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**2022 District 6780 Business Meeting
April 22, 2022**

Call to Order:

DG Cindy Gammons called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm. She called on Secretary Patty Daughtrey to read the minutes for the 2021 Business Meeting and to call for a vote to approve last year's meeting minutes.

Secretary's Report: There was a motion made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as written. After a 'second', the motion passed.

State of the District:

Cindy provided a brief state of the district, focusing on President Shekhar's initiatives for the year and including these points:

- **Each Bring One**-Cindy challenged the clubs to meet a 5% increase; the district stands at 4% increase. Our District membership is up 90 members, highlighting the success of Cookeville Breakfast.
- Rotaract is still struggling from the impact of Covid, and plans are to name a district level position from Rotaract membership for 2022-23.
- Although we had to cancel both RYLA and Youth Exchange, Interact is going strong with 500 attending the recent conference full of enthusiasm.
- Communication has been ongoing with the district newsletter, thanks to Anne Lewis; Facebook posts have been frequent, thanks to Andrea Ludden and Insurance information has been shared, thanks to Cyndi Jeffers.
- **Empowering Girls** initiative this year has focused on spreading the message and engaging clubs led by Zone ambassador Ron Appuhn, who will continue in the position next year.
- Four clubs are celebrating 100 years of service including: Lebanon, Tullahoma, Shelbyville, Morristown. Pigeon Forge is celebrating 50 years and Chattanooga Breakfast, 20 years. Oak Ridge celebrated 75 years in the 20-21 Rotary year.
- In spite of all the obstacles from the pandemic, clubs have been **changemakers** this year, providing service to others.

Authentication of Credentials:

Bob Guerrero, District Election/Credentials Chair authenticated that 18 out of 64 clubs in the district participated with the proper credentials, resulting in the certification of 35/125 electors for today's voting.



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Issuing of Ballots:

The only order of business included the composition of 5 Past District Governors to serve on the nominating committee to select our District Governor for 2025-26. All authorized electors for today's meeting received a ballot with the slate of the 6 PDGs in the district who wanted to serve on the nominating committee. The slate included: PDG Jack Bailey, PDG Debbie Alexander Davis, PDG Fred Heitman, PDG Ron Appuhn, DG Cindy Gammons, and PDG Beth Stubbs.

Council on Legislation Report:

District Representative PRID Karen Wentz began by explaining what the COL is: A triannual meeting to review and vote on proposed changes to the legislation that governs Rotary. 520 District representatives meet in Chicago to discuss, debate and vote on proposals to either eliminate or add to our constitutional documents to make Rotary stronger. Every club, district and RI Board of Directors are eligible to propose changes. The next Council will meet in 2025 with proposals due by December 2023. Karen, having attended 4 Councils noted that this year, the event was unlike all others in that it was a hybrid one with 40% of the representatives meeting virtually; the moderator was diagnosed with Covid and had to quarantine, nevertheless, debate and simultaneous voting did occur. A highlight of the council occurred when the rep from Ukraine attending in person was introduced and received a standing ovation. Of the 90 proposals reviewed, some of the key changes include incremental dues increases of \$4.00, \$3.50, and \$3.50 to begin in the 2023-24 Rotary year. The words Equity, Diversity and Inclusion have been added to the by-laws; the requirement that a members must live or work in the geographical area of a club you belong to has been eliminated and a member in good standing can propose member to a club other than their own. Karen noted that clubs should review **all** the decisions on the Rotary website and ensure their club by-laws and constitution are compliant.

Treasurer's Report:

Jenifer Campbell presented the financial statements for the Rotary year ending June 30, 2021, and the financial statements through March 30 of 2021. We ended the 2020-21 Rotary year with \$252,019 in assets. Of those funds, \$10,568 was set aside to pay liabilities such as vocational service scholarships. \$241,180 remained for operations of the district. Regarding our actual receipts and disbursements versus budget, there were few overages, and all were approved by the finance committee. Disbursements were



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\$40,467 an under run of \$86,713, largely due to the curtailment of district activities due to the pandemic.

As of March 31, 2022, we had \$305,448 in assets. Of these funds, \$8550 is set aside for Fred Brown and vocational service scholarships. This leaves \$266,384 available for operations of the district. Our income to date is \$55,456. Receipts to date are \$82,505 vs. our budgeted amount of \$109,908. We are in the process of wrapping up the collection of dues and club fees for PETS so receipts will likely go up by \$25,000. Disbursements to date are 57% of our budgeted expenses. Cindy called for the approval of the financial report for the 2020-21 year, and the acceptance of the 2021-22 year- to- date financial report. Both motions passed.

District Finance Committee Report:

Beth Stubbs, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented Al Clark's budget for 2022-23. PDG Jim Roxlo worked with Al on the budget, but he was unable to attend the meeting due to vacation plans. The overall budget has a planned deficit but based on the history of Governors spending less than planned and the healthy reserves in the district finances, the finance committee approved the budget. Cindy called for a vote to approve the 2022-23 budget and it passed. Beth noted that the budget will be presented to the Presidents-elect at the District Training Assembly in May.

Nominating Committee Report:

PDG Greg Maciolek announced that the nominating committee made up of himself, PDG Bobby Davis, PDG Jack Bailey, PDG Beth Stubbs and PRID Karen Wentz had selected Rob Dansereau of the Knoxville Volunteer Club to serve as District Governor for 2024-25. Cindy called for a vote to accept their selection.

Resolutions Committee Report:

Bobby Davis, Chair of the resolutions committee reported that there were no new resolutions for this year following a thorough revision of the ROP last year, but noted the committee would meet to review the rules of procedure following the 2022 Council on Legislation.

Election Results:

Bob Guerrero shared the results of the election to select the members of the nominating committee for the DG to serve in 2025-26.

Out of a total of 35 votes received:



Debbie Alexander Davis-31 votes, Fred Heitman-19 votes, (1st alternate),
Jack Bailey- 21 votes, Cindy Gammons- 34 votes, Beth Stubbs- 30 votes,
Ron Appuhn-30 votes

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Closing Remarks:

DG Cindy thanked everyone for their attention. She reminded the club presidents and anyone else interested that the Bomar Foundation Meeting was coming up immediately. She then adjourned the business meeting at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Patty Daughtrey, District Secretary