2016-17

District Governor Clif Hutton

Full Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Maple Dale Country Club

Attendees:

John Nanni	John Kotzun	Mike Mabe	Carlene Roche
Roger Harrell	Steve Welde	Cathy Anderson	Ray Bryant
Pete Booker	Susan Reeves	Robin Broomall	Brad Skelcher
Bill Ferguson	Clif Hutton	Ed Wilchinski	Jim O'Neill
Kai Lassen	Rich Graves		

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Governor Clif.

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation – John Nanni led the group.

Opening Comments – DG Clif discussed his district conference to be held in Dover. He asked the group for suggestions for 10 breakout session topics. Some of the suggestions were: Grants Management Seminar, a concentration for each of the six Rotary areas of focus, Eric Smith – Director of Delaware Charity Company (Ray Bryant will send contact information to Steve Welde), Rotary Club Central/DaCdb, Rotaract/Interact with those members being introduced to Rotarians during one of the meals. The keynote speaker at the conference is still to be determined, but Gov. Clif would love to have John Germ. Whoever the RI representative is needs to have three speaking times during the conference. Gov. Clif and the committee are also going to be building in some free time on Saturday, as well as a "fun" activity.
Ray Bryant – is still trying to get a complete list of interact clubs.

December Meeting Date Change – Susan Reeves – The date for the December meeting was originally scheduled for December 8. Due to a conflict in Governor Clif's schedule, the meeting has been moved to December 15. As an aside, Carlene Roche asked to be added to this year's leadership team committee, as she will be Rich's District Trainer.

Committee chair and AG Updates – Various –
John Kotzun, Lt. Governor – John visited a new club in Mobile, Alabama and shared that their district already has over 400 members going to the conference in Atlanta. Their district is relatively the same size as our district.

Kai Lassen – Policy and Procedures Committee Chair – There is a tentative committee meeting scheduled for October 11. We will be sending out the rough draft to those members tasked with writing the MOP.

Bill Ferguson – Area 60 AG – The Pocomoke club has changed their meeting venue and now only meets two times per month. The club is trying to do events to raise their membership numbers, which is at eight members at this point. Bill passed around a book done by the Salisbury club. The book outlines all events, membership, schedule, etc. Bill will be having his presidents meeting on September 23. The Salisbury Sunrise club will have a special dinner for 80 people in Fruitland. Bill will send Susan Reeves information to add to the Rotary Reminders.

Roger Harrell – Camp Fairlee and Easter Seals – Beth Altemus was just inducted into Christiana club today. Beth is the liaison between Easter Seals and Rotary. Area 41 is still in need of a representative to serve on the Easter Seals committee. Camp Fairlee work days have been scheduled for April 21-22, 2017 – more information will follow. Bob Smith is heading a twin sheet drive for the Camp. Roger would like the Easter Seals Committee to become a standing committee for our district. The Georgetown club is trying to get a member of Easter Seals to become a member in their club.

Carlene Roche – 2017-18 District Trainer - Carlene introduced herself as Rich's district trainer. She's already been working with Rich on the agenda for Pre-PETS and PETS. PETS registration will be open by October 1, 2016.

Pete Booker, DGN – Pete let the group know that Zone Institute will be held October 11 through October 16. He's still getting his leadership team together. Samantha Dietrick will be his conference chair. The date for Pete's conference has been set for the first weekend in May, 2019. The conference will be held at the Chase Center on the riverfront in Wilmington, DE.

Rich Graves, Area 50 and DGE – The Kent Island club has 6 new members for a total of 40. Centreville and Chestertown each have inducted one new member as well. Chestertown will be having a charity basketball game on November 9, Centreville is having their Artisan's Festival on October 1 and 2. Chestertown has also re-done a park and put in five new cement benches, commemorating Rotary.

Pre-PETS is scheduled for January 13-14, 2017 at the Virden Center, PETS is going to be held on March 2-4, 2017 in Chantilly, VA. His Installation dinner is being held on Sunday, June 25 at the Aspen Institute in Queenstown, MD and his conference will be April 26-29, 2018 in Gettysburg, PA.

John Nanni, PolioPlus Chair - handed out a sheet with the latest update on PolioPlus, along with information on the WGM to be held in October again this year. The Southern DE wine festival will be held on October 8 this year (for more information, go to www.sodelfest.com). Last year the festival netted around 12K for PolioPlus.

PDG Ed Wilchinski – Parliamentarian – Ed made the group aware of some important dates – November 1 the process begins for electing the 2019-20 District Governor. December 15 is the deadline for selection of the members of the nominating committee. January 27, 2017 is the final date the district can receive any proposed amendments to its ROP.

Ray Bryant, Interact Chair – Ray is still trying to get a complete list of current Interact clubs. He will be sending out a survey to clubs to ascertain interest in getting an Interact club started. He'd like to change RYLA a little bit, and has been in contact with Chair Phil Reed. He'd like to make RYLA more of a process than an event, funneling RYLA students to Interact and then to Rotaract. RYLA will be held on President's Day weekend, February 17-19, 2017 in Ocean City, MD.

Jim O'Neill – Area 40 AG – During Jim's presidents meeting in August, he got a commitment from each of his three clubs to use Rotary Club Central. The HUB club has changed to a twice per month meeting format. Nanticoke is an active club with many hands-on projects. The Laurel satellite club is looking for a meaningful hands-on project as well. The Milford club is up eight members and on October 6 will have their annual golf tournament.

Robin Broomall – District Grants and Area 20 (for AG Paul Keely) – The spending plan has been submitted to RI and the district has received permission to start the grant projects. There are 14 projects for a total of $51,657. Robin has suggested that clubs start as soon as possible.

Area 20 club presidents met and are all working together. The Elkton club is beginning to attract new member. Every Monday night, they have a beer/wine tasting at State Line Liquors (the owner is a member of the club already); they've attracted several new members that way. The club also has the Mayor of Elkton as well as the chief of police. The Newark morning club had a Stop Hunger Now project with 25 Interact students, 25 UD students and only five club members.

Cathy Anderson – Rotary Club Central – 20 clubs have embraced RCC this year entering 450 goals and each club has over 20 goals entered. On the other side 20 clubs have zero goals. Cathy will contact those 20 clubs and see if she can help motivate them to participate. At a minimum clubs should enter membership and foundation goals. Cathy will be will to do a presentation and be on-hand at Pre-PETS to help PEs enter their goals.

Brad Skelcher – Rotaract – There are presently three Rotaract clubs in the district – Washington College, University of MD on the Eastern Shore and at Wilmington University. Is trying to start clubs at Delaware Tech in Stanton and Wilmington, Chesapeake College and Delaware State.
Mike Mabe – Area 51 AG – Two of his clubs are not participating in RCC at this point. Cambridge is gearing for their Iron Man event on October 1. The Easton club has Jamie Buckley paddling 2,300 miles down the Mississippi River to benefit PolioPlus. The Tidewater Easton club is focusing on the drug epidemic in Talbot County. St. Michael's has kicked off their

Mustang raffle – the nicest one yet. St. Michael's is also underpinning the St. Michael's Fireworks Foundation.

Susan Giove – Foundation Committee Chair – Last year the district gave $87,908 to PolioPlus – this year the to-date figure is $10,647. Susan re-iterated the need for clubs to add foundation goals in RCC. Annual giving to date is $28,176 – several clubs are already close to meeting their goals. There are five or six new members of the Paul Harris Society. On the global side, we have a strong candidate for a global grant scholarship. Jennifer Price is working with Jon Hickey – the Rehoboth Beach Sunrise club will be her sponsor. She wants to attend Catholic University in Belgium. We also have an application in for a Peace Fellow candidate. We should be hearing soon if he's been accepted into the program. The Salisbury Sunrise club is his sponsor.

Susan Giove – Youth Exchange (for Keith Smith, Chair) – We currently have two inbound students, a girl from Belgium (in Middletown) and a boy from Argentina (in Nanticoke). The boy is having issues and wants to change host families already. Brad Sams is working on the issues. We also have two potential outbound students. The district is really trying to grow the Youth Exchange program. As an aside, Chair Keith Smith had to go to the hospital – no other information about Keith was available at the time of the meeting.

Guest Presenter – District 7450 Governor, Dave Harandon – Governor Dave came to the meeting to present a Power Point on bringing the International Conference to Philadelphia. It's been since the 1980's that the conference was held in Philadelphia. It's a big undertaking and the help of all surrounding districts, including ours, is imperative to make it happen.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Next meeting – will be an AG meeting on November 10, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m. (Please note there will be no meeting in October due to Zone Institute.)