

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6250, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

LA CROSSE CENTER, LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

JUNE 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 11:43 a.m. by the President, District Governor Chuck Hansen.

Forty-one member clubs were present, constituting a quorum. A listing of delegates in attendance is attached and is a part of these minutes.

Chuck Hansen, District Governor, summarizes the accomplishments in the Rotary Year 2011-2012:

- **Rotary District 6250 Foundation.** We have a district foundation that can support club projects and youth exchange.
- **Membership** achievements and new clubs creations in 2011-12.
- **The District Leadership Academy** has been organized and is ready for 2012-13. This committee will conduct training for our members on many leadership topics such as public speaking, conduction meetings, etc...
- **Future Vision Taskforce** for 2012-13. Dean Ryerson will chair this committee along with other district leadership. They will work with a sister district who is already a Future Vision District. This will help us get ahead of the curve. Change is coming and we need to be prepared for the change.
- **Social Media Committee** has been working on helping clubs establish themselves on Facebook, LinkedIn, etc... Chuck Hansen also says the website has had some improvements and it will continue to improve.
- **InterACT** has been expanding in our district. We are excited about InterACT and we want to grow it in more areas.
- **Rotary Youth Exchange** program. Chuck Hansen encourages clubs to participate in this great program.
- Growth in the **RYLA** program. RYLA attendees grew from 25 to 80 students in 2012. The event now takes place in Wisconsin Dells.
- **Group Study Exchange (GSE)** went to Australia this year. Chuck discusses the project the two districts are doing in a developing country. Thailand slums needs fire equipment. The GSE team from D6250 and D9640 are raising money to donate new equipment to 14 slum communities in Thailand.
- Two **Friendship Exchanges** took place in 2011-12: 1) Brazil and 2) India.
- District 6250 had **Ambassadorial Scholarships** both inbound and outbound. Two students from Japan are here. Our outbound student, Jessica Havens, is leaving this summer for India.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the annual business meeting of May 6, 2011, were not read because they had previously been distributed. One amendment was made to the minutes. In 2011 we nominated Dean Dickinson to the Zone *Nominating* Committee, but the minutes read Zone Committee.

A motion to approve the *amended minutes from the business meeting of May 6, 2011* was made by Rob Stroud and seconded by Dick Spencer. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer, Dick Spencer, presented and discussed interim financial statements from July 1, 2011, to May 31, 2012. He anticipates District 6250 unrestricted cash balance reserve to be approximately 30% of annual expenses at year end June 30, 2012.

2012-13 District Budget

District Governor-Elect Rob Stroud presented the 2012-2013 Operating Budget. Rob discusses the use of the reserves to help supplement the budget. Rob says we've done this for too long and now the reserves are low. Our dues in District 6250 are lower compared other districts. Club dues are the largest income into the budget. Membership is a key to keeping a balanced budget. We have fixed costs that we need to cover every year. The more members we have the more effective we will be.

We are recommending a \$5.00 increase to annual member district dues. This will help stabilize the budget for the next few years. This will bring the annual district dues per member to \$40.00 per member per year. Discussion about the budget. A member asked if we could have a breakdown of the budget compared to last year to see what the changes are from year to year. Rob Stroud says that is available and can be distributed (may be available on the website).

A motion to approve the **2012-13 District Operating Budget** was made by Joe Ruskey and seconded by Jerry Cleveland. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the **\$5.00 increase to annual membership dues** was made by Dean Dickinson and seconded by Dave Warren. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Board Member Elections

Dean Dickinson, PDG, of the District Nominating Committee presents two **at-large members to the District 6250 Board of Directors**. The nominating committee nominates Jim Raymond, Rotary Club of Edgerton, and Deb Fox-Schroeder, Rotary Club of Sun Prairie to the District Board of Directors. No other nominations were presented. Rob Stroud moves to close the nominations. Motion to approve at-large members Jim Raymond and Deb Fox-Schroeder to the District Board of Directors was made by Dean Dickinson and seconded by Dave Warren. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Dean Dickinson, PDG, of the District Nominating Committee presents two **at-large members to the District 6250 Nominating Committee**. The primary function of this committee is to select the District Governor Nominee each year. The two at-large members presented are Donella Magadance, Rotary Club of Eau Claire Morning, and Janie Spencer, Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View. No other nominations were presented. Rob Stroud moves to close the nominations. Motion to approve at-large members Donella Magadance and Janie Spencer to the District 6250 Nominating Committee was made by Dick Spencer and seconded by Toni Pabon. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Dean Dickinson, PDG, of the District Nominating Committee presents the **District Governor Nominee 2014-15**. The nominating committee nominates Dave Warren, Rotary Club of Janesville Noon, as District Governor Nominee 2014-15. Rob Stroud moves to close the nominations. Motion to approve Dave Warren as District Governor Nominee 2014-15 was made by Dean Dickinson and second by Jerry Cleveland. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

41 Clubs Represented	•	<i>District Total of 59 Clubs</i>
2,397 Members Represented	•	<i>District Total 3,074 Members</i>
100 Electors Votes	•	<i>District 129 Total Electors</i>

Delegate Electors in attendance:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3	Name 4	Name 5
Black River Falls	47	2	Duane Waldera	Michele Steien			
Caledonia, MN, USA	24	1	Mary Mell				
Chippewa Falls	70	3	Paul Salm	Mark Broses	Jim Barnier		
Eau Claire	47	2	Patrick Thoney				
Eau Claire Morning	27	1	Kristina Aschenbrenner				
Edgerton	47	2	Steve Thompson	Jim Raymond			
Fort Atkinson	38	2	Edwin Bos				
Holmen Area	34	1	Nancy Luedtke				
Horicon	20	1	Gary Berger				
Janesville Morning	44	2	DuWayne Severson	Nikki North			
Janesville	134	5	Dave Warren				
La Crescent	29	1	Lynn M Gundlach				
La Crosse	170	7	Dean Dickinson	Cheryl Hancock	Jake Hoff	Bill Pritchard	Chuck Hanson
La Crosse East	44	2	Wayne Oliver				
La Crosse-Valley View	65	3	Dick Spencer				
Lodi	19	1	Sharon Sellner				
Madison	496	20	Paul Riehemann	Rob Stroud	Jacqui Sakowski		
Madison Breakfast	24	1	Dave Muehl				
Madison South	75	3	Alan Selene				
Madison West	48	2	Robert Sorenson				
Madison West Towne-Middleton	67	3	Mary Feldt	Mary Van Hout	Jeannine Desautels		
Marshfield Sunrise	68	3	Jerry Cleveland	Erik Borreson	Bob Trussoni		
Menomonie	67	3	Sue Beety				
Mt. Horeb	31	1	Tony Zalvcha				
Onalaska Hilltopper	37	1	Gary Luecke				
Oregon	39	2	Jeanne Carpenter	Derek Schneider			
Prairie du Chien	37	1	Michael Higgins	Joe Ruskey			
Reedsburg-Western Sauk County	20	1	Tom Seamonson				
Stoughton	52	2	Thomas Fendrick				
Sun Prairie	52	2	Mary Kay Vonallman	Sue Halambeck			
Tomah	40	2	Mary Jo Hill				
Viroqua	14	1	Clark D. Nordberg				
Watertown	67	3	Sandee Macht				
Waunakee	88	4	John Cullen	Shelley Moffat	Robert Pulvermacher		
Waupun	17	1	Dean Thurmer				
Wisconsin Dells	29	1	Pat Malone				
Wisconsin Rapids	107	4	Mozelle Stoiber	Joy Berg	Chuck Gibbons		
Wisconsin Rapids-Sunrise	63	3	Joanne Marshall				
Total Electors Present	2,397	100					

Clubs Represented by Proxy:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Proxy Elector
Columbus	33	1	Al Strohschein
DeForest Area	17	1	Mary Kay Vonallman
Portage	35	1	Al Strohschein