

District 6900 Planning & Advisory Committee

Minutes

**Date:** Saturday, August 18, 2018

**Time:** 9:30 am

**Location:** Dublin Room, Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel

**Present:** IPDG Alec Smythe, Chairman (via Video Conference)

PDG Raymond T. Ray, Jr, Vice Chair

DG Court Dowis

DGE Jim Squire

PDG Cheryl Greenway, District Finance

DRFC PDG Margie Kersey

PDG Bob Hagan

PDG Bill Woulfin, Co-Conference Chair

Kay Williamson, Co-Conference Chair

PAG Lynn Clarke, GRSP Chair

James Marosek, District Treasurer

\*AG Lou Alvarado (Non-Voting)

\*Anthony Slaughter, District Trainer (Non-Voting)

Carol Lipphardt, District Secretary (Non-Voting)

DG Court opened the meeting bearing gifts of District Conference Promotion flags to all in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**: Minutes from January 28, 2018 meeting distributed by PDG Raymond Ray asking all to peruse and voice any corrections. Hearing no corrections, DG Court moved that the minutes be approved, 2nd by PDG Raymond; Motion carried.

**Governor’s Remarks:** DG Court stated we have started our race and moving forward into the first turn.

He encouraged everyone to promote using the District Newsletter to communicate the events going on in the District.

**GRSP:** Lynn Clarke updating that student participation is down. Last year, statewide we had 113 clubs with 45 students, this year we had 127 clubs with 51 students. Thus, GRSP has started strategic planning to explore cost and organizational structure, marketing communications, insure diverse qualified students and improve club experience.

**Foundation:** Need everyone’shelp. Last year was a tough year, it was the first time D6900’s giving dropped to less than a million dollars. Our total giving was $928,000 and annual giving $680,000. Previous 3 years were $1.300,000.

The Rotary Foundation had a water leak affecting their server. None of us is sure how much information was lost, they are slowly recovering the lost information. Luckily, we have D6900 documentation and Margie and Anne Glenn are helping RI rebuild missing 6900 data. They believe we are 100% compliant with reporting.

A few updates to the Foundation Team:

Peace Fellow Chair in training, Dr, Wendi Jenkins from the RC of Muscogee.

Will MacArthur of the RC of Sandy Springs is now the Alumni Association and hope to start a Georgia Alumni Association.

Bob Hagan will be carrying the flag for Polio Plus until we find a replacement for Bill Nordmark.

Gerry Bilbro of RC of Griffin Daybreak is 100% Paul Harris Fellow

Margie asked for help getting clubs to enter their goals into Rotary Club Central. If not done, the clubs will not be eligible for the Rotary Citation nor the Governors Citation. At this point we are at 74%. Traditionally D6900 runs 98% or 100%.

We have 4 $Million Clubs - $Million in annual giving – Atlanta, Dunwoody, Roswell and Columbus. Two clubs are on the move to attain title of $Million Club – Decatur and Buckhead.

**Rotary Youth Exchange:**  DG Court gave update for Michael Parks. The program is doing quite well. A picnic was held for the 8 incoming students and their host families. Michael Parks will be rolling off as the RYE Chair. DGE Jim and DGN Kirk are exploring a replacement.

**District Conference Update:**  An initial pass thru of the budget has been completed but still reviewing and will make changes where we know we can save money. Launching early and promises to be the best as far as speakers and activities. Registration will stay the same as last year. Watching costs! Plea to all Rotarians to stop B&B registrations.

**DGE Planning Update:** DGE Jim has been asked to bring the District Conference back to Georgia. He and his team are working on Savannah and Jekyll Island. Should have a resolution in the next 30 days. PETs is first weekend in March.

DGE Jim will be selecting hotels in Hamburg for the district. He is currently looking at 5 hotels to determine close proximity to the Convention Center since RI will not be providing transportation from the hotels. He will select two hotels, so the District will have adequate rooms.

**DGN Planning Update:** Working mainly on Rotary Public Image to have consistent branding and trying to pull unity between Court, Jim & Kirk to send a clear message. Lori & Rory Young have agreed to be his District Trainers.

**New Business:**  DG Court rolled out his vision for the Foundation/Membership/Service training meetings this year. He is planning video training segments rather than physical meetings. Video will last no longer than 2 hours and each club or individual can log on for the training. He is waiting for an outline from the Public Image Group.

**Old Business:** DGE Jim Squire presented to the Committee a revised District Nominating Committee Resolution (copy attached) to be presented and voted on at District Conference in April 2019. Copies were distributed to all committee members for perusal and vote. PDG Bob Hagan moved that this revised District Nominating Committee Resolution be approved and presented for vote at the 2019 District Conference. PDG Raymond Ray 2nd . Unanimously approved except for Lynn Clarke who abstained.

Adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Lipphardt, District Secretary





