

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6250, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

UNION SOUTH, MADISON, WI

MAY 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by the President, District Governor Mary Van Hout.

Forty-four member clubs were present, constituting a quorum by representing 70% of our district clubs representing 88% of the total membership. A listing of delegates in attendance is attached and is a part of these minutes.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the annual business meeting of May 15, 2015 were not read because they had previously been distributed.

A motion to approve the *minutes from the business meeting* of May 15, 2015 was made by Rob Stroud (Madison) and seconded by Sandee Macht (Lake Mills). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

District Governor Mary Van Hout introduced District Treasurer Dick Spencer. The District is very viable financially. The board has anticipated in the past couple of years for expenses to be greater than revenue. We have had the good fortune that revenue has exceeded expenses. Estimate that for the year ending 2016, we should be in a net zero position.

At PETS, the budget was presented to the Presidents Elect. The number budgeted was \$17,000 exceeding revenue. At the April Board meeting, the board voted to add an additional \$5000 in District Conference support to a negative \$22,000 for the next fiscal year.

Motion to entertain to leave the dues at \$40 per member by Sandee Macht (Lake Mills)
Second by Karen Kendrick-Hands (Madison)
Approval – All approved.

2016-2017 District Budget

A motion to approve the *2016-2017 District Operating Budget* was made by Sandee Macht (Lake Mills) and seconded by Karen Kendrick-Hands (Madison) All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Board Member Elections

The District Nominating Committee has nominated three at-large members to the District 6250 Board of Directors for 2016-17. The nominating committee nominates At-Large Member Rob Stroud, PDG, Rotary Club of Madison, Martha Klatt, Assistant Governor Group 4, Rotary Club of Tomah and Sandee Macht, Paul Harris Society Coordinator, Rotary Club of Watertown.

Motion to approve members Rob Stroud (Madison), Martha Klatt (Tomah), and Sandee Macht (Lake Mills) to the *District Board of Directors* was made by Dean Dickson (La Crosse) and seconded by Joe Ruskey (Prairie du Chien). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion:

Mary Beth Growney Selene requested that future Boards have a more equal distribution throughout the District geographically. There is an ongoing need for this, however, the District struggles to find those individuals who are willing to serve.

Cathy Statz suggested that the board reorganize by AG Group to ensure a more balanced approach.

Mary Van Hout for the District Nominating Committee chaired by Dave Warren, PDG, presents the ***District Governor Nominee Designate 2018-19***. The nominating committee nominates, Bill Hoel of The Rotary Club of LaCrosse, as District Governor Nominee Designate 2018-19.

Motion to approve Bill Hoel (LaCrosse) as ***District Governor Nominee Designate 2018-19*** was made by Mary Beth Growney Selene (Madison West Towne-Middleton) and second by Pat Boge (La Crosse) . 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 2019-20 was made by Sandee Macht (Lake Mills) and seconded by Linda Olsen (Waunakee). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Dean Dickson recommendation that the Committee be more reflective of the geographic diversity of the district.

Dave Warren – this committee works very hard to find nominees that are north of Madison. The plea to all District Leaders is to get nominations that are within this geographic area.

Nominating Committee for District Governor Nominee 2019-20

- Dave Warren, Rotary Club of Janesville
- Mary Van Hout, Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton
- Dean McHugh, Rotary Club of Holmen
- Joe Ruskey, Rotary Club of Prairie Du Chien
- Bill Hoel, Rotary Club of La Crosse
- Bob Vanden Burgt, Rotary Club of Madison South
- Ann Albert, Rotary Club of Madison West

By Laws –

Rob Stroud, PDG Rotary Club of Madison presented the Bylaws revision for the upcoming year. A committee was formed to review the Bylaws and then the Board completed a full review. Rob reviewed the changes. A full copy of the proposed changes is found on www.rotary6250.org.

The Bylaws had a few changes that were adopted from the latest Rotary Manual of Procedure.

- Highlights – Office changes – Vice Governor and Nominee Designate.
- Addition of Board Youth Programs liaison on the Board. A couple of positions were added to the Board to get more representation throughout the state.
- DG Elect is no longer the First Vice President
- If the Governor cannot serve out their term, a Past District Governor can be appointed. The District amended this should be a PDG from the past 5 years.

- Officers – Treasurer bond – the Governor can decide if a bond is necessary. Currently the District Treasurer does not take in the money for the district. It runs through District Administration.
- DG can ask the District Administrator to take official minutes
- Committee membership – shortened up the length for serving.

Motion to approve the recommended changes to the District 6250 Bylaws by Karen Hendrick Hands (Madison) Second - Julie Keitel (La Crosse Valley View)

Discussion – none

Approval – All approved. Motion carries.

Other Business:

Bill Pritchard (La Crosse) – Membership – Celebrates that we do not have a Membership problem in District 6250. We have on average the lowest age in all of North America and the best division of male/female. We have 3 straight years of increases in membership. We are currently down 4 members from this time last year. We have a couple of months to go and we are confident that we will get over the top of that. Membership is something that all of us needs to be involved in.

Introduction of Mark Broses from Rotary Club of Chippewa Falls who will be serving as the next Membership Director for the District.

New Business:

Council on Legislation Representative Dean Dickson reported on information from the recently concluded Council on Legislation meeting. Each club has an envelope at the registration area with a summary of the details of action. 48 enactments and 14 resolutions were adopted by the Council.

2 key measures:

- 1) Clubs will have greater latitude in when and how often they meet, what constitutes a meeting while requiring that clubs meet at least twice a month
- 2) simplified qualifications for membership as six membership criteria have been removed from the RI Constitution and replaced with a simple requirement that “a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.”

Enactment 16-17, to amend the Object of Rotary, sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Crosse, considered and passed at the 2014 business meeting of the district conference, was referred to the board without a recommendation from the council.

Enactment 16-98, to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Madison, duly vetted and voted on in a paper ballot by the clubs of D6250, was moved to postpone consideration indefinitely...without debate by the council.

After strenuous debate the council approved three \$4 increases in the annual per capita dues. The increase sets the dues at \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19 and \$68 in 2019-20. **Your representative to the council spoke in opposition to the dues increase suggesting that there are a number of areas of expense that could yield significant cost reductions rather than raising the dues.** Subsequent to the vote to approve it was pointed out to the board that they should be sensitive to the fact that over 40% of the representatives were not in favor of the increase.

Mary thanked Dean Dickinson for his dedication to this role.

The motion to *adjourn the meeting* was made by Rob Stroud (Madison) and seconded by Janine Desautels (Madison West Towne-Middleton). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Delegate Electors in Attendance:

Rotary District 6250

2016 Annual Business Meeting

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| 44 Clubs Represented | • | District Total 63 Clubs | • | 70% represented |
| 2383 Members Represented | • | District Total 2,954 Members | • | 81% represented |
| 98 Electors Votes | • | District 123 Total Electors | • | 80% represented |

Delegate Electors in Attendance:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3	Name 4
Baraboo	42	2	Karen Kothbauer			
Beaver Dam	32	1	Dennis G Levenhagen			
Black River Falls	36	1	Dana Olson			
Caledonia, MN, USA	29	1	Naomi Fruechte			
Chippewa Falls	64	3	Aaron Widiker (1)	Cathy Statz (2)		
Chippewa Valley After Hours	24	1	Dave Shaurette			
Eau Claire	37	1	Patrick Thoney			
Edgerton	38	2	Dan Sadro			
Fort Atkinson	52	2	Dwight Heaney			
Holmen Area	35	1	Dean McHugh			
Horicon	16	1	Rita Clavandatscher			
Janesville	107	4	Dave Warren	Daniel Drozdowicz		
Janesville Morning	35	1	Gayle Lunder			
La Crescent	20	1	Bob Spencer			
La Crosse	164	7	Bill Pritchard Roz Schnick	Bill Hoel Patt Boge	Dean Dickinson Roger LeGrand	Eva Marie Restel
La Crosse After Hours	67	3	Laura Hundt	Ryan BayerKohler	Austin Kaiser	
La Crosse-Valley View	66	3	Dick Spencer	Constance Woodall- Thompson	Mark Etrheim	
Lake Mills	41	2	Sandee Macht	Steve Wilke		
Lodi	19	1	Dennis Crowe			
Madison	512	20	Ellsworth Brown (12) Pat Jenkins (1)	Donna Hurd (1) Patricia Jenkins (1)	Karen Hendrick- Hands (1) Michelle McGrath (1)	Paul Riehemann (1) Larry Harned (1) Robert Stroud (1)
Madison Breakfast	27	1	Thom Weiss			
Madison East-Monona	14	1	Harry Ripp			
Madison West	39	2	Ann Albert	Jonathan Smith		
Madison West Towne-Middleton	67	3	Derek Moehring	Debra Dieter	Jeannine Desautels	
Marshfield Sunrise	61	2	Ben Bauer	Susan Eaton		
Medford Morning	24	1	Lorilyn Phillips			
Menomonie	57	2	Naomi Cummings	Clint Moses		
Menomonie-Sunrise	28	1	Kaye Krave			
Mt. Horeb	30	1	Judith Steinhaur			
Portage	29	1	Amanda Wegh			
Prairie du Chien	38	2	Joe Ruskey	Cheryl Mader		
Sauk Prairie Area	11	1	Otto Cordero			
Southwestern WI - Platteville	19	1	Marie Whisenant			
Stoughton	48	2	Mark Schubring	Paul Lawrence		
Sun Prairie	51	2	Rose Friedel			
Tomah	29	1	Mary Jo Hill			
Watertown	57	2	Josh Macht			
Waunakee	85	3	Phillip Willems (2)	Bill Erickson (1)		
Waupun	20	1	Barb Wirkus			
Wisconsin Rapids	88	4	Charles Gibbons			
Wisconsin Rapids-Sunrise	40	2	Mary Jo Green			

Clubs Represented by Proxy:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Proxy Elector
Fitchburg-Verona	22	1	Joe Ruskey, Rotary Club of Prairie Du Chien
Jefferson	24	1	Dave Warren, Rotary Club of Janesville
Oregon	41	2	Joe Ruskey, Rotary Club of Prairie Du Chien