

**Rotary District 6860
Winter Leadership Conference
Council of Governors
The Harbert Center, Birmingham, AL
February 26, 2016 3:00**

Minutes of the Council of Governors Meeting:

COG Chair PDG Martin Uptain

Mary Grace Evans, Secretary

Members Present:

PDG Martin Uptain (Chair COG)

DG Pat Cross

PDG John Valieant

PRID Mark Maloney

PDG Scott Stone

DGN Sue Mitchell, PhD

PDG Tom Greene

PDG Bo Porter

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree

PDG Don Hadden

PDG Ron Layne

iPDG Jerry Shepherd

PDG Georgia Medori

DGE Gary Andrew

DGND Carol Argo

Members Absent:

PRIVP Ken Schuppert

PDG Ty Robin

PDG Dennis Brooks

PDG JG Brazil

PDG Byron Nelson

PDG Bill French

PDG Bill Johnson

PDG Phil Fowler

PDG Martin Uptain called the meeting to order at 3:04

PRID Mark Maloney welcomed to new DGND Carol Argo

Minutes were shared.

PRID Mark Maloney made a motion to accept.

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree seconded the motion.

PDG Bo Porter made correction to correct spelling of Estess in minutes

Motion passed with correction.

PDG Martin Uptain called for new business

PDG Martin Uptain congratulated Carol and ask her to provide update.

Report DDF -_DGND Carol Argo provided handouts.

- Reviewed: 2 transfers mad to Polio Plus and 1 transfer to Rotary Center for Int'l Studies
- Actual DDF Balance \$147,272.30
- Uncommitted \$99,772.30 with 3 pending requests. Have committed to Shades Valley and Birmingham Sunrise. Greater Huntsville is still trying to obtain matching funding.
- This will leave estimated amount of \$53,783.30
- \$44,000 commitment to Polio Plus fulfilled

Vocational Award – PDG Uptain stated that 6 applications have been received. Of these 4 were for Rotarian and 2 for Non-Rotarian

Review of nominees for Non-Rotarian: Michael Stephens nominated by Shades Valley Club and Bill Lennon nominated by North Jefferson County Club. By vote, **Michael Stephens was selected.**

Review of nominees for Rotarian: Ted Burns nominated by Bo Porter and Mary Jean Sanspree; John Allen nominated by Madison Club; Diane Davis nominated by Shades Valley Club; Beth Wheeler-Dean nominated by Guntersville Sunrise Club.

PRID Mark Maloney reminded that this is a vocational service award. While some of the nominees are really great people, it is hard to connect with vocational award. This is about how you act in your business and your personal life.

Ted Burns was voted recipient.

PDG Martin Uptain made a suggestion for the Governor to write a letter thanking each of them for being nominated. It will be considered.

Donor Advise Fund Update – DG Pat Cross reminded everyone that last Fall PDG JG Brazil presented information on Alabama Tornado Donor Advised Fund that had been established flowing the tornados of 2011. He had suggested coming up with new name, determine a pur-

pose for the fund, names of those who will serve, group to add funds, etc. DG Cross has contacted RI and has secured donor advised fund account name change request form and the donor advise account advisor change request form. Signatures will be required from 4 original signatures as well as the 4 new names

The recommended name is the “District 6860 Disaster Recovery Donor Advised Fund”.

There is no recommendation for funding and will defer to task force.

- **Al Mathis is currently serving and will remain as Chair of the Committee**
- **Jerry Shepard**
- **Pat Cross**
- **Gary Andrew**
- **Lee Thornton**
- **Lee Weinman**

6 serving on the task force with 4 as signatories (Al, Jerry, Pat and Gary).

PRIG Mark Maloney made a motion to approve to accept DG Pat Cross recommendation

DGE Gary Andrew seconded motion

Motion passed

PDG Tom Greene presented Finance Committee Report

- Looked at District Conference Budget and agreed with DG
- Proposed Budget for DGE Gary Andrews for next year and offered a number of comments to consider.
- Looked at Credit Card use in District. Part of this is PayPal and how we have used with record keeping. With the help of District Treasurer have uncovered and resolved several issues. Created a sub-committee to review credit card option for DG and District leaders and if people can use credit card to pay dues.
- When were reviewed the budget with DGE Gary Andrew. There was discussion about paying for the DGN for travel to RI International Conference. Finance Committee felt proper venue for this discussion is in the COG. It will involve money, but it is a policy. *PDG Mary Jean interjected that she feels that education of leaders is very important. Going to International Convention for the nominee is very important and will help when they go to.* Right now there is an allotment for DG and DGE (amount varies depending on anticipated cost).

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree made motion to send 3 people to convention

PDG Jerry seconded motion

Discussion ensued. Some thoughts shared included:

PDG Tom Greene provided history of change from 3 to 2. Previously we were approaching some very expensive RI Conventions. He agrees that it is important to train, but spending this much out of the budget is about 30% of budget.

PRID Mark Maloney asked, is there a policy on what you can spend it on or is it just open up to budget?

DG pat Cross said that the understanding for her and Gary this year is that if the expenses are more than this amount budgeted then it is out of pocket.

PDG Martin Uptain said that he was one of the ones that did get to go as a nominee. We are the top District in the world and the experience, reward to go is. Let's not think small. He feels we need to step up and is totally in favor of sending our top 3 people to this convention.

PDG Tom Greene said if we do agree to do this it may mean to increase dues or cut something.

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree amended motion to pay just cost of registration fee only for DGN and spouse and they assume the other expenses themselves

PDG Bo Porter clarified is this to be added to DLP and then matter of each DG to include in budget.

**PDG Martin called for a vote
Motion carried.**

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree moved that we adjourn

Adjourned at 4:20.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grace Evans
District Secretary**