

**Rotary District 6860
Fall Leadership Conference
Council of Governors
The Harbert Center, Birmingham, AL
October 21, 2015 2:30**

Minutes of the Council of Governors Meeting:

PDG Tom Greene presiding

Amy Golden, Secretary

Members Present:

DG Gary Andrew

PDG Tom Greene (Chair)

PDG Don Hadden

PDG Scott Stone

DGE Sue Mitchell, PhD

PDG John Valieant

PDG Jerry Shepherd

PDG Wade Drinkard

PDG Pat Cross

PDG Bo Porter

PDG Dennis Brooks

PDG Ty Robin

PDG JG Brazil

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree

PDG Ron Layne

DGN Carol Argo

PDG Georgia Medori

PDG Tom Greene called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes.....Amy Golden

PDG Tom Greene called for a review of the minutes from the COG for the Winter Leadership Meeting.

Minutes were shared.

PDG John Valieant made a motion to accept.

DGE Sue Mitchell seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

2. District Awards 2015-2016.....PDG Pat Cross

PDG Tom Green called on PDG Pat Cross to share results of the District Awards from Zone meeting
Foundation Awards Received:

Annual Fund, Top per Capita, Zone 30

2nd 6860 DG Pat Cross \$154.59

Total Contributions

2nd 6860 DG Pat Cross \$805,425

Polio Contributions

6860 did not rank in the top three in this category

Endowment Fund

2nd 6860 DG Pat Cross \$196,938

Annual Fund

1st 6860 DG Pat Cross \$540,460 out of 12 districts in our Zone

Districts Donating 20% DDF to Polio Plus

6860 donates 20% to DDF for Polio Plus which means DGN Carol Argo will receive \$270,000 DDF during her DG year in three years

We received no membership awards.

DG Pat Cross expressed her appreciation to the COG and the clubs in district 6860 for their dedication and contributions. This is the history of our district started with Gary and Tom both bringing home many awards.

Disappointment was voiced that districts were not recognized for their support of Rotary Center for International Studies. PDG Cross spoke with Glenn Vandiferd after the event and mentioned that it might be a good idea to consider a peace center award in the future, at least the Peace Builders should be recognized. He was receptive to the idea.

PDG Green called on DG Andrew to share any thoughts he had on his experience at the zone meeting.

DG Andrew reported that day one was devoted to peace and peace programs. Speaker, Paul Chappell from Huntsville, did a wonderful job speaking about conflict over 500 years ago and bringing it forward to present day. He spoke about peace related activities and programs in schools instead of competition. He is the author of Peace in the Nuclear Age.

The focus of day two was Polio eradication. Over the past 30 years Rotary has lead the effort which has prevented 13 million cases of polio and prevented 650,000 deaths. From 1000 cases a day 30 years ago to only 27 cases since January 1, 2016.

3. District Leadership Changes.....Gary Andrew

PDG Greene called on DG Andrew to introduce the changes to the District Leadership Plan Most of which were at the direction of Rotary International. The changes include new required financial reporting to RI, the introduction of a Youth Protection program for the Youth Exchange Officer. The details for the Youth Protection Program are in Appendix D of attachment. There are now financial reporting responsibilities for the DG as well. Please see attachment document “Changes to the District Leadership Plan for Review by the Council of Governors.”

The DG financial reporting changes are effective this Rotary year.

These other changes will be presented and voted on in April at the multi-district conference to be held in Chattanooga, TN. If not then, they will be carried over to the District Conference for review and voting. DG Andrew stated that Wade Drinkard will serve as the new International Service Chair discussed on page 23 of the attachment.

On page 50-51 of the attachment the amendment are discussed along with the voting and approval process.

Youth Protection Officer for 6860 are Robert Adler, Chair of Florence, Fred Nunley, Co-Chair of Birmingham and Martin Uptain and his law firm will serve as the Youth Protection officer

4. Vocational Awards.....Tom Greene

PDG Greene shared that the COG votes on this award. He asked if there is a preferred way to do this. There was a committee year before last with PDG Ty Robin as chair. The committee selected the candidates and presented them to the COG. Last year the matter came directly to the COG. PDG Greene prefers a committee handle this process. PDG Cross discussed the pros and cons of placing the process in the DLP. PDG Greene stated that the paperwork for nominees is due January 15, 2017

PDG Greene called for a motion to create a Vocational Award Committee of three members. A motion was made by PDG Rob Lane, PDG Scott Stone seconded the motion. The Motion Passed

Committee members are:

PDG Mary Jane Sanspree, PDG Ty Robin, PDG Ron Lane

PDG Porter nominated Mark Maloney

PDG Lane nominated PDG Sanspree for Chair

5. Foundation Reports.....Tom Greene

PDG Greene stated that PDG Don Hadden has come to discuss the financials for the Foundation.

PDG Hadden stated that he will discuss two reports. The first being the Block Grants. 40 of 45 clubs applied. All money has been distributed. All but nine checks have cleared and he is checking to make sure they were received. PDG Hadden reported that we have \$86,000 in DDF funds for this year. We don't have any applications at this time

We are supporting two scholars one is finishing up at the University of London and the other has a year to go at University of Sydney, Australia. Both are fully funded.

No other global grants have hit at this time. We need to get the clubs to formalize their applications because we have the funds.

The job description of the international service chair and the global grant chair are similar. A group will meet in November prior to the Foundation Luncheon in Huntsville to discuss this concern and make sure everyone is on the same page.

PGN Argo is concerned that DDF is being given to other districts and should be reserved for our district. PDG Sanspre stated we have partnered with other districts in the past. It was an unspoken understanding that the DG has the privilege of gifting another district at least once. PDG Bo Porter clarified that DG and Foundation chair must concur on these donations.

PDG Shepherd stated the major thing is to disseminate info to clubs. It was determined that the year-end balance sheet for 5 years will be placed on the secure section of website for any member of the district to view.

PDG Porter stated that the 990 has been prepared and reviewed and it is ready for signature and submission prior to November 15 deadline. This will be done electronically by chuck

Chuck Adams, Treasurer stated that we are required to select the next zone director and nominate someone for the council of legislation.

DG Andrew reminded the group of the Change the World luncheon at the Westin in Huntsville, Nov 5 at 11:00 am

There will be a College of Governors Dinner Thursday April 20, 2017 in Chattanooga. This dinner will be for all four districts. The conference runs from April 20-22, 2017 Registration is available on Dacdb.

PDG Cross is working on District History.

With no further business PDG Greene adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Golden
District Secretary