DISTRICT 5970 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2020
ZOOM FORMAT
8:00 A.M.

The February 13, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph Smith at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom format. The following were present: Board Chair Ralph Smith, PDG Neil Fell, DG Michelle Bell, DGE Lowell Stoolman, DGN Jeff Hassman, Foundation Chair and DGN-D Don Meyer, and District Treasurer Eric Levenhagen. Also present was District Executive Secretary Suellen Kolbet.

Moved by Bell, seconded by Meyer; That the Consent Agenda be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. The items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Minutes of the 12-6-2019 Board of Directors meeting
RYLA Board minutes of 11-15-2019
Public Image Team minutes of 1-8-2020
Rotaract/Interact minutes of 12-11-2019
ADG meeting minutes of 2-3-2020
Google Analytics for December, 2019 and January, 2020

The Board reviewed the following reports:

DES Activity Report
DG Report
DGE Report
DRFCC Report
YRYLA Report
Committee Reports (Public Image, Youth Exchange)

DGN Hassman reported that Friendship Exchange dates have been set.

Don Meyer reported that the District is behind in giving to the Annual Fund. He has had a lot of inquiries into the Rotary Rush. He wants the Fundraising Committee to pursue donors that gave last year but have not given yet this year. This will be done by email. There are approximately 20 Paul Harris Society members who are not current. DG Bell brought up Global Grants that have late reports. We are below the minimum threshold and need to encourage them to submit their reports. We are only rated on grants that originate out of our District. Meyer said the Dubuque grant will be closed any day now.

DGE Stoolman has scheduled his installation for June 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Lisa Roth has accepted the ADG position vacated by Holly Brink and Amy Marlow has accepted the position vacated by Brad Jungers. The NCPETS Committee is working on finalizing the agenda. He also reported that attending the International Assembly was an amazing experience.

DG Bell and DGE Stoolman are working on the YRYLA budget.

RYE does not have an outbound for every inbound student. This will make it easier and it will balance out.

Public Image – Public Image Grants are awarded and clubs are submitting their proofs to make sure the projects follow Rotary Branding guidelines.

Moved by Fell, seconded by Meyer; That all reports be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the District Grant Handbook update. Moved by Meyer, seconded by Bell; To approve the updates to the 2020-2021 District Grant Handbook. All ayes. Motion carried. DES Kolbet will update the District website and send out an invite to all members for the March 28, 2020 Grant Management training.

Eric Levenhagen presented the Financial Reports. DES Kolbet will forward the latest RYLA financials. Moved by Fell, seconded by Meyer; That Financial Reports as of February 12, 2020 be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed scheduling DG Line meetings. All Past District Governors felt that these meetings are important for incoming District Governors. DES Kolbet will schedule a meeting before June 30 and will work with DGE Stoolman to schedule quarterly meetings during his year. The DG and DGE will set the agenda for these meetings.

DGE Stoolman reported on NCPETS. The agenda is coming together. The RI President Elect wants a session on Innovative Clubs, which has been added on Friday afternoon. Harassment training also must be discussed at all training meetings. There is a nine module President's Training in the Learning Center and it is recommended that all Presidents-Elect look through them and take the Harassment course.

DG Bell reported on the Leadership Summit/District Conference. All speakers are booked. She needs 108 attendees to break even. The Board needs a policy that designates who has the registration payment covered by the District. The ADG's fee will be covered and DG Bell's RI allocation can help cover these costs. Training for the ADG's will be a topic for the DG Line meeting.

Business meeting items that need individual Club approval are:

District Finance Reports for year ending June 30, 2019

Council on Legislation Representative:

Moved by Hassman, seconded by Fell; To nominate Ralph Smith as District 5970's representative to the Council on Legislation. All ayes. Motion carried.

RI Director Nominating Committee Representative:

Moved by Smith, seconded by Stoolman; To nominate Jim Coloff as District 5970's representative to the RI Director Nominating Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

DES Kolbet will send an email to all Club Presidents requesting their vote on these nominations.

Assistant District Governor training will be held on April 24, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An email will be sent to all ADGs with this information and telling them to register for the Leadership Summit but not to pay.

DG Bell said there is probably not time to have a Board meeting at the Leadership Summit and asked that the meeting date be changed. The next Board meeting was set for May 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

DGE Stoolman had asked for an electric vote on the 20% DDF Commitment to Polio Plus. This was approved and the form was sent to The Rotary Foundation.

The Board discussed selecting a date for the Finance Committee meeting to approve the 2020-2021 budget. The proposed budget will be shared with the Finance Committee and District Treasurer Levenhagen will contact Dennis Renner to see when he is available. PDG Fell will serve on the Committee as the PDG representative.

DG Bell said that alternates needed to be selected for representatives for the Council on Legislation and the RI Director Nominating Committee. Moved by Smith, seconded by Stoolman; That Neil Fell be nominated as the alternate representative to the Council on Legislation. All ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Smith, seconded by Stoolman; That Neil Fell be nominated as the alternate representative for the RI Director Nominating Committee. All ayes. Motion carried. Kathy Fahy has agreed to serve as District 5970's representative on the NCPETS Board.

DGN Hassman reported on the Friendship Exchange. The following clubs have volunteered to host – Bellevue, Cedar Falls, Charles City, Cedar Rapids Daybreak, Decorah, Dubuque, Guttenberg, Iowa Great Lakes, Waterloo, and Webster City. The guest Rotarians will be here the last two weeks in September and the first week in October. Our District's outbound group will go to Australia in late March and early April of 2021. PDG Smith felt that it is important that a memorandum of understanding be developed so all involved knows what their responsibility is. A District Committee will be formed to work on this. PDG Smith, DGN Hassman, and DES Kolbet will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss this.

The final draft of the District Manual of Policies and Procedures was presented. Moved by Smith, seconded by Stoolman; That the District Manual of Policies and Procedures be approved as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the amendment to the District Bylaws. The amendment has been approved by a majority of clubs. There has been some confusion as to whether Rotary Youth Youth Exchange and YRYLA budgets are included in this. As the amendment is written, they are. If there is no risk to the District in Youth Exchange and YRYLA, the budget could be defined as just the General Budget. A meeting will be scheduled for February 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss this further. If Finance Committee Chair Dennis Renner can attend, the proposed 2020-2021 budget will be discussed as well.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 6, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.