

**OHIO DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
2016-17 Board of Trustees Meeting
Third Official Meeting**

Friday, March 3, 2017
7:30 PM

Crowne Plaza Columbus North
Columbus, Ohio

CALL TO ORDER

Governor Bill Flinta called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Dave Whiteman called the roll. Absent was the Lieutenant Governor from Division 22.

INTRODUCTIONS

Governor Bill welcomed those present and recognized our International Trustee Art Riley, Circle K Governor Allyson Beechy, Key Club Governor Prestin Minter. Governor Bill then asked others present to introduce themselves.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October 29, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. **Motion by Jim Janosik (10E) to approve the minutes was seconded and carried.**

OFFICERS REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Peggy McQuiston reviewed the "Draft" copy of the January financial reports. She reviewed the bank account balances, as well as our assets and liabilities. We have very little in the way of liabilities. She updated our dues and new member fee income due to transfers we received in February and to date in March. We are in very good financial condition and all our income and expense items are within budget. She reviewed each of the individual income and expense statements and related how they were in referred to in the budget. She performed a similar review of Key Club and Circle K accounts and noted that both are also in very good financial shape. She also updated their dues income to include the amounts received in February and early March. **Motion by Bill Lauer (1-N) to accept the Treasurer's Report was seconded and carried.**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Dave Whiteman presented a written report on the District Office operations. He echoed the comments of our Treasurer in noting that we are in very good financial condition at this time. Our accountants have completed our 990 Tax Return and our 2015-16 CPA Financial Review. Dave thanked the board for reviewing the 990 in advance so we could file the return before the February 15th deadline. We will review the financial report later in the meeting. Dave reviewed the status of our district membership as of the current date. He thanked those who helped or will help in collecting the balance of our dues owed. Several clubs received letters that have entered onto charter suspended status for non-payment. Secretary Dave asked the board to consider a line item transfer in the budget of \$1,000 from his District Travel budget to the Education & Training budget. This will allow us to cover the additional cost of Lieutenant Governor Training. We will be discussing that contract later in the meeting. **Motion by Lynn Stoycheff (11S) to transfer \$1,000 from the District Secretary's Travel expense line to the Education and Training budget was seconded and carried.**

IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Immediate Past Governor Amy Zimmerman addressed the board. She reported that over 100 AMTRYKES were distributed by Kiwanians in Ohio last year. She shared that the Cincinnati area is one of two locations designated by Kiwanis International to benefit from a substantial amount of advertising dollars. She thanked everyone for their tremendous support this past year, as well as Dave and Sarah for all their hard work with the Midyear production and with our recent office move.

GOVERNOR ELECT'S REPORT

Governor Elect Dan Litzinger presented a report outlining his activities since the last meeting. He attended Governor training and has been making appointments for District Chair positions and making certain that all divisions had Lieutenant Governors in place for next year. He and Barbara have been developing their District Project. He attended the Circle K Convention and will be attending the Key Club Conference next weekend. Next year's focus will be all about growth and will be meeting with the Lt. Governor Elects at 2:00 Saturday. Lt. Governor training will be June 15-16 at Nationwide Training Conference Center.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Governor Bill Flinta reviewed his activities. He attended Key Leader in November. He was pleased that the office move went smoothly and thanked Dan Litzinger and Jim Janosik for painting and cleaning the new office space. He and Peggy have three division visits left on their itinerary and thanked everyone for their gracious hospitality. He and Peggy attended the Circle K District Convention and found it to be an uplifting experience. He commended them on doing a great job with developing leaders. He attended the midyear Governor's meeting in Indianapolis, which he enjoyed and came away re-energized. The redivisioning committee visits are still in the works and are expected to be completed in May with a report to the Finance and Structure Committee in June. He believes stronger divisions will lead to stronger clubs.

KIWANIS FAMILY REPORTS

KEY CLUB GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Key Club Governor Prestin Minter made a brief report to the board. He thanked us on behalf of their District Board for all the support we have given them. Key Club International has 276,000 members. The Fall Rally had over 600 books donated to the First Family Project. The project inspired clubs to do their own projects for literacy. They have only five vacancies on this board, and are looking for candidates for next year's board. He asked that local students be encouraged to serve on the board. They are busy preparing for their District Leadership Conference next weekend in Dublin. He appreciated all the support from the Kiwanis District during his term as Governor.

CIRCLE K GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Circle K Governor Allyson Beechy addressed the board briefly. She thanked the board for their hospitality and shared that additional members will be in attendance this weekend. Their district convention was two weeks ago and they raised over 500 books for the First Family Projects. She reviewed some of the service projects that occurred during the convention. There were no issues with the event and it was very fulfilling.

There are 7 clubs who have not paid dues: Kent State University, Ohio University, Tiffin University, University of Akron, University of Findlay, University of Cincinnati and Wright State Lake Campus. She encouraged anyone with contacts with these schools to reach out and encourage them to get their dues paid.

There was only one elected office vacancy for the upcoming year. Bethany Sara from Bowling Green State University was elected Governor for next year. She is also pleased that there is a Lt. Governor for the Buckeye Trails division, which has not had a Lt. Governor for several years.

SpOT is March 25 at Baldwin Wallace University and Office Training will take place as well as some local service projects. It has been an honor to work with the board this year and thanked everyone for such a positive experience.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION REPORT

President Dave made a report to the District Board. He reminded everyone that everyone who is a member of the Ohio District of Kiwanis is also a member of the foundation. The board has worked hard this year – they have given away three grants so far. The Foundation will reveal their new website at 3:00 PM Saturday. They received a grant to completely redesign the website.

He also spoke about the 60th annual golf outing and shared information regarding the new format. There will be a scramble shotgun start at 10:00 AM and a steak dinner afterwards. They are actively seeking hole sponsors since that is how they make their profit for the event. Teams will be able to register on-line with a credit card.

ACTION ITEMS:

Charter Resignations:

There were no resignations to be presented.

District Convention Budget

District Convention Chairs Kelly Brown and Price Price were unable to attend the meeting. Dave Whiteman reviewed the budget prepared for our 2017 District Convention in Dayton. He noted it was a conservative budget, with registration starting at the price of \$75, which will include a registration fee of \$45.00 and Saturday lunch. All other meals will be a la carte. We will be at the Dayton Convention Center and all of our functions will be in the center as opposed to some of them being in the hotel. He feels the facilities will be very good for the district. **Motion by Mike Sweeney (5) to approve the 2017 District Convention Budget was seconded and carried.**

Key Club Tour Budget

Key Club Administrator Jeff Eble reviewed the budget for the 2017 Key Club International Convention Tour. They developed the budget for travel to San Antonio this summer. They are hoping to have 40 attendees pay a fee of \$1400. They will be travelling by plane this year which causes challenges in regarding travel arrangements since the airlines will hold tickets for only 10 days. **Motion Ernie Gosa (7) to approve the 2017 Key Club Tour Budget was seconded and carried.**

Aktion Club Convention Budget

Aktion Club Administrator Jennifer Weinberg announced the Aktion Conference will be held August 26 in Medina. Registration is based on 80 attendees at \$30 per person, this includes meals and a t-shirt. Considerable savings are in place with no facility fees. The budget may allow for a Keynote Speaker at this event. Several Aktion members registered for the Kiwanis Midyear and Jennifer encouraged everyone to reach out to these attendees. **Motion by Molly Hay (2) to approve the 2017 Aktion Club Convention Budget was seconded and carried.**

2015-16 Financial Review

District Secretary Dave Whiteman reviewed the 2015-2016 CPA Audit prepared by our accountant. Our audit will be posted on the district website since it is a public document. Dave pointed out that this is a consolidated statement and advised the board members where to look to see individual results for Kiwanis, Key Club, and Circle K. The Undesignated funds column relates to dues, new member fees, management fees and various operating expenses for Kiwanis. He noted that our net assets for Key Club, Kiwanis and Circle K actually grew. The net assets for our District Convention dropped for the first time in several years due to the convention operating at a deficit. Key Club, Circle K, Kiwanis District Convention and Aktion Club convention are broken out in separate columns. Secretary Dave asked the board to approve filing of the 990 Tax Return that was emailed to them earlier to review. Two corrections regarding addresses were noted. **Motion by Rick Frank (12) to approve receipt of our Financial Review and filing of our tax return with corrections was seconded and approved.**

Proposed Bylaw/Policy Manual Revisions

Dave Whiteman presented housekeeping items to the district by-laws to bring them in alignment with the Kiwanis International by-laws. The proposed changes were in Article IV, District Board, specifying when the district conventions take place. The second was in Article VI. Convention specifying date of the District Convention. The third change was in Article VIII. Vacancies in Office, specifying the procedure of dealing with a vacancy in the office of Lt. Governor for a division. The final change was in Article X. Revenue, stating that clubs shall pay annual dues to the district for each member. **Motion by Lynn Stoycheff (11S) to send the changes to the delegates at the annual convention was seconded and approved.**

Lt. Governor Training

Governor-Elect Dan Litzinger shared that the hotel spaces we had used in the past were not available for Lt. Governor training. They visited and decided on the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center. We had midyear conferences there when it was called Conference Center at NorthPointe. Bids from other facilities were very close to the same price, but all AV equipment was included in the Nationwide Facility. Training will be June 16-17. **Motion by Jim Janosik (10E) to approve the contract was seconded and approved.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The board heard reports from the following committees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One Executive Committee meeting occurred since the last board meeting. The contract for the Ohio District Circle K Convention at Capital University was reviewed and approved. The contract for Country Inn and Suites Hotel was also reviewed and approved for the Circle K Convention. **Motion by Mike Sweeney (5) to approve and ratify the actions of the committee was seconded and passed.**

MID YEAR EDUCATION DAY

MidYear Chair Jennifer Lewis and Eric Bush shared information regarding the next day's event. We have 23 exhibitors, nearly double of previous years. There are 324 people registered. Eric shared that Lt. Governors are asked to introduce speakers in each workshop and collect evaluation forms. Governor Bill thanked Jennifer and Eric for all their hard work.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Peter Gaughan

Investment Advisor Peter Gaughan shared that the market has provided exceptional returns on our investments. He is anticipating continued growth in the market.

MEMBERSHIP STRENGTHENING

Bill Snellgrove

Past Governor Bill spoke about the need to rejuvenate our clubs all the time with new members. Of the 250 clubs in the district 10 years ago, 32 clubs are as strong or stronger than they were 10 years ago. Sixty-two clubs have closed in the same 10 years. We do have a contest to add new members for each club, "Laps for Literacy" is this years' contest, with a goal of 17% new member adds for each division. We have club strengtheners, club openers and Lt. Governors who are willing to help each club and division grow, strengthen their membership, and grow their service hours.

CLUB OPENING

Rich Ulmes

Rich Ulmes shared that there are currently four clubs in the process of being built, with Groveport (10S) being completed. Other potential clubs are located in Division 16 (E Club), Division 10-E (Buckeye Lake), and Division 13 (Grafton-Midview). He asked that board members consider stepping up to help build and strengthen clubs in their division to expand the number of kids in our communities being impacted.

ELIMINATE PROJECT UPDATE

Cindy Champer

Eliminate Fulfillment Chair Cindy Champer reported that the number of children dying every minute from MNT has dropped by 40% since we have started the campaign. An additional seven clubs have become Legacy Clubs by fulfilling their commitment. They include Alliance, Dayton, Fairfield, Mt. Gilead, Lima, Newark and Zanesville. Belden Village-Canton is now a Legacy Gold member, Columbus is a \$200K/Platinum level member; and All Ohio e-Medina club is a new contributor at the Bronze club level. A copy of the report was distributed to all Board Members and she reviewed the major highlights.

Jereme Grinslade from Kiwanis International Foundation will be here to answer and questions regarding the Eliminate Project and will be doing a workshop on the Kiwanis International Children's Fund.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rick Kidwell

District Service Chair Rick Kidwell asked that the Lt. Governors help communicate with their clubs information regarding service activities. Kiwanis International is promoting a signature project contest for clubs. KI will accept one entry per district. He needs clubs to send applications in by March 16 in PDF format.

He also shared information regarding the International Week of Service where all service organizations work together – this is the week of March 25-31st. Additional information is available at weekofservice.org.

Kiwanis One Day has been moved back to October.

KICK (Kiwanis Investing in Circle K)**Brandi Bowen**

District Chair Brandi Bowen explained that KICK is housed through the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and thus, all donations are tax deductible. She asked that Kiwanians bring their cell phones (fully charged) to the ice cream social on Saturday and be prepared to make a donation via the phone. The Foundation is looking for a new secretary and social media chair. If anyone is interested, they should contact one of the members of the Foundation board.

CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION**Dennis Lehman**

Dennis Lehman, Certified Education Leadership Chair, presented a brief report to the board. He is asking board members to help their Elects understand the importance of education for club officers. We need Lieutenant Governor's to help Elects encourage attendance at sessions throughout the district and to schedule appropriate locations. Club secretaries are also encouraged to attend. Dates have not yet been set for all educational sessions, but currently include May 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, and 24. Make up sessions can be done online via the KiwanisOne.org website or on Friday afternoon at the district convention. All locations are open to all attendees. Watch for the full schedule online very soon at www.ohiokiwanis.org

He also pointed out that Lieutenant Governor Elects need to attend their own Club Leadership Education.

ON TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**Julia Sheppard**

On to International Convention Chair Julia Sheppard spoke about the importance of attending Kiwanis International Convention. There are currently 20 Ohioans registered to attend. This year we will be in Paris. She encouraged everyone to visit the Kiwanis International website to register and to consider some of the many side trips available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The final 2016-17 Board Meeting will take place at the District Convention on Friday, August 11, 2017 at the Dayton Convention Center. The board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM and it will be immediately followed by the Board Luncheon for all District Board members and partners.
- Bill announced that the winner for the book-reading contest among the Lieutenant Governors was John Coffield. He shared that Molly Hay was the first board member to return her book.
- Dave Whiteman shared details regarding his upcoming surgery and the plans for ensuring the continuation of activities in the office. He shared that flowers cannot be accepted at the hospital, but appreciated all the prayers and well wishes.
- Lt. Governors are asked to stop after the luncheon in the Capital Room/District office to pick up those awards not picked up already by their clubs.
- Art Riley spoke about the trial advertising campaign that will be taking place in Southeast Ohio. He also spoke about the value of opening new clubs and thanked everyone for their hospitality and service.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Submitted by:



B. David Whiteman
District Secretary