

MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT  
“MINUTES”  
District Convention Friday Board Meeting  
Friday, August 5, 2011  
Sioux Falls, SD

Members present:

Executive Officers (voting members)

Lowell Disrud, Governor  
Denis Cornell, Governor Elect  
Bruce Klair, Immediate Past Governor  
Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer

Lt. Governors 2010-2011 (voting members)

David Roehl	Region 2
Joe Hesch	Region 3
Donald Kennedy	Region 4
Leo Schatz	Region 5
Dawn Fairbrother	Region 6
Barbara Winfield	Region 7

Immediate Past Lt. Governors 2010-2011

Susie Kapelovitz	Region 1
Colleen Hyde	Region 2
Scott Mescher	Region 3
Sharon Scudder	Region 4
Lyle Terveen	Region 5
Denis Cornell	Region 7

Lt. Governors Elect 2010-2011

Douglas Wolf	Region 1
David Odette	Region 2
Gustav Jacob	Region 4
Judie Rosendahl	Region 6
Don Felmlee	Region 7

District Directors/Chairs

Colleen Hyde	Administration
Ann Backes Dodge	Interim District Convention Director
Sharon Scudder	Membership
Bruce Klair	New Club Building
Mary Sieling	Service
Loreena Luetgers	Education
Bill Daugherty	Eliminate Chair
Ann Backes Dodge	District Circle K Administrator
Jack Zierdt	District Foundation- Sec/Treas
Chuck Schroder	District Chair Kiwanis International Foundation

Other Guests Present

Stewart Ross	Kiwanis International Trustee
Pam & David Fleming	Kiwanis International Trustee and partner
Jeff McKinney	Governor Elect Candidate
Cynthia Braseth	Governor Elect Candidate
Wil Blechman	Past International President/Keynote Speaker

- Call to Order – Following breakfast the meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m. by Governor Lowell Disrud
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Bruce Klair, Immediate Past Governor
- Invocation by Denis Cornell, Governor Elect
- Introductions were made by Governor Lowell Disrud
- Approval of the Minutes of the last board meeting. A motion was made by Joe Hesch and seconded by Dawn Fairbrother to accept the January, 2011 Board Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.
- Secretary/Treasurer's Report –
  - According to KI our beginning membership on October 1, 2010 was 5435 members. As of now our membership count is 5321. On September 30, 2011 Kiwanis International will give us an official ending membership total for the Kiwanis year.
  - A Financial Report of the District accounts is sent to all board members and others every month via email. Currently budget is in good shape, but income continues to decline as membership declines.
  - Board members were reminded to continue promoting club donations to Outreach. A monthly summary of Outreach donations is sent to all board members.
  - All district expense vouchers for the 10-11 year must be submitted to the district office by no later than September 30.
  - Lt. Governors were encouraged to check the online Kiwanis Portal often. Currently they can view monthly club reports, club election reports and the distinguished club tracker online.
  - Lt. Governors were reminded of importance of making the three required visits to clubs in their region.
  - Lt. Governors were reminded that many clubs have not submitted their club election reports.
- Remarks from Pam Fleming, Kiwanis International Trustee Counselor 2011-2012
  - Extended greetings from Kiwanis International.
  - Congratulated the district on the new club being formed in Marshall.
  - Thanked everyone for their hospitality.
- District ELIMINATE Chair Bill Daugherty introduced and explained the new world-wide service project:
  - Reviewed how project began and was set-up.
  - One baby dies every 9 minutes from Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.
  - ELIMINATE project website has many resources.
  - Packets with additional information were distributed to Lt. Governors.
- Sherry Scudder, Membership Chair reviewed how the online membership request process works. Individuals interested in joining Kiwanis can contact us online through the Kiwanis International Website. Sherry then makes sure that a local club follows-up with the interested person.
- Bruce Klair, New Club Building Chair reported on the new club being built in Marshall, MN. They currently have 27 or 28 members, so chartering will happen soon. The Tracy Club is the primary sponsor for the new club. Many district level leaders have been involved with the member recruitment process.
- Jack Zierdt announced that the Stewart Ross Campaign for Kiwanis International Vice President is on track.
  - Committees are being formed.

- Jack and Stewart will be willing to come to Regional meetings.
- It will be very important to have a large turnout of MnDak members and clubs at the International Convention in New Orleans next summer.
- Magic of Kiwanis and Young Children Priority One will be his emphasis.
- Chuck Schroder, District Chair of Kiwanis International Foundation
  - Distributed summary of club giving in each region to all current Lt. Governors. Can still make goal of \$4.00 /member with a little more effort.
- Governor Lowell Disrud reminded the board that work still needs to be done by the two task force committees appointed at the last January meeting- Graduated Dues and Long Range District Convention Review.
- International Trustee Stewart Ross briefly reported on the changes made in Education and CLE this year. Loreena will be submitting proposal for some other changes at the Sunday board meeting.
- Exchange of Lt. Governor Banners
- Closing remarks by Governor Lowell Disrud.
  - Thanked everyone for their leadership and support.
  - Expressed appreciation for great hospitality as he and Rachael traveled around the district. It was a good year with many successes and challenges.
  - Introduced and thanked Ann Backes Dodge for her work as Interim District Convention Director.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen K. Handegaard  
 District Secretary/Treasurer  
 Minnesota-Dakotas District  
 August 15, 2011