

**Rotary District 6860
Winter Leadership Conference
Council of Governors Meeting
October 20, 2017 2:30
Minutes**

PDG Jerry Shepherd, COG Committee Chair
Mary Grace Evans, Secretary

Members Present:

DG Sue Mitchell, PhD
PDG Pat Cross
PDG Gary Andrew
DGE Carol Argo
DGN Bill Petty
PDG Bo Porter
PDG Jerry Shepherd
PDG Don Hadden
RIPN Mark Maloney
PDG Dennis Brooks
PDG Will Kirkpatrick
PDG Wade Drinkard
PDG Ron Layne
PDG Tom Greene
PDG Kenan Kern

Members Absent:

PDG John Valieant
PDG Martin Uptain
PDG Ty Robin
PDG J.G. Brazil
PDG Georgia Madori
PDG Phil Fowler
PDG Byron Nelson
PDG Bill French
PDG Jim Shamblin
PDG Scott Stone
PDG Bill Johnson
PDG Mary Jean Sanspree
PRIVP Ken Schuppert

Guests:

Don Wiginton
Bill Harwell
Beth Kenan

Chair Shepherd called the meeting to order and asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves.

PDG Bo Porter, Chair of Foundation Dinner shared it will be our honor to have RI President Elect Riseley will be speaker at Foundation Dinner. We are very proud to have our own Mark Maloney, RI President Nominee. For just a small District, this is very significant. We want to have a great attendance.

District Secretary Evans reviewed the highlights of the COG 2017 Winter Meeting.

**Motion PDG Tom Greene moved to approve minutes as written
PDG Cross Second
Accepted**

Finance Committee Chair Cross reported for the Finance Committee

- accepted all financials for PDG Andrew's year

- are yet to be reviewed by the Auditor and PDG Andrew will let Finance Committee know when that occurs so that the 990 can be sent in
- reviewed expenditures for DG Mitchell and feel she is right on track

PDG Porter asked that the 990 will be filed by November 15. PDG Andrew confirmed that it will.

Foundation Report (handout provided)

Don Wiginton, Foundation Chair provided

- \$130,000 DDF last year with \$167,544 available
- 11 ongoing global grants
- Some clubs considering another global grant, but no applications to date
- 50 District Grants – block grant was approved in August, money to Clubs in early September
- PDG Wade Drinkard has been keeping up with Clubs that have qualified that have not applied. Do not have the money to make a special contribution to the Annual Fund and do not want to go out and raise the money at this point

Discussion:

Chair Shepherd ask for clarification for on Global Grant - there is a finite time.

Wiginton said no. You can apply for a global grant at any time. **PDG Porter** asked if we have any pending grants that will impact the \$167,544. Wiginton said that there are no pending grants at this time. **DG Mitchell** said that Greater Huntsville and Birmingham will probably impact that money and possibly Shades Valley.

DGE Argo said that there is an email notification of an approved grant from Puna India that no one is aware of. Wiginton has not yet had a chance to look into this one. **DG Mitchell** and **PDG Andrew** have not approved. **Wiginton** will research.

PDG Greene Tom shared that it was discussed in the Finance Committee that every Club President needs to be asked of their intent.

ACTION Item:

Wiginton said he will send out a pmail to the Club Presidents.

PDG Porter asked: we had a district grant of \$126,078 which is half of the \$247,120 plus the \$ 5705. Did not know that the endowment funds share earnings support district grants. PDE said there are some endowment earnings that go into the District Grants because the number is never exact. Argo said this is always added to the 50%.

- District funding to Carolyn Nolan - she has completed and returned to states. (District Grant funded out of the endowment)
- Gabriel Jenkins is finished (this summer) and is getting a job in Chicago.

Motion PDG Porter moved to accept report

DG Mitchell second

Accepted by acclamation

RIPN Maloney thanked for the donation of \$25,000 to the Peace Foundation to be a Peach Builder District. Appreciate our District to be an at large District. Thrilled that we have volunteered to do this. We need to be looking at people not just with Universities, but a lot of candidates are not part of academia (i.e. police officers). Think in a methodical way to see what kinds of candidates can there be. Maybe we should have a sub-committee of the grants committee to analyze who/what sorts of people

should be candidates and locate them. In the last 3 years there are enough quality candidates. If we are going to be part for the program, it would be good to submit candidates.

DG Mitchell shared that she visited with Birmingham Club - Peace District. Birmingham wants to become a Peace Club. One of the goals for us this year is to have a nominee. We have Rachael Buchanan who has been presented to us by Birmingham Southern College recommending her to be a nominee. Mitchell shared some of the content of her resume. Hopefully we have a viable candidate.

PDG Kern shared that he was the RRF for Zone 33-34 and after 2nd year was to serve as Peace Center Advocate. It was a 2 year assignment speaking about where to look for these people and how to work through process. It is important to educate.

RIPN Maloney asked **DGN Petty** to consider continuing to being a Peace Builder during his year.

DG Mitchell provided update on dues increase - passed dues increase which included \$1 go to Relief Fund. We are collecting this money which will be about \$3400 that will be sent to RI with the other \$900 to ideally raise \$10,000 to have money to help. On our way to having \$4000

DG Mitchell - DG Update

- Successful transfer of Treasurer from Chuck Adams to Ronnie Smallwood. Hoping he will agree to serve more than 1 year.
- Have received DG Allocation of just under \$14,000 (100% allocation received)
- There is a sub-Committee that will govern (PDG Pat Cross, Ronnie Smallwood, PDG Tom Greene, DG Sue Mitchell)
- 39 Clubs visited
- Have given \$50,000 to polio plus out of DDF and \$25,000 to Peace Center
- Enjoying visiting the state, pleasure and honor

2018 Zone 30/31 Institute - PDG Cross

- Montgomery on October 10 - 14 - Dream Rotary's Future
- Greatly encouraging PDG and Rotarians attend
- Possibly a Friday youth activities - Youth Summit for Rotaract
- AG session possibly on Friday
- Friday Club luncheon at noon - hoping to have large attendance
- Special event planned for Friday evening
- Pat's role is regional engagement - raising money and encouraging Rotarian participation
- Our District has been asked to contribute \$10,000 to support the Institute
- Us, South Alabama and Middle Mississippi will be sponsors
- Andrew Young will be one of the sponsors
- RIPN Mark Maloney has asked to be the Representative at the Institute

PDG Porter heard they want \$10,000 and he asked if it could be corporate support in lieu of District.

PDG Cross clarified that it is really in addition to not instead of. We might go into the reserve for Sue's Year to meet the deadline and hopefully, Sue will have the money to add back to reserve. Carol will budget for next year. Due to timeline we will pull from reserve.

Chair Shepherd reminded COG this should be determined in Finance Committee and it was.

DG Mitchell - Multi-District Conference June 7 - 10, 2018 (2 weeks before International Conference)

- Biloxi Miss at the Beau Rivage Casino and Resort (whole second floor reserved)
- Multi District includes Districts 6860, 6830, 6840 and 6880
- 8 general sessions
- **RIPN Mark Maloney** will be a keynote speaker (first official acceptance of an invitation)
- Erin Brokovich will be a keynote speaker - about clean water
- Go to web site and see all that is planned
- Can go on Facebook and see video
- Food fest on Friday Night
- There will be a Governors dinner on Thursday
- Saturday is the big day
- Jazz Brunch on Sunday

Chair Shepherd asked **RIPN Maloney** if he found anything we should be aware of in the Council of Resolutions taking place now October 15 - November 1. Maloney has not fully reviewed. Mary Jean has some concerns - one is adding a 5th to the 4 Way test. Maloney shared that all of these are resolutions and are formal requests for the Board to take action. Even if something is adopted in COR passes it still has to be approved by the Board.

PDG Porter said that Mary Jean has asked the group that if you have any input or comments let her know before she votes.

PDG Andrew District in the Zone with 26 other Districts won some awards

- 3rd place in endowment fund giving
- 2nd place in polio contributions and annual fund contributions
- 1st place in total contributions \$1,252,136

PDG Andrew has sent out the DLP with the changes.

PDG Greene said Andrew has Council of Legislation and see what needs to be changed

Chair Shepherd made motion to adjourn **DGN Petty** second
Adjourned 4:04

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grace Evans