

**Rotary District 6860 Final Meeting to be Followed by DG Line Installation**  
**Conducted Via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**June 25, 2020**  
**Slide Presentation Provided (additional details)**

**District Governor Bill Petty** called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM welcoming everyone to the District 6860 Final Meeting. Petty presented the Agenda for the meeting and provided general information.

**Agenda**

- **Voting –**
  - **2018-2019 Financial Review**
  - **Retaining Ronnie Smallwood as Treasurer**
- **Reports – Foundation, Membership, Public Image**
- **Awards – RI Service Above Self, Vocational Awards, Tom Milford Service Above Self, and Outstanding Leadership Awards**
- **Reminders –**
  - **Boiling n Bragging**
  - **International Peace Conference**

**2018 – 2019 Financial Review – DG Petty**

- All Presidents were sent financial review for RY 2018 – 2019 (PDG Carol Argo RY) and asked for any questions or comments to be sent to PDG Carol Argo. Carol has had no response concerning this review. In lieu of asking for votes to approve, Petty asked for any opposed from the group attending meeting. No opposition expressed. **2018 -2019 Financial Review Approved.**
- Ronnie Smallwood has been serving as District Treasurer for 3 years (term has expired). DGE Weinman has asked Smallwood to stay on for an additional year. District 6860 is in a pilot program concerning the way finances are reported back to RI. The pilot program has been extended for 1 year and Weinman does not see a benefit to changing Treasurers in the middle of a pilot program. The District is also changing the way we are reviewing the books. A reviewing committee will be performing the review that has previously been performed by an auditor. Weinman wants to keep Smallwood on through both of these transitions. DG Petty asked for objections to this request. No objections were expressed. **Approved for Ronnie Smallwood to continue serving (4<sup>th</sup> term) as District Treasurer.**

## **Foundation Report – PDG Wade Drinkard**

Started year:

\$212,800.74 50% of Annual Share Fund Contributions from 2016 – 2017

\$5,419.03 50% of Available endowment Fund Share Earnings

\$160,413.63 Carry Forward from 2018 – 2019

**\$378,633.40 Starting Total**

(\$52,560) Contributed (3 pools) to Polio Plus

(\$25,000) Contributed to Rotary Center for International Studies

(\$124,403) District Block Grant

(\$80,625) District Grants (6 total)

\$8,480.35 Returned Funds from grant that was cancelled

(\$70,000) Tagged for Birmingham Sri Lanka

(\$14,120) Pending Grant

**\$20,405.75 Unallocated DDF Balance (will roll over to 2020-2021 year)**

Expressed thanks to Ryan Stallings, District Global Grants Chair and Kathy Brunot, /District Grant Chair

**District Financial Assessment Report 2018 – 2019** required for District Block Grants (run year behind) – Committee spent great amount of time preparing report. As reported by the committee: During our assessment, nothing came to our attention that would indicate that the District 6860 Grant records and procedures are not in accordance with the Rotary Foundation District Qualification Memorandum of Understanding requirements.

### Committee:

Bill Ross, Shades Valley, Chair

Chuck Adams, Greater Huntsville

Doug Crump, Tuscaloosa Morning

## **Membership Report – Lori Moler**

- Started with 50 Clubs ended with 48
- Started with 3,282 Members and won to 3,232 Members
- Net loss of 50 Members YTD

- 18 Clubs increase membership (Madison highest with 7 followed with Homewood and Decatur with 6 each)
- 17 Clubs decreased membership
- 13 Clubs remained neutral
- 90.93% Retention Rate – top of all of the Districts in the Zone

#### Personal Goals of Membership Chair

- Goal to visit 24 Clubs and was only able to make it to 8. Several were cancelled due to COVID
- Diligent on working Rotary membership leads
  - 40 prospects to Clubs
  - Goal for next year to close the loop making sure Clubs contact these prospects
  - Contributed 12 monthly membership tips (DDG Petty newsletter)
  - Planned to go to Zone Membership Training (was supposed to take place at PETs) and will next year
  - Birmingham-area Rotary Clubs planned last year at PETs to come together and collaborate – had first area meeting on February 27
    - President of Birmingham Sunrise Club spearheaded raising \$7500 for the Community Food Bank to replace a broken forklift

#### **Public Image Report – Al Mathis**

- People of Action – Public Image has been great with Rotary emphasis
- Emphasis for all Clubs to have Public Image Chairs
- Grow Rotary is number one goal
- People Telling their Stories
- Brand Center has been a great part of Public Image Campaign and has helped Clubs to look more professional
- Shared a poem that his grandfather wrote – Little Chap that Follows Me – reminds us all that the people that are following us are the people that we need to be sharing Rotary with and making a difference in their life as well

#### **Awards – DG Bill Petty (physical awards will be presented when Clubs start meeting in person)**

- Pat Cross – RI Service Above Self Award (presented virtually at her club meeting)
- Susan Jackson – Tom Milford Service Above Self Award (presented today at Birmingham Club meeting)
- Ronnie Dukes – Vocational Award for a Rotarian (presented last month at Virtual District meeting)

- Barbara Porter – Vocational Award for a non-Rotarian (presented last month at Virtual District meeting)
- Lori Moler - Outstanding Leadership Award announced and presented this evening by DG Petty
- PDG Wade Drinkard – Outstanding Leadership Award announced and presented this evening by DG Petty

#### **Reminders – DG Bill Petty**

- Boiling n Bragging – will not be having, but will be doing something virtually and some other things – more to come
- Rotary International Peace Conference – started by Birmingham Club and will be sponsored by the District moved from May 2021 to May 2023
- Rotary International Conference June 12 – 16 in Taiwan
- Birmingham first Zoom Club meeting had (375 people)
- 2 Clubs had 100 years of membership this year – Bessemer and Greater Shoals/Sheffield

#### **DG Petty adjourned business meeting at 6:22 PM**

#### **DG Line Virtual Installation Ceremony**

**PDG Bo Porter** provided charge for incoming offices

**PDG Bill Petty**

**DGN Mike Wade**

**DGE Harold Lewis**

**DG Lee Weinman**

**RI President Mark Maloney** administered installation of office to **DG Weinman (2020 – 2021)**, **DGE Lewis (2021 – 2022)**, and **DGN Wade (2022 – 2023)** and provided comments.

Newly installed **DGN Wade** and **DGE Lewis**. **DG Weinman** reflected on past year and shared plans for upcoming year. **DG Weinman** expressed gratitude to several individuals that have helped him along this path (RI President Mark Maloney, PDG Mary Jean Sanspree, PDG Bo Porter, PDG Martin Uptain, late Tom Milford and his wife Sharon).

**Final comments by RI President Mark Maloney** with one especially important message as Clubs are having meeting virtually. Emphasized that the number one service that we can perform now is member engagement. We need to be taking care of our fellow Rotarians. The clubs that are meeting virtually, congratulations. When these Clubs meet and you look at the participant list, the most important names are the names that are not on the list rather than that names that are on the list. Extend the hand of Rotary to those Rotarians (they are missed and are valuable to the Club). They may need the assistance of their fellow Rotarians. We need to carry our Rotarians through this crisis and into the future. Paul Harris did not found the Rotary Club of Chicago to be a service organization. He founded it to be a networking organization. We have

an opportunity to go back to the very roots of Rotary and make sure we are assisting our fellow Rotarians through these difficult times. We have a lot to look forward to - *Rotary Opens Opportunities* – theme for 2020 – 2021 – under the leadership of the first RI President from Germany Holger Knaak.

Several attendees shared comments expressing gratitude and encouragement. Newly installed DG Weinman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Grace Evans  
District Secretary