

**Rotary District 6860
Winter Leadership Conference
Council of Governors Meeting
February 16, 2018 2:30
Minutes**

PDG Jerry Shepherd, COG Committee Chair

Mary Grace Evans, Secretary

Members Present:

PDG Jerry Shepherd
DG Sue Mitchell, PhD
DGE Carol Argo
PDG Pat Cross
PDG Gary Andrew
DGN Bill Petty
PDG Bo Porter
PDG Wade Drinkard
PDG Ron Layne
PDG Tom Greene
PDG Kenan Kern
PDG Will Kirkpatrick
PDG John Valieant
PDG Martin Uptain
PDG Ty Robin
PDG J.G. Brazil
PDG Mary Jean Sanspree
DGND Lee Weinman

Members Absent:

PDG Don Hadden
RIPN Mark Maloney
PDG Dennis Brooks
PDG Georgia Madori
PDG Phil Fowler
PDG Scott Stone
PRIVP Ken Schuppert
PDG Byron Nelson
PDG Bill French
PDG Jim Shamblin
PDG Bill Johnson

Guests:

Don Wiginton
Beth Kenan
Susan Jackson

Chair Shepherd called the meeting to order at 2:30 and asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves.

DG Sue Mitchell shared that Ashley Lindley who was part of the training team last year and is from the Madison Club has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. There is a card for everyone to sign.

Minutes were distributed.

Correction on Bill Petty designation. Correction is DGN.

Motion: PDG Greene moved to accept minutes as modified.

PDG Valieant seconded motion.

Minutes approved as modified.

PDG Cross provided update from the Finance Committee

- Presented the 990 (approved)
- Presented final financials from PDG Andrew year (approved)
- PDG Valieant will post the 990 on the non-public side of the District web site
 - **PDG Valieant** asked if it needs to be on the public since it is a public document
 - **PDG Porter** continued, 501(c) 3 is required according to be public access, but not sure about 501(c)4
 - Posted in secure file in the past

Action: PDG Valieant will find out if it need to be public or private and post accordingly

- DG Mitchell gave a report of her financials from July 1 – end of January her report as well as and her budget for District Conference
- DGE Argo presented her budget for next year and it was approved/accepted
- Discussion about Zone Institute 30/31 in Montgomery October 11 – 14. Our District has been asked to provide \$10,000 in support as a neighboring District to event site. It was approved for \$5000 to come out of reserve this year and \$5000 again after July 1 for next year to cover this cost.
- Don Wiginton presented Foundation reports
- Introduced Lee Weinman as DGND
- Comparison of budget was asked for last 2 years. It was reviewed.
- The Zone Institute Friday luncheon speaker is Mark Maloney. Hoping to have at least 100 people from our District go and at least attend this luncheon to show our support.
- We were informed that the Accountant that has done financials for the past 3 years is no longer available. DG Mitchell is working on this and will possibly coordinate with DGE Argo to identify one to complete the 990 for this year.

PDG Sanspre discussed breakdown of Council on Legislation. You can go to Council on Legislation web page and see how it was sent to the Board and what was adopted by Council on Legislation. It shows approvals.

PDG Wade Drinkard is Parliamentarian so he will be going from our District.

Don Wiginton provided Foundation Report. District Block Grant last year audited good Caroline Nolan grant was audited and was good. We currently have \$155,544 available DDF and we need vessel to spend. We have interest from 3 - 4 clubs but have not submitted.

DG Mitchell clarified that there is really only about \$150,000 available because \$5000 will go to water and sanitation memorial grant on honor of Sam Owori.

PDG Bo Porter asked who is administering. Mitchell answered Sandra Hempstead in Florida (they have been in contact). This is not a Heart of America grant.

DG Mitchell went on to share that \$2500 would also be going to the John and Judy Germ Cleft Pallet Grant that is Heart of America.

Discussion ensued by group of Clubs that are working on grants and the need to use the money we have to do good in the world.

PDG Valieant coordinated Vocational Awards Nominees

- 1 non Rotarian and 3 Rotarian nominees (all were lengthy)
- Sent all nominations to all PDG and asked to review
- PDG Greene, PDG Cross and Susan Jackson presented the nominees.
 - **Non Rotarian**
 - **PDG Greene** presented Stephanie Newland as candidate for non-Rotarian who is presented on behalf of the Florence Club and PDG Greene.

Motion: PDG Bo Porter made motion to approve her for the Non-Rotarian Vocational Award.

PDG Cross seconded motion.

Approved.

- **Rotarian**
 - **PDG Cross** presented Kristen McBride, a member of the Madison Club. Cross was presented McBride on behalf of the Madison Club and PDG Cross for the Rotarian Vocational Award.
 - **PDG Greene** presented Jim Blasingame, a member of the Shoals Club. Greene presented Blasingame on behalf of the Florence and the Shoals Clubs for the Rotarian Vocational Award.
 - **Susan Jackson** presented Dr. Ed Partridge, a member of the Birmingham Club. Jackson presented Partridge on behalf of the Birmingham Club for the Rotarian Vocational Award.

Vote by Voice Dr. Partridge was selected as the Rotarian Vocational Award.

PDG Brazil suggested awarding at his own Club.

Action: DG Mitchell concurred and will include Non-Rotarian award at same meeting. She will speak/coordinate with Susan Jackson and PDG will coordinate Stephanie Newland to attend.

Action: PDG Robin will take care of ordering the plaques (Non-Rotarian and Rotarian). They will cost about \$150.

PDG Andrew shared information about a program in Florence, Scholars for Dollars. It provides money to attend community college or UNA to train for technical jobs. There are thousands of jobs coming to our District. Asking our Clubs take a lead working with companies and students. Gary would be glad to come and talk to a Club or Board of Directors about this program. This is at the Club level, not District. Harold Lewis, AG in Florence, has helped PDG Andrew put this paper together.

PDG Porter said his Club has established a foundation in the past few years. They want to support at the 25,000 - 50,000 in vocational training for students. They are in process right now to develop a process.

PDG Shepherd said Alabama Department of Labor have been working on these types of programs.

DG Mitchell said PDG Andrew has been invited to lead a breakout session on this program at the District Conference.

PDG Sanspre and PDG Uptain discussed an idea. Interact Programs are at risk. High schools have block systems - having difficulty because of having to meet early or late because they cannot break up the sessions. Interact Clubs may or may not be able to meet. There is not enough time for meeting with other activities. They are at a loss of what to do. There about 30 chartered clubs. Please share ideas.

Adjourn 3:55

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grace Evans