

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6250, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

LA CROSSE, WI

JUNE 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am by the President, District Governor Bill Hoel.

Announcement of a Quorum – District Secretary Debbie Fox-Schroeder

Twenty-eight-member clubs were present, constituting a quorum by representing 46% of our district clubs representing 64% of the total membership. A listing of delegates in attendance is attached and is a part of these minutes.

State of the District Report – District Governor Bill Hoel

Reflections of the Year! Rotary pride is the theme for the year which goes hand in hand with the International theme of Be the Inspiration.

Membership growth at last year was up 18 as of May. At this point in the year, we are down 55.

Succession line in our clubs have been moved up to help build healthy clubs.

Annual giving, we will meet our goals for our District.

Polio still time left to donate.

Membership Summits were taken regionally and saw an increase in attendance.

We have great heart in our District evidence by the sharing of information across clubs.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the annual business meeting of May 4, 2018 were not read because they had previously been distributed.

A motion to approve the *minutes from the business meeting* of May 4, 2018 was made by Chuck Hanson, Rotary Club of La Crosse and seconded by Joe Ruskey, Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the 2017 – 2018 Financial Statements – District Treasurer Dick Spencer

District Treasurer Dick Spencer presented the Financial Statements.

Per Rotary procedure the Audit Report was conducted and included in the Annual Meeting Packet. January 14, 2019 the audit committee reviewed the fiscal year end June 30, 2018 and District Governor Joe Ruskey's annual expenses.

District Treasurer Dick Spencer, Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View thanked Ed Jaekel, Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View, Scott Haumersen, Rotary Club of Madison and Arien O'Heron, Rotary Club of Caledonia for their work on the District Audit Committee.

The District ended up expenses in the excess of revenues of \$8,877.19 on the fiscal year.

A motion to approve the 2017 – 2018 Financial Statements was made by Brandon Harris, Rotary Club of La Crosse-After Hours and seconded by Linda Olson, Rotary Club of Waunakee. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Approval of 2019-2020 District Budget and District Member Dues

District Treasurer Dick Spencer, District Governor-Elect Edwin Bos

Budget for \$53,237 loss for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The finance committee is recommending that we maintain the dues at \$40 per member. The intent is to keep a reserve balance of 50% of the operating balance.

A motion to approve the **2019-2020 District Operating Budget** was made by Mic Gilbertson, Rotary Club of Janesville Noon and seconded by Chuck Hanson, Rotary Club of La Crosse. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Question from the floor – the reserve is around \$179,000 for the District. Rotary International has a target reserve of 55% of operating expenses.

Question from the floor – interact budget reduction. The is based on the Rotaract/Interact conference. In this years budget, the District split interact/Rotaract into separate line items. The actual dollars is the same.

Board Member Elections

The District Nominating Committee has nominated five at-large members to the District 6250 Board of Directors for 2019-20. The nominating committee nominates At-Large Member Janie Morgan (Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View), Derek Schneider (Rotary Club of Oregon), Ben Bauer (Rotary Club of Marshfield Sunrise), Jason Beren (Rotary Club of Madison) and Dr. Robert Dent (Rotary Club of Stoughton).

Motion to approve members Janie Morgan (Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View), Derek Schneider (Rotary Club of Oregon), Ben Bauer (Rotary Club of Marshfield Sunrise), Jason Beren (Rotary Club of Madison) and Dr. Robert Dent (Rotary Club of Stoughton) to the **District Board of Directors** was made by Pat Boge, Rotary Club of LaCrosse and seconded by Brandon Harris, Rotary Club of LaCrosse-After Hours.

Confirmation of District Governor Nominee

Bill Hoel for the District Nominating Committee chaired by Dean McHugh, PDG, presents the **District Governor Nominee Designate 2020-21 to fill the vacant spot of Sue Halambeck**. The nominating committee nominates, Bill Pritchard, Rotary Club of La Crosse After Hours, as District Governor Nominee 2020-21.

Motion to approve Bill Pritchard, Rotary Club of La Crosse After Hours as **District Governor Nominee 2020-21** was made by Chuck Hanson, Rotary Club of La Crosse, and seconded by Dick Spencer, Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Bill Pritchard, Rotary Club of La Crosse After Hours as **District Governor Elect 2020-21** was made by Bob Spencer, Rotary Club of La Crescent, and seconded by Tony Hermann, Rotary Club Lodi. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Confirmation of District Governor Nominee Designate

Bill Hoel for the District Nominating Committee chaired by Dean McHugh, PDG, presents the ***District Governor Nominee Designate 2021-22***. The nominating committee nominates, Karen Hebert, Rotary Club of Chippewa After Hours, as District Governor Nominee Designate 2021-22.

Motion to approve Karen Hebert, Rotary Club of Chippewa After Hours, as ***District Governor Nominee Designate 2021-22*** was made by Joe Ruskey, Rotary Club of Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien. and seconded by Julie Keitel, Rotary Club Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Approval of the Vice Governor

Motion to approve Joe Ruskey, Rotary Club of Prairie Du Chien was made by Chuck Hanson, Rotary Club of La Crosse, and seconded by Bob Spencer, Rotary Club of La Crescent. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

The District Nominating Committee for District Governor Nominee Designate

Motion to approve the nominating committee (see below) for the District Governor Nominee Designate for 2022-23 was made by Linda Olson, Rotary Club of Waunakee and seconded by Tony Hermann, Rotary Club Lodi. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee for District Governor Nominee 2022-23

- Joe Ruskey, Rotary Club of Prairie Du Chien
- Bill Hoel, Rotary Club of La Crosse
- Edwin Bos, Rotary Club of Fort Atkinson
- Bill Pritchard, Rotary Club of La Crosse After Hours
- Karen Hebert, Rotary Club of Chippewa Valley After Hours
- Mark Moody, Rotary Club of Madison Downtown
- Gayle Lunder, Rotary Club of Janesville Morning

Revised Bylaws

Edwin Bos, District Governor Elect presented the Bylaws and developed by Edwin Bos and Rob Stroud. The Rotary District 6250 Board of Directors has reviewed and approved presented updates.

Motion to approve presented Bylaws was made by Patt Boge, Rotary Club of La Crosse and seconded by Brandon Harris, Rotary Club of La Crosse-After Hours. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Questions 3.01 on Directors – removing that you have to be a past club president to serve on the board.

Report on District Membership

Bill Hoel presented for Kaylynn Stahlbusch, Rotary Club of Chippewa Falls After Hours reported to the District on Membership.

Report on Council on Legislation – President’s Representative Tim Schuler

The Council of Legislation meets once every 3 years with representatives from every District around the world to vote on resolutions. 199 proposal came before the council 79 were approved.

Technical Legislation – Modernize & Streamline language for consistency.

A hold over President can only serve one additional term.

Annual Meetings - to include more than just the election of officers. Add prior year financials, year to date financials and activities.

Satellite Clubs have to have an audit review.

Attendance Make-up time – no longer has a 4 week window it is the entire Rotary year. Discussion in our District on what that means, Tim indicated Districts decide but recommend that we do not go back and edit prior attendance. It was pointed out a club could have greater than 100% attendance in this model.

Eliminated the restrictions on classifications. By definition occupation was added.

Annual Dues increase \$1 per year increase effective July 1, 2020.

Clubs may be terminated if below 6 members.

Rotaract Clubs now recognized as members of RI.

Rotary International may pursue IRS 501© 3 status. Clubs are not required to move. The benefit is that large events will no longer be taxed.

Report on Charitable Trust – PDG Chuck Hanson

The Charitable trust was created in 2012 in the District. It is a vehicle for giving that provides a tax write off for donors. A number of clubs have used the Charitable Trust as a tax-exempt entity when funding projects. It was also created to support projects that are across our District. Additionally, the Charitable trust supports when there is a humanitarian disaster. The Trust is able to collect and respond to needs quickly in the event of a disaster.

District program support that provides scholarships to Youth Exchange. This year there are 2 recipients that are being recognized at this conference to participate in Outbound Youth Exchange. An interact fund was created to support projects as well. Chuck asked the board to consider excess funds in the District to be used towards projects. There is currently a \$42,000 balance in the Charitable Trust. Suggestion to add to the website how the charitable trust is using funds to give other clubs ideas on use.

Beginning July 1, 2019 new officers are taking office.

Rob Stroud

Chuck Hanson

Bob Trussoni

Dick Spencer

Ben Bauer

Janie Morgan

Valerie Schroeder

Edwin Bos

New Business:

Announcement of 2019-2020 Meeting to be held June 19, 2020 in Fort Atkinson, WI.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM.

2019 Annual Business Meeting - Attendance

28 Clubs Represented	•	District Total 61 Clubs	•	46% represented
1826 Members Represented	•	District Total 2,813 Members	•	65% represented
74 Electors Votes	•	District 115 Total Electors	•	64% represented

Delegate Electors in Attendance:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3	Name 4
Baraboo	41	2				
Beaver Dam	35	1	Dennis Levenhagen			
Beloit	58	2	Mary Kaminski			
Black River Falls	42	2	Max Michaelson Jr			
Caledonia, MN, USA	26	1	Nancy Runningen			
Chippewa Falls	55	2				
Chippewa Valley After Hours	28	1	Karen Hebert			
Columbus/Fall River	25	1	Henry St. Maurice			
DeForest Area	18	1	Kaitlin Lea			
Eau Claire	49	2	Dennis Vanden Bloomen			
Eau Claire Morning	21	1				
Edgerton	33	1				
Fitchburg-Verona	18	1				
Fort Atkinson	45	2	Edwin Bos			
Granton	15	1				
Holmen Area	34	1				
Janesville	93	4	Michael Gilbertson			
Janesville Morning	45	2				
Jefferson	26	1				
La Crescent	25	1	Bob Spencer			
La Crosse	184	7	Chuck Hanson Mary Beth Hensel	Greg Curti Tim Durtsche	Patt Boge (2) Andy Bakkum	Deb Johnson
La Crosse After Hours	83	3	Josh Mansee	Brandon Harris		
La Crosse East	39	2	Natalie Olsen			
La Crosse-Valley View	65	3	Julie Kietel			
Lake Mills	44	2				
Lodi	21	1	Anthony Hermann			
Madison	477	20	Bill Hoel (Proxy)			
Madison After Hours	23	1				
Madison Breakfast	25	1	Betsy Nordstrom			
Madison East-Monona	14	1				
Madison Horizons	24	1				
Madison South	76	3	Mike Dillis			
Madison West	35	1				
Madison West Towne-Middleton	60	2	Matthew Loch			
Marshfield	38	2	Ben Bauer			
Marshfield Sunrise	54	2				
Mayville	33	1				
Medford Morning	17	1				
Menomonie	52	2				
Menomonie-Sunrise	32	1				
Mt. Horeb	31	1				
Neillsville	9	1				
Onalaska	19	1				
Onalaska Hilltoppers	30	1				
Oregon	34	1				
Portage	28	1				
Prairie du Chien	30	1	Joe Ruskey			
Reedsburg/Western Sauk County	14	1	Stephen Compton			
Richland County	23	1				
Southwestern WI - Platteville	22	1				
Sparta	20	1				

Stoughton	50	2	Robert Dent			
Sun Prairie	37	1	Ann Oberle			
Tomah	29	1				
Viroqua	10	1				
Watertown	56	2				
Waunakee	84	3	Linda Olson			
Waupun	21	1				
Wisconsin Dells	40	2	David Clemons			
Wisconsin Rapids	59	2	Dean Veneman			
Wisconsin Rapids-Sunrise	39	2				

Clubs Represented by Proxy:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Proxy Elector
Madison Downtown	477	20	Bill Hoel, Rotary Club of LaCrosse