

**Rotary District 6860
Fall Leadership Conference
Council of Governors Meeting
October 19, 2018 2:45
Minutes**

PDG Pat Cross, COG Committee Chair

Mary Grace Evans, Secretary

Members Present:

PDG Pat Cross
PDG Don Hadden
DG Argo
PDG Georgia Medori
PDG Gary Andrew
PDG Mary Jean Sanspree
PDG Will Kirkpatrick
PDG Bo Porter
PDG Wade Drinkard
DGN Lee Weinman

Members Absent:

RIPE Mark Maloney
PRIVP Ken Schuppert
PDG Dennis Brooks
PDG Mitchell, PhD
PDG Phil Fowler
PDG Scott Stone
DGE Bill Petty
PDG Ron Layne
PDG Byron Nelson
PDG Tom Greene
PDG Bill French
PDG Bill Johnson
PDG Kenan Kern
PDG John Valieant
PDG Martin Uptain
PDG Ty Robin
PDG J.G. Brazil
PDG Dale Wallace
PDG Jerry Shepherd

Chair Cross called the meeting to order at 2:55 and asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves.

MOTION: PDG Porter moved to accept the agenda.

PDG Medori seconded motion.

Agenda accepted.

MOTION: PDG Sanspree moved that minutes be accepted.

PDG Medori seconded motion.

Minutes accepted and approved.

Finance Committee Update: PDG Andrew, Finance Committee Chair

- Approved reports submitted from PDG Mitchell
- Reviewed current set of reports for DG Argo (Ronnie Smallwood assisted)
- Reviewed pilot program where DG receives whole amount from RI
- PDG Wade Drinkard gave report of DDF and remaining amounts of money \$118,400

PDG Porter asked that we discuss delinquent clubs and come up with a standard District policy. Andrew shared that we named a sub-committee consisting of Ronnie Dukes, PDG Porter, Danny Cooner and Gary Andrew to come up with a standard policy.

PDG Porter shared the research from RI indicates that RI will support District for per capita delinquency (does not include District assessed amounts). 2 Clubs have not paid RI dues Lawrence County and Haleyville and stand to be terminated.

DG Argo said we are not sure where we are with the 990 and DG Argo and PDG Porter will follow up with auditor (must be done by November 15 to void \$10,000 fee).

PDG Porter added that at this point in time we are in great shape. Great shape coming in from last year from PDG Mitchell's year surplus of more than \$33,000 to go into reserves (due mostly from increase in dues). This exceeds budgeted amount of \$8000.

Foundation Reports: PDG Wade Drinkard

Annual Fund Polio below where we were at this time last year. DG Argo and Drinkard have been in discussion and feel we will be okay by the end of the year.

Grant money DDF 2018- 2019 is \$267,785

\$153,044 carried over from past RY

\$5,397 transferred from the permanent fund

\$5,201 returned funds

\$431,428.71 total DDF available for this year

Deduct \$232,028 DDF that has already been transferred to projects that were in the pipeline from previous year.

Leaves 199,400 in the bank

Deduct 81,000 committed or tagged money has been approved but has not been transferred

\$118,400.71 in the bank uncommitted and untangled available

Out of this 2 clubs have global grants that they have submitted.

DG Argo and Drinkard will be meeting in the next 2 weeks to work on these requests.

We have paid our polio and Peace Scholar commitments.

ACTION: PDG Cross asked PDG Drinkard to provide a copy of the details of this report for the COG to see for the next meeting

Drinkard continued with **changes to Appendix E of the District Leadership Plan**

DG Argo, DGE Petty, DGN Weinman and PDG Tom Greene discussed these changes and are in agreement.

- Under "old" policy, if a club wanted DDF they needed to be prepared to make a like contribution to the District Annual Fund. **This requirement has been removed**

- Previously DDF was awarded dollar for dollar. With the revision to Appendix E (wording located under Grant Funding and Allocation Policy/Global Grants/2nd paragraph/ 2nd sentence)

District 6860 will match club cash contributions 25 cents to the dollar with DDF contingent upon availability of DDF and upon approval by the program year District Governor.

Following is a chart showing how this will work for a Club requesting a grant from \$30,000 – \$188,500. This will work to the advantage of the Club, this process is very similar to District 6780 Eastern District. It will open up the opportunity for Global Grants to Clubs that cannot come up with match. It has removed this barrier and think will work better.

Additionally, a few tweaks here (primarily with wording) and provided some flexibility to talk to clubs if they do not fit chart. Gave DG and DRFC a little more flexibility to work with Clubs that want to do something outside of the format formula. Clubs are not limited to 1 global grant any longer. It is not automatic but can come and talk to DRFC or DG.

PDG Porter expressed that he totally supports but does have concern that Shades Valley, who has traditionally been a very strong supporter of Rotary Foundation. If you look at all time giving report, Shades Valley would be way up there. Have never asked for a Global Grant because they were never in a position to properly utilize one, but have never quit giving money to the Foundation. It used to be that you applied for a Global grant and it would be evaluated, if it was warranted and there was DDF, it would be granted. Then we moved to where you had to match which he did not think was fair. We are moving in the right direction; however, now they are now penalized because they did not ask when the rules were different. This very progressive and does agree. Just wanted to vocalize. There is nothing in the formula that recognizes past giving.

DG Argo said that the only grants that she has worked with have been the dollar to dollar match. Other giving Clubs also met the dollar to dollar requirement. There is a sentence that was added providing the DG the ability to grant additional DDF contingent upon availability of DDF.

PDG Cross does not object, but wanted to ask if we think it will impact annual giving.

PDG Drinkard said that they discussed this and do not think it will, but do not know.

DG Argo said that it may, but we will not know for sure until it happens.

PDG Drinkard once we disseminate this information, we may have a flood of Global International grants. This would be a good problem to have. We hope will be beneficial.

DG Argo said that when we award DDF it needs to be ready to go and funded. This is not for Clubs at the talking stage. This is not fair to other clubs.

PDG Drinkard said we have had an unfortunate situation come up. Ron Brown has been helping with District Grants for a number of years. He has resigned halfway through the year. We now

have put together new team. Have added 2 people from the Tuscaloosa Club. Will be doing training with them to move forward.

PDG Medori asked about computer access and the account. DG Argo has changed Computer access and DG Argo, PDG Drinkard and PDG Medori will discuss offline.

District Governors Update: DG Carol Argo

Membership:

At Zone meeting RIPE Mark Maloney asked to meet with DG Argo and DGE Petty about membership growth. He anticipates our District to excel in membership growth. He wants a focused plan, especially with development of new clubs and Rotaract Clubs.

DG Argo already has a *Get Your Ask in Gear* Incentive to grow membership. Competition from September 15 to January 15. The Club that has the highest number of new members inducted and the Club that has highest percentage of new members inducted during this time will receive a \$250 cash award.

We have 51 clubs. At the end of last year the Goldwater Club deleted all their members at the end of the year. RI contacted DG Argo and said there was a Club with no members. They had 9 members and all worked for the same employer. They do need to write a letter to RI to formally terminate the Club.

DG Argo and DGE Petty are working on a plan. Several Clubs are working on a Satellite Club.

Need to focus on where we have potential members that will thrive.

PDG Cross shared that November 9, Madison will introduce the concept of a Satellite Club to its members.

Mid-Year Conference:

This is the first time we are doing a mid-year conference. It will be two days, Feb. 1 and 2 in Gardendale.

Friday - parallel training: RLI part 3; Finance Committee and COG; AGs will meet; DGE Petty for pre-PETS; District Grant Reporting Workshop (tentative); and Rotaractors may have a meeting/summit that afternoon. Social and then Dinner that evening at STIX.

Saturday - (probably start at 9:00)

Membership – PDG Cross

PDG Chuck Barnett - Public Image (will also be working with PE's ad AG's teaching DACdb and Rotary Club Central.

Wants to do something specifically on Youth Services - RYLA Update; Rotaract and Interact updates

District Updates – Service Projects: Huntsville Club will talk about STRIVE (mentoring) Program; North Jefferson will talk about a project in Haiti; DG Sam Adams from South Alabama will talk about state wide stock market financial literacy exercise that we partner with them on.

Update on RLI

Update on Joint District Conference - April 26 - 28 in Birmingham at Marriott on 280 with South Alabama

DG Argo shared on behalf of DGE Bill Petty - He wants to take District Org. Chart and to streamline chart. Some things are in name only where people do not really do anything.

DG Argo said that DLP on District Web site is current.

2018 Zone 30/31 Institute Report: PDG Bo Porter

Great time and very inspirational activities

Those present for Friday Luncheon – Lori Moler, Martin Uptain, Ron and Ann Layne, Denis Devane , Susan Jackson, Phillippe Lathrop, Judy Crittenden, Jenny Juceviciute, and Michael Stone. Staying most of the Institute, Bess and John Valieant, Dennis Sanders, Mike Wade, Mary Grace Evans, Counts Drinkard, Wade Drinkard, Don Wiginton, Barbara and Bo Porter, Sue Mitchell, Mary Jean Sanspree, Pat and Roger Cross, Georgia Medora, Birmingham Rotaract (registered 7), Wallace State Rotaract (registered 5), Carol Argo, Bill and Mary Lou Petty, Lee and Sharon Weinman.

Set- up on Tuesday.

Wednesday – DGE and DGN began training with programs during the day and throughout the evening

Thursday – PDG Porter and PDG Sanspree go through Council on Legislation Training; opening of Institute with panel discussion (RI General Secretary John Hewko, RIPE Mark Maloney, Birmingham Rotaract President Michael Stone, PRIVP Ken Schuppert) where 5 year forecast was presented

Opening Session – comments by current Director Greg Yank

Followed by Low Counrty Boil

Friday –

General Session – John Hewko spoke on the state of Rotary, membership and issues

Panel Discussion on Rotary Leadership (Michael Stone, and a number of others)

Presentation Council on Legislation

Lunch – Keynote RIPE Mark Maloney

Women in Rotary – First Lady Gay Maloney

Power of Dreams banquet – Andrew Young

Emerging Leaders Program – 3 from District (Mary Grace Evans, Counts Drinkard and Mike Wade)

Wynona and the Big Noise - Polio Plus money raised at the Concert and counting proceeds from the tickets and donations that night \$55,000 + 55,000 (matched by a generous donor) = \$110, 000 and matched by Bill Gates \$330,000 raised!

Saturday –

Major Donor Breakfast (invitation only)

Middy Chang presentation – Adapt to Survive! Embrace Change to Thrive! Build a Yes . . .And attitude!

Trustee Luncheon

Service Opportunities

Banquet on Saturday Night
Sunday Morning –
Traditional Memorial Service

Foundation Giving Recognition:

Recognized Annual Fund Per Capita 3rd place with \$138.91
Polio Contributions – did not place in op 3
Endowment Fund 3rd place \$176,900
Annual Fund 2nd place \$476,858
1 of 12 Districts that gave 20% DDF to Polio
Total Contributions 1st Place (not only in our Zone, but in both Zones) \$1,083,067

PDG Cross has asked (not for the first time) that Peace Builder Districts be recognized. She will continue to ask.

Only 2 Districts in our 2 zones that had membership growth (6760 and 6780 both in Tennessee)

Council on Legislation Report: PDG Mary Jean Sanspree

PDG Kirkpatrick shared a program from previous District Conference (District 7390 program) introduced from 4 Way Test speech contest presented at District Conference 10, 11 and 12 grade students in High Schools.

Essays for middle school

District 7390 can link to speakers and essays

PDG Mary Jean Council on Legislation Training (PDG Porter and PDG Drinkard also attended) 2016 COL and Council on Resolution were separated. It is the same people, but different times to vote.

There are 55 resolutions for this year and will send out the like this weekend (5 from US Clubs and 1 presented from US/Canada). There are only 2 that are requesting the RI Board do some kind of legislation to come back to Council on Legislation that will be on the , the rest are just recommendations. Council on Legislation trained on how to vote.

RIPE Mark Maloney presented 7 legislation items that the Board wanted the Council to consider. They will be in the 217 legislation actions coming through.

1. Reduce number of representatives by 50% and pair with different Club (PDG Porter and Sanspree would be paired with a different District within Zone, but would still represent District on Council on Resolution, but 1 designated to 1 District actually go to the meeting on Council on Resolution to reduce number of reps going to the meeting to be funded).
2. Change COL to be every 2 years
3. Legislation would be screened earlier and vote earlier
4. Low end vote would be screened out earlier
5. Rotaract Clubs could become Rotary Clubs (especially International)
6. Constitution be amended every 30 years
7. Constitution be amended and revised to reduce size and remove redundancy

Vocational Service Award: PDG Cross

(Handouts) Started in 2008 – Annual award given out each year

Award for Rotarian and Non-Rotarian who has provided vocational service significantly beyond the territory of a Club (information is on web site)

February 2 we will have nominations in house and will make the decision. Information must be submitted to PDG Cross by January 15

ACTION: DG Argo will put information in the District Newsletter and will be on the District Web site

Adjourn 3:55

**Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grace Evans**