**District Council Meeting August 8, 2023 Minutes**

District Council Voting Members present and include: Chair DG Sean Gibson, DGE Connie Molland, DGN Alex Portelli, IPDG Tammy Mosteller, PDG Bill Biddle & PDG Isaac Owolabi (appointed by Sean, term expires 06/24), AG Bill Swift & Tracy Petrosky (appointed by Connie Molland, term expires 06/24), DRFC Gary Dills, DFC Jim Cruickshank, DPIC Julie West, DYSC Mike Stevenson, DCO Billi Black, and DS Paul Garner.

Non-Voting members: DGND (Not Elected) and Empowering Women Advocate Jennifer Wilcox,

Call to order- DG Sean called meeting to order at 3:33 PM, thanked everyone for their attendance, and welcomed guests.

Jim Cruickshank made the motion to approve minutes from June.

Gary Dills made the second, and were approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**: None

**New Business**

Sean announced that Melissa Johnson will be our emerging leader this year.

Sean reported that the mental health committee is growing.

Guy Gooder presented a mental health idea to the Finance Committee based around utilizing the mental health book shared at district conference. Sean recommended that Guy connect with Bill Biddle to collaborate on the mental health book project.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance-Jim Cruickshank:**

Audit is complete and no finding.

Ukraine funding has been distributed.

$2,500 deposit for RYLA has been made to Blue Ridge event space.

Waiting on RI for grant funding and DG funding.

Jim brought up that Jim Perry wasn’t a voting member of the Council.

Gary made a motion to accept the financials.

Mike made a second.

**Foundation Chair-Gary Dills:**

Gary covered early giving to Polio Plus.

Gary Dills reported on the foundation sharing the districts DDF funding for the year.

Overall, we are doing well and in the middle of the pack in our zone in annual fund giving. Our goal is $300k.

**Membership-Patrick Longano**

Sean reported for Patrick.

40 news members as of our meeting.

Membership summit coming up this Saturday.

**Public Image-Julie West**

Julie reported that she spent July getting her feet under her and planning.

Working on the district social media by sharing what our clubs are up to.

Added a “how to” use the hashtag.

**Youth Services-Mike Stevenson**

Mike reported that he has begun working on the early planning for RYLA including updating the boiler plate info on the website.

Mike is having a hard time getting RYLA point of contacts at the club level.

Mike would like to have a deeper understanding of our districts interact clubs by having a point of contact at the club level.

Only seven clubs have appointed a youth protection rep.

**CART-Tammy Mosteller**

Tammy reported on the status of getting a CART club up and running. The goal is to have the club up and running during September.

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 14, February 6 and June 11

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted: Paul Garner, October 6, 2023