherd provided Governors Update**

- Asked that we look at the way these meetings are scheduled. Finance committee going very always impacts the AG meeting. He asked who is responsible for the meetings. We should take this seriously. We do not need to limit time when we only meet twice per year. Sue and Pat will discuss.
  - Bo suggested considering scheduling a District Leadership meeting I the first week of July to start the year of instead of waiting until October. We postpone really getting going until October.
  - Martin shared that other districts meet for a 2 day conference. Just something to think about (3 months before the DGE takes reign and 3 months after).

### **Mary Grace and Gary reviewed the District Leadership Plan (DLP)**

- Martin suggested printing and sending an updated version
- Gary shared that the DLP is presented at PETS
- Pat mentioned that AGs could share as well.

**Action: Bo reference Appendix C RLI \$85 per attendee. Division is only asking \$70. Tom said that is the advance registration fee. Change back to \$70.**

- Jerry said the Appendix D (Youth Protection Policy) should be pointed out to Clubs.
- Tom discussed that as a COG, we cannot approve the DLP, it has to go to the membership

**PDG Porter moved to endorse the updated DLP**

**DG Shepherd seconded**

**Approved**

### **Vocational Awards:**

- Ty is attending a training in Evanston, but sent a message about adding groups to the Vocational Award
- Martin asked that this be on the agenda for the next meeting

**PDG Porter moved that the COG recommend for addition of organization for inclusion in the next RY**

**PDG Greene seconded**

**In favor – NONE**

**Unanimous no**

**Discussion:**

- Dennis does not object, but does have concerns that it will weaken
- Bo said right now we have two opportunities. We have a Rotarian and a non-Rotarian award. He wants to add a third category.
- JG echoed what Dennis was saying. It may be more difficult to award individuals, but does not want to diminish significance. Not in favor of adding organizations
- Jerry said for 2 – 3 years we have not had any. If we do not push and clubs do not participate, it doesn't matter how many we have.
- Dennis said in earlier years this was a very prestigious award.

**DGE Cross provided Strategic Plan Update:**

- Truly enjoyed San Diego International Assembly. It was a wonderful experience.
- Worked with Mike Tate (past AG) to put together a questionnaire to send out to various people in the District (different roles, different ages, etc.). A committee met and discussed feedback. Things have been updated and added. Appendix A, B, and C most changes (Pat, Gary and Sue all worked together to provide for movement one RY to next keeping focus)
- Add a Club assessment – when did pre-PETS went through some of this Designed for Club members and leaders
- District Training Assembly – Tammy Babb on Club Visioning. Has a letter from Greg Yank who does Club Visioning and has offered to come to our District and help Clubs with Club Visioning. This would not cost the District.
- District Assembly will be April 17
- Pre-PETS 41 out of 53 Clubs participated with 12 of 14 AGs attending
- RLI needs to be added to the Calendar (passed out calendar)
- Goal to add 40 graduates to RLI during year
- Pat explained about difference in Grants seminars.
  - April 17 Club Grant recertification – already have and need to update MOU
  - 6/20 6/27 Grant Management Seminar for Clubs that want to apply for Global Grants
  - 6/13 District Club Qualification – Clubs that want to apply for District Grants only and have not applied

- **Tom said the plan is set for 3 year intervals. It is updated each year. He asked Gary and Sue if they agree to the Plan. They confirmed.**

#### **General Discussion:**

- Jerry asked about the Visioning Plan. Pat shared that it is the start for a Strategic Plan. Visioning is where you would like to go and the Strategic Plan is how you will get there.
- Bo said Strategic Planning is a long range look at where you want to go. The Visioning process is another look at how to strategically plan . . . the beginning process.
- Pat reiterated that it is important to know where you want to be.
- JG said that none of this will matter unless we get out and get some new members.
- Pat said that by doing some of these things we will attract new members
- Gary offered a comment that he, Pat and Sue worked as a team providing continuity that will benefit of the Clubs by providing District leadership continuity.
- Pat share Goals handout. Tom asked if they were a stretch in nature. Pat said that these are doable and have been introduced at PETS.
- Tom said the DLP forces to carry to body because of money. Think about how to handle in the future.

**Bo motioned to adjourn**

**Jerry seconded**

**Adjourned**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grace Evans

District Secretary