

Rotary District 7630 Foundation Committee Meeting
October 9, 2014
Minutes

In Attendance: PDG Susan Giove, Robin Broomall, DG Jen Reider, DGE Rob Hemmen, DGN Cliff Hutton PDG Roger Harrell, PDG Don Hackett, PDG Eric Grubb, Jon Hickey, Tony DePrima, Elizabeth Rhoads, David Rhoads, Jill Gordy, John Mager, John Nanni, Cathy Anderson.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

PDG Susan Giove welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this committee meeting following the Wilmington Rotary luncheon celebrating their 100th anniversary.

District Governor Remarks

Jen Reider shared that it was inspirational to roll into the Foundation Committee meeting after the special lunch event with Wilmington Rotary. She thanked Jon Hickey for arranging the meeting space.

Advocate Team Training

PDG Eric Grubb led a discussion to define the position requirements for Foundation Advocates. A handout was distributed detailing the 4 core items essential to do the job effectively. The following elements should be considered in a circular fashion, with one not more important than another.

1. Communication - TRF Chair & Committee, DG/Leadership Team, TRF Staff
2. Support Services - Club officers, Projects (Grants), Polio, Participation in TRF mtgs, Area Presidents' mtgs, District Conf., TRF Dinner/Seminar, pre-PETS & PETS, Zone TRF training seminar
3. Fundraising - Annual Programs, Endowed Fund, Polio
4. Team Building - Working within the district, with club presidents, club TRF chairs, grants project leaders

Foundation Dinner

PDG Susan Giove asked for help in conducting the silent auction at the Foundation Dinner on Nov. 13. Robin Broomall volunteered to help. Tony DePrima said he would help with checkout. Peggy Scibinico and Steve Grossman have also volunteered. Susan Giove and Susan Reeves will be sending information out about the dinner and auction shortly - need one item from each club. Susan Reeves will be asked about the credit card processing. Speaker for the dinner is Ann Lee Hussey.

Treasurer's Report

John Mager distributed the Treasurer's report, including the balance sheet, profit and loss report, and general ledger. Money is ready to be paid to district grants. Advocates should tell their clubs to get reports in as soon as they complete their projects; before June is preferred.

Audit Committee

John Mager reported that the Audit Committee is made up of 3 CPA's from different clubs and they are to set a meeting date to review records and grant reports. Clubs should keep their grant files for 5 years.

Paul Harris Society

Elizabeth Rhoads asked if anyone had a report that lists Paul Harris Society donors in our district. It was believed to be a part of a powerpoint at a recent Foundation dinner. Donors that are giving through Rotary Direct (\$85/month) should be able to be retrieved from reports. If donors are not on Rotary Direct, it will be difficult to remind them to pay each year. Now Paul Harris Society is an "official" Rotary Foundation program, which may

help in reporting. Susan will look for a link to the Foundation powerpoint that describes all of the programs and will send it to the whole committee.

Polio Eradication

John Nanni reported on two projects.

- The World's Greatest Meal is being celebrated the week of Oct. 20-24 by many clubs leading up to Polio Day. There is a new 12 minute video that John will get to clubs.
- The print "Rotary Doing Good" is for sale for \$199; it shows two RI Presidents, Bill and Melinda Gates. Ten of the prints have sold so far.
- John has made 24 club visits so far and is willing to speak at any other clubs.
- There is also a cookbook that is available with \$5 of the \$15 cost going to TRF. Club gets points for the gift. It may be a nice idea of a gift for guest speakers.
- John distributed the Polio Plus Report; most clubs are waiting for the World's Greatest Meal to give.
- It is called Polio Plus because the vaccination also prevents 5 other childhood diseases.
- At this time, Afghanistan and Nigeria have had no polio transmissions for 3 weeks. Only in Pakistan is polio still present.

Global Grants

Jill Gordy reported the following activity.

- The Wilmington grant for the Centennial Park has been submitted. There are 5 international district partners who have given from their DDF for this project, which is our first incoming global grant.
- There has been verbal authorization for Salisbury Sunrise project; should have written authorization in 30 days. This is their 2nd global grant in Kenya.
- Brandywine Naamans is getting close with their project for wells and bathrooms in Ghana.
- Needs Elkton's final report for their grant, which will impact payment on their current district grant.

District Grants

Robin Broomall reported on the following activity.

- 12 grants were approved in June. There were 2 grants not approved, but were reviewed after new leadership came on board. Centreville project for \$4000 was accepted for their Easter Seals camp project, but there are subsequent permitting issues that are holding up the project. Rehoboth Sunrise and the multi-club project are approved for \$1,000 and need to confirm if all clubs are going forward with project.
- The final report form was found to not be on Dacdb, and it will be added soon along with the other forms (application for next cycle) that clubs need.
- Robin shared a draft of a policy document that combines the past district policy statement with that from RI.
- Asked that the committee review and approve this policy document by October 31st.
- The district needs to have this year's spending plan resubmitted with the changes noted above as soon as possible.

Advocates Reports

- PDG Don Hackett distributed information about his area's event on Nov. 25th, "Rotary's Got Talent", to raise funds for polio.
- PDG Roger Harrell highlighted an idea for a fundraiser, the sale of a cup that changes color.
- Susan Giove announced that Les Morehouse from the Chestertown Club is Area 50 Advocate.
- Tony DePrima shared his appreciation for Eric Grubb's educational presentation.

- Jon Hickey shared that he is energized by today's program and all the projects that were discussed.

DGE Report

DGE Rob Hemmen shared his plan for his bicycling adventure next year in October. He is limiting the event to 50 riders who each will raise \$1000 through clubs, etc., for polio eradication. Clubs in the Dover and Salisbury area will be needed to host meals and rest stops. The District Conference for Rob's year will be at the Ocean City Clarion. Pre-PETS is Jan. 9-10 at Virden Center; PETS is Feb 26-28.

Next meeting will be first week in February 2015; Susan will get dates out to the committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Anderson
District Secretary