

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Membership of Rotary District 6860
May 7, 2016

DG Pat Cross called the meeting to order Business Meeting of District 6860 at 10:30 a.m.

PDG Jerry Shepherd provided an overview of the budget for his RY 2014 – 2015.

- First commented on the Rotary Trail very impressive from the standpoint as it has transitioned so many years of leadership and compared it to the transition of Rotary Leadership.
- Financial status at the end of the year is very good
 - Left operating cash
 - Left money market account
 - Left money in the paypal account
 - Left money in the District Grant account
- Copies of the financials were made available
- Goal as DG was to make sure he did not exceed expenses in anything so that we would have transitional cash at the end of the year.
- Jerry Mercer, District Auditor has reviewed the budget and filed the 990 and it is posted
- RI President Ravindran has asked that each DG provide a final financial report at the end of their RY

DGN Sue Mitchell asked for a motion to accept financials for 2014 - 2015

Rotarian Forrest Keith made a motion to accept the financial statement presented by P
DG Shepherd

Rotarian Ronnie Dukes seconded the motion

Motion Passed

DGND Carol Argo, District Foundation Chair presented the Foundation financials

- Handout of 2014- 2015 District Block Grant – Has been completely closed out
 - Bill Harwell, financial reviewer for our District Block Grants. He did a random sampling, all funds were fully accounted for (37 grants) and the account balanced down to penny.
- Handout Listing of individuals Clubs grant awards (Club's spending plan), posted to District Web site (stays up all year long) - provided handout with a listing of title and amount - full description on the web site. Have awarded \$108,070 provided in block grants to Clubs.
- Handout of Current status of DDF and how distributed – have districted \$54,291.15 to Polio Plus from district designated funds (does not include individual club or individuals); \$25,000 allocated for Peace Centers Program; several global grants total of \$194,624.00; returned funds \$4233.31 goes back to general pool of funds (2 clubs not able to complete grants); tagged \$53,339 for

grants that have been submitted, but have decision pending; **actual balance of \$76,433.30**; one more club hopes to get in their grant application for \$

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- Submitted to Rotary Foundation for review

Birmingham Sunrise Club has a project that they hope \$16,000 in DDF

Carry forward \$60,433.30

- Carry forward from one year to the next recommended \$50,000 2014

District Presented Resolutions:

1. To RI President Gary C.K. Huang and first lady Corrina Burton's official representatives, Director-Elect Bradford Howard and his wife Marcia
2. To Conference Chairperson James Leitner
3. To those Rotarians assembled at the conference and all participants
4. To the Accommodations

Rotarian Bo Porter moved that all resolutions were duly adopted as presented by Acclamation

All in favor, no opposed

District Treasurer Alan Hartley provided Annual statement of finances. Financial review documentation was provided.

- June 30 – April 30 – reporting period (10 months)
- Collect monies on one side and payout on the other side (Evanston Trip, PETS, Foundation event, etc.) – goal to break even
- Operate District on dues assessed to each club on a per member basis, have collected \$89,250 thus far this year and we get a small amount from RI for the DG expenses
- Balance sheet consists cash
- Right now we have in cash, \$172,485 in 4 different bank accounts
- \$7,898 allocation received this year from RI and will still owe District about \$3300 - \$3400 before the end of year
- Living within our budget
- YTD \$233,349 collected from all sources and have spent \$193,678
- \$39,671 excess YTD

DGN Pat Cross provided the budget for the 2015/2016 RY- copies were provided

Thank you to Alan and introduce District Treasurer for next year Chuck Adams from the

Greater Huntsville Club. If he is willing, he is on board for the next 3 years for continuity.

Budget reflects expenses from previous year's budget. It was presented to the COG in February and received their recommendation with a couple changes. Some of the numbers are pass-through numbers. Reserves are temporary; some of these numbers will change from time to time. As we close the year, they will change also. On the revenue side there are also pass-through numbers (District Training Assembly, District Conference, Evanston Meeting, Annual Foundation Dinner, etc.).

Annual Foundation Dinner will be hosted this year by the Rotary Club of Birmingham, in Birmingham on November 16. Susan Jackson has arranged for RI President Ravi, who will be speaking.

Income and Expenses are listed and one major change that has affected the budget that we need to discuss and vote on. That is the increase in the cost for PETS. In past years it has been \$195. This coming year, the PETS Committee has voted that this coming year, the cost to send a President Elect will be \$300 (increase of \$105 per club). Dues remain the same. As we approve the budget, we accept that it includes this change.

Jerry clarified the cost that also included money the District was paying. Pat further clarified how the cost is calculated and the District assessed. This year we have tried to clarify all expenses of PETS and make it more accurate.

Rotarian Joe Newberry moved to accept budget

Rotarian seconded the motion John Griscom

Motion passed and budget accepted

Carol Argo, District Rotary Foundation Chair, presented the Grant Information

Carol referred to an email from the District Grant Audit Committee confirming that the close-out for 2013/2014 review is still in process. There is a \$17.99 discrepancy. Bill Harwell is the Chair of the Committee.

Second document is a listing of District Grants awarded for 2014 2015. All monies have been disbursed. Our District chooses to award up front based upon the application and the budget that was submitted to the Grant Committee. Our block grant for this year \$109,483 in addition for District Grants and has all been disbursed. All Clubs' reports are due by June 15. These reports go to David Burch, District Grant Chair.

There were a couple of changes in Clubs that submitted changes in how they wanted to

expend their grant monies this year. A formal request was made to the Rotary Foundation. Both changes were approved.

Available District Designated Funds in our District this year to date, total \$438,668.33

DG Jerry authorized expenditures for transfer of DDF back to \$48,072.27 to Polio Plus Pool and to the Rotary Centers for International Study \$5,000, leaving a balance of \$385,596.06. Block Grant amount for this year \$109,483 2014 2015 deducted, leaving a balance of \$276,113.06.

Three submitted, listed:

Trussville Noon approved for grant – first time

Birmingham – huge grant in Sri Lanka (4 countries involved in this grant)

Tuscaloosa (both Clubs) – in India

Others in process are not listed getting information ready for submission

This leaves a tentative balance of \$149,574.06 (does not include Clubs still in planning stages). If these Clubs get their grants in, the balance to carry over to next year will be about \$9,000.

Available for DDF next year \$221,475.75 (110,737.87 designated for District Block Grant)

Rotarian Greg Jeane shared his Club's Pennies for Polio Program. There are just shy of 8,000 in Vestavia School system. Packets are sent home with each child in the system. Permissions provided by school system, principals and teachers. All the teachers have to do is pass out the packets. This year they raised \$2700.

There was discussion from the District Membership to gain an understanding of items on the report.

To aid in future understanding PRID Mark Maloney suggested a report with all line items making up the current report be included and sent to all Clubs and council of Governors.

PDG Bo Porter also suggested posting 990 on District web Site. District fiancé Chair and PDG John Valieant said it will be done.

DGN Pat Cross presented the results of vote for 2016 Council of Legislation and District Leadership Plan.

1. John Valieant as representative for District 6860. Vote by delegates as follows:
John Valieant-53
Bo Porter – alternate- 23
2. Delegates unanimously (all 76 votes) approved Leadership Plan.

DGE Jerry Shepherd reviewed proposed budget for 2015-2016

PRID Mark Maloney moved budget to be adopted, Ed Stone seconded
District Membership approved 2015-2016 District Budget as proposed.

DG Tom Greene presented the following resolutions:

1. To approve Leadership Plan (resolution stipulation in Rotary District 6860 Policy Manual concerning Policy Manual Changes)
2. To approve 2014 – 2015 District 6860 Budget

Resolutions passed

DGN Pat Cross introduced the 2015 Rotary International Convention to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 7 – 10.

There being no further business to come before the membership, **DG Tom Greene** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved

Mary Grace Evans
District Secretary

Jerry Shepherd
District Governor