

**Rotary District 6860
Mid Year Council of Governors Meeting
January 31, 2020 3:00
MINUTES**

Jerry Shepherd, COG Committee Chair

Mary Grace Evans, Secretary

Members Present:

PDG Jerry Shepherd
PRIVP Ken Schuppert
DG Bill Petty
PDG Sue Mitchell, PhD
PDG Pat Cross
PDG J.G. Brazil
PDG John Valieant
PDG Ron Layne
PDG Will Kirkpatrick
PDG Georgia Medori
PDG Wade Drinkard
DGE Lee Weinman
DGN Harold Lewis
PDG Mary Jean Sanspree
PDG Carol Argo
PDG Ty Robin
DGND Mike Wade

Members Absent:

PDG Scott Stone
PDG Gary Andrew
RIP Mark Maloney
PDG Tom Greene
PDG Phil Fowler
PDG Bo Porter
PDG Bill Johnson
PDG Byron Nelson
PDG Martin Uptain
PDG Bill French
PDG Kenan Kern
PDG Dale Wallace
PDG Jane Schmalz
PDG Don Hadden

Chair Shepherd called the meeting to order at 3:00.

PDG Shepherd explained that PDG Andrew had to step down as Chair of the COG for health reasons and he agreed to step into the position. Shepherd called for round table introductions. Congratulations to Mike Wade, DGND.

MOTION:

PDG Sanspree made a motion to accept the agenda.

PDG Mitchell second.

Agenda approved.

MOTION:

**PDG Sanspree moved that minutes be accepted.
PDG Layne second motion.
Minutes accepted and approved.**

District Governor Nominating Committee: PDG Carol Argo

The District Nominating Committee met on January 10 to select a Vice Governor for next year as well as identify a DGND. PDG Argo was put forward for the Vice Governor by DGE Lee Weinman and she was voted to serve in this capacity. There were 2 Candidates for consideration and Mike Wade from the Rotary Club of Shades Valley was selected as DGND for RY 2022-2023.

PDG Cross commented from the minutes last year, the DGE and District Secretary were dismissed from the meeting to discuss the procedures for the selection of the District Governor. A committee was appointed comprised of RIP Mark Maloney, PDG Bo Porter and PDG John Valieant. The COG has not heard back from this committee.

ACTION:

PDG Bo Porter email the comments/recommendations from the Committee formed to the COG to review the suggested procedure for DG so that they may take a look at them.

PDG Argo went into the RI Policy Manual and found the new guidelines for selection or RI Directors that looked like they had just come out in greater detail. She basically mimicked the process with the only thing differing was that there were only 2 candidates instead of multiple. Went to the committee who decided on a simple majority vote for selecting the nominee. There were some very good guidelines. She sent these to PDG Porter, Parliamentarian, to review. He suggested to ask group as a whole if they would like to use these guidelines and the group agreed.

Finance Committee Update: PDG Mitchell, Finance Committee Chair

The Committee has met twice, in the fall and prior to COG.

- Financials reviewed independently and the 990 was submitted
- Allocation report was given by DG Bill Petty, everything looked great
- Reviewed District Financial
- There will be a 3 person subcommittee to conduct independent review of the budget from this point forward
- Identified the college new Spain, Hickman, Estess, Maloney Scholarship – University of North Alabama (UNA) in Florence, AL
- PDG Shepherd provided brief review of DLP
- Talked about moving QuickBooks from standalone computer to online. District will be doing this and it will be password protected
- DGE Weinman presented his budget for next year
- Good discussion on Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Children’s Hospital Transportation Update: PDG Sanspree

- Boiling and Bragging – exciting year - hit Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) mark
- “Pillar of Support” Rotary District 6860 on the Pillar
- RIP Mark Maloney attended dedication/recognition event
- Development Officer stated that we proved him wrong. He said that when we started this project, that there was no civic organization that would, though consecutive leaders, keep this going
- RIP Maloney followed with his remarks and he said the World Health Organization said that Rotary would never eradicate polio
- We are almost \$60,000 toward next million
- Designing project now to have helicopter crew to tell us what they need every year
- Provided lunch for them at Christmas, all have PHF pins, Rotary logo on jackets
- CBS 42 did a 10 minute spot about this evening/success
- Ted Burns from the Inverness Club had the original idea and it was during the year that PDG Sanspree was DG

Council on Legislation: PDG Sanspree

- Has finalized regulations for this year
 - Voted for 501(c)3 status for Rotary
 - Made Rotaract official partner of Rotary
 - Approved reduced version of Bylaws

ACTION:

PDG Sanspree will put items on DACdb from Council on Legislation

ACTION:

DG Petty - at District Conference, will need to vote for new member for Council on Legislation

PDG Cross brought up that the old logo is still on Children’s Hospital. She asked is they had the new logo. Sanspree said they are working on this and it will also need to be updated on helicopter and other ambulance. They are bidding on a new helicopter and this would be a great chance to update the logo.

PDG Medori also mentioned that the car tags also need to be updated.

Foundation Report Update: PDG Wade Drinkard

50% for 2016 2017 Annual Fund Contribution	\$212,800
Interest from the Endowment Fund earnings	\$5,419.03
Carry forward from 2018 2019	\$160,413
Returned Funds	<u>\$8,480</u>
TOTAL	\$387,112
Allocated to Polio Plus	\$25,000
Allocated to Rotary Center for Int’l Studies	\$25,000
Set aside for District Block Grant	\$124,403

- We had 33 Clubs apply for a total of 48 projects
- Total amount that one Club could apply for was set at \$4,000 (based on previous year)
- Applications for more money than we had, so had to prorate down and gave each Club \$3,760

Have already transferred and/or committed DDF for the following Global Grants:

Vestavia Hills Sunrise – Honduras Orphanage (total budget \$84,000)	\$42,000
Shades Valley – Sanitation Project Mongolia (total budget 49,500)	\$20,625
Lunsford – Nigeria School (multi District total Budget \$256,000)	\$5,000
Rita Easterly – Philippine’s literacy (total budget \$288,000)	\$4,000
Birmingham Club - Sri Lanka Cervical Cancer (total budget \$390,375)	\$70,000
Tuscaloosa – Happy Schools India (total budget \$99,900)	\$28,500
Decatur – Dialysis Project India (total budget \$44,000)	\$8,000
Cullman - Heart to Heart in Mexico (total budget \$34,030)	\$14,120
Cincinnati - Madagascar Water/Sanitation (total budget \$89,809)	\$1,000

Total Budget for all of the grants	\$1,332,614
6860 DDF contributed	\$193,245
Remaining Unallocated Funds Available	\$19,465.75

- As of January 26, 2020, contributed to the Annual Fund \$206,438 (exceeding goal for year)
- Current per capita \$62.90 (\$58.90 this time last year)
- Most of the giving takes place in the latter part of the year.
- Currently #2 District in Zone 30 for Annual Program Giving (leading District is 6780)
- Compared to Zone 31 we would also rank #2 in that Zone
- Grant training set for March 28 at Civic Center Gardendale and the second April 18 at St. Andrews Church in Decatur (information is available on DACdb)

PRIVP Schuppert commented that it is excellent that we are doing that many Global Grants. He is very proud of this and has been monitoring carryover DDF around the world. Authorized 2 years ago for this year and next year, the building and carryover DDF that is restricted to World Funds to take 10% each of those 2 years (for a total of 20%) to bring back as District Grants. We may not be doing that, if we are spending it as Global Grants.

PDG Drinkard stated that we did in Carol’s Year (2018 2019) and have talked to DGE Weinman, are going to do that again this year and much appreciate it. The Global District Grants really attract attention and 33 Clubs did 48 projects. He and Weinman have not yet determined the amount that they will be able to allocate to each Club. He hopes that it will be \$4,000.

PRIVP Schuppert shared some updates

- Trustees- areas of focus wanting to add more about environmental for Global Grants Cannot currently do a global grant if it does not help humans. Discussion to see if there is a 7 area of focus or be added to current areas of focus or added to other areas. The word environmental issues will be someplace.
- Projects of scale - \$2 mil projects and only a few Districts and the money will come out of the World Fund – discussion.

- Rotaract cannot qualify for Global Grants. Rotary fully endorses Rotaract; however, how they get totally integrated is still a work in progress. Rotaract is not currently contributing to the World Fund.

PDG Cross asked about the Heart to Heart Grant. It is about to be up for renewal and they will be asking for \$1000. She would like to endorse.

District Governor Update: DG Bill Petty

Multi District Conference with 6880

- Wharf at Orange Beach - Springhill Hill Suites
- Fun, fellowship and family
- Thursday night PDG dinner will be a cruise - needs to know how many people
- Friday Saturday normal things
- Saturday will be fun, Derby Day, betting and proceeds go to Polio Plus
- Sunday morning District meeting and memorial service (DGE Weinman is responsible)
- Have not put together a formal budget.
- Goal to get registration out by March 1
- Conference dates April 30 - May 3
- We have the hotel and convention center for the weekend
- Will vote of Council on Legislation

DLP – PDG Argo, PDG Greene, DG Petty and DGE Weinman met to talk about the DLP. Have established a 3 person committee that will be reviewing it in its entirety.

Strategic Planning session was conducted during PDG Argo's year with Elizabeth Usovicz and from that a survey was created and sent to the membership – will be looking at the results from the survey that was completed and will share.

District Governor Elect Update: DGE Lee Weinman

Goals for 2020 2021 RY - 2 major goals and everything roles into these

1. Grow Rotary (Public Image, Recruiting, Retention, Engagement all covered)
2. Increase giving to Rotary Foundation – will have 2 people talking to Clubs about what the Foundation does, how important the is and what your contribution means (in addition to PDG Drinkard sharing the *How*)

Public Image - creating a white paper on public image program for District - not at the Club level. Our current strategy of having Clubs responsible for Public Image is not working. Involve universities and try to get a graduate student that wants to get published and at the same time

we have a connection with a local TV station that has agree for their Creative Director to mentor this student.

Budget:

Preliminary budget shows a deficit of about \$8000

- Showing Membership loss
- Public Image Campaign \$5000
- Capped at \$7000 each what District will pay for DG and DGE to attend International Conference
- Additional Scholarship at \$3500 - Spain Hickman Estes Maloney Scholarship

Discussion on increase of dues. Trying not to do so. However, if we do, would recommend that we increase by \$4 - \$5 so that we will not have to address again for several years.

PDG Sanspree asked Weinman what was his total budget. He is shows income of \$168,100 total budget. He anticipates going over this income amount by \$8,000.

PRIVP Schuppert - discussed increase in dues – It would require more research and work but might consider an automatic yearly cost adjustment based on *something* that could cover inflation and cost

DGE Weinman also discussed that he is planning to look at mileage reimbursement and charge RI allocation. He is trying to limit expense.

Vocational Award Nominees: PDG John Valieant

Only one nominee was made in each category:

Rotarian – Ronnie Dukes from the Decatur Club

Non-Rotarian – Barbara Porter

MOTION:

PDG Drinkard made a motion to approve both

PRIVP Schuppert second

Motion Approved

ACTION:

PDG Robin will do the plaques

These awards will be presented at the District Conference.

Open Discussion:

PRIVP Schuppert shared on IPPC Committee

- Meet 3 times a year
- Last year was not a good year - 162 cases principally in Pakistan
- Much less in Afghanistan
- Nigeria should be certified polio free in June
- Only approve \$46 mil this year (typically \$50 mil)
 - Concerned with some of the current administrative set-up for UNICEF and World Health - reduced what they ask for in Afghanistan and Pakistan because we want them to get their administration in order
 - Did provide about \$2.6 mil to Philippines because they had an outbreak
 - Rotary, through this effort, is the largest employer in the world (afraid that with this we have people that do not see the value in the end). We have to get a mindset to the workforce of what will be next.

Schuppert is Chair of Taipei, Taiwan Convention - earliest registration clean, free public transportation for 10 days. There is a projected goal 38,000. The largest in Chicago with 45,000.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Grace Evans, District Secretary