

District Foundation Committee Meeting Notes
July 9, 2023 7 pm zoom

Attendance: Mary Anne Burke, Chelsey Fisher, Sarah Kowalski, Maria Leppert, Dawn Linn, Ken Martin, Barb Morgan, Dana Orsini, Helen Schmitt, Herb Smith, Kat Snowe, Swan Stull, John Taylor, Pam Wagoner, Kelly Wike, Vicki Zimmerman.

Excused: Jeff Coup

1. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting (June 11) reviewed, no corrections
2. Addition or Deletion of Agenda Items – None
3. Committee Membership & Responsibilities – Sean Murtaugh is chairing the District Innovative Club Advocate Committee and will not be part of our Committee. Vicki Zimmerman should be added and will co-chair the Paul Harris Society Subcommittee with Kelly Wike. Chelsey Fisher should also be added as an at large committee member. Susanna Tomlinson has also asked to be added. Ken Martin will update the Committee list on DACdb which previously also did not include Helen Schmitt, Herb Smith and Dana Orsini. **DONE**
4. 2023-24 Meeting Schedule – Change from Sunday entertained but decided to keep that day of the week. Meetings scheduled for second Sunday except August, February (Super Bowl) and May (Mother's Day) which will be 3rd Sunday. Please save the below zoom login in your calendar which will be the same for all meetings
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85115719395?pwd=R3ltd0pPd3Bzb2s5QVpQR0hSbWlvQT09>
5. Report on Use of DDF Funds – Annually, the District is required to report on the use of its District Designated Funds. The 2022-2023 DDF final report will be posted to DACdb with an e-mail sent to all Club presidents, secretaries and foundation chairs providing a link to it and a note in the District newsletter announcing its availability. **WHO IS DOING THIS?**
6. Recap of Past Year compared to previous years – Preliminary data was provided comparing monies raised for the Foundation for last year compared to previous years. It appears that support of the annual fund fell and support for Polio Plus increased. While the number of new major donors and Paul Harris Society eligible donors has been relatively flat, we need to reverse the trend of falling support at the sustaining (\$100) and EREY (\$25) levels.

The last few years we have had about 20 clubs that did not enter a goal in Rotary club Central for either Annual Fund or Polio Plus support. Additionally, at present only 39 District clubs have identified a Foundation chair in DACdb.

Very few District members are added as benefactors or to the Bequest Society each year. There are some Rotarians who probably qualify but have not completed paperwork but we still believe this is an area with room for growth. Dawn suggested that we should have a tag line on our correspondence that addresses the legacy portion and a provides a contact for potential benefactors and bequest society members.

7. Goals for 2023-24 – We ask clubs to set Foundation related goals. The District Leadership has set some district wide goals such as \$100 per capita for the annual fund and \$25 per capita for Polio Plus. Our Committee should also come up with some goals to help guide our efforts and evaluate our effectiveness. By our next meeting **each member is asked to suggest three goals for our Committee for 2023-24**, which should provide a good starting point for discussion.

8. District Newsletter Submissions – Kelly Wike explained that the Foundation should have a regular presence in the District Newsletter. We believe a couple short items together totaling no more than a page may be most effective. A draft list of potential topics was distributed prior to the meeting and several members volunteered to help with the following:

August Recap of 2022-23 and Success stories – Ken
 Global Grant Update - John Taylor **SUBMITTED**
September Foundation Dinner - Dawn Linn
February Rotary Peace Centers - Kat

DG Herb Smith also suggested that a single issue of the District Newsletter be devoted to all aspects of the Foundation.

9. DDF Funds for 2023-24 – Ken shared reports on our DDF funds available at the start of 2022-23 and 2023-24. We began 2022-2023 with \$187,919.16 available. We committed \$20,000 for Polio Plus, \$15,000 for Ukraine Disaster Relief, \$46,408 for District Community grants, \$40,000 for the El Salvador water project (plus \$5,500 from the district community grant), and \$5,000 for Hanwash in Haiti. It appears that about \$70,000 will be carried forward to supplement \$88,000 from our Annual Fund contributions three years ago so it appears we will have about \$25,000 less to work with this year..

\$30,000 is already committed to the Kenya project. A pledge has been made for Polio Plus and we should have \$44,000 for our District Community Grant.

10. District Community Grant - Seminar Participation and Club Qualification - Kelly reported that the first three sessions have all been attended by at least 15 with 66 total having attended. 18 clubs are completely qualified with three sessions remaining. Kelly will draft an e-mail reminding club of the District Community Grant requirements and deadlines and ask Susanna to send to club presidents, secretaries, and foundation chairs. COMPLETED (and one club already responded that they could not find the applications on either DACdb or the District website). Susanna Tomlinson will also be asked for a list of club who attended PETS. ALREADY PROVIDED.

11. Global Grants Update - The Altoona Sunrise Club is considering support of a Blood Bank in Tanzania. Assuming Altoona Sunrise moves forward the Committee is on board pursuing this with a maximum DDF commitment of \$30,000. Dana expressed concern that Tanzania may be part of a District that has had trouble closing out Global Grants (but after further investigation this is not the case). The representatives from Districts 7280 and 7305 at Herb's installation have indicated they may be able to offer support.

12. District Foundation Dinner Date/Time, Cost Program - Speaker, Powerpoint, Recognition Raffle Tickets, Auction, 50-50 – Ken asked about the status of the District Foundation dinner and whether there were ways the Committee could/should help. There was some question about who was assuming what from Phil Pelletier who has helped with the Dinner for many years. Dawn plans to have a call with Dan Diehl from Bloomsburg this week and more information should be available at our next meeting..

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Morgan (with updates from Ken Martin)