

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

Friday, August 8, 2017
10:00 AM

Dayton Convention Center
Dayton, Ohio

CALL TO ORDER

Governor Bill Flinta called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Dave Whiteman called the roll. Absent were the Lieutenant Governors from Divisions 7, 15 and 20.

INTRODUCTIONS

Governor Bill welcomed those present and introduced Circle K Governor Bethany Sara, Key Club Governor Esam Hammoudi, and International Trustee Gary Levine, from the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District. Gary will serve as our Counselor during the coming year. Bill recognized and introduced convention chairs Kelly Brown and Paul Price. Guests introduced themselves and indicated their role within district. Jason Miller, Education Chair, reviewed tasks of workshop facilitators and explained purpose of envelopes and evaluations being returned.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 3, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. **Motion by John Coffield (3) to approve the minutes was seconded and carried.**

OFFICERS REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Peggy McQuiston reviewed the July financial reports. She noted that committee budgets were within their allotted expenditures with appropriate usage of funds. She noted funds were coming in for convention and there were some outstanding bills that were in the process of being paid. She reviewed all the supporting documents and noted that all committee expenses seemed to be in order. Both Key Club and Circle K also were within their budgets, briefly reviewing their convention incomes and expenses. The district should finish the year in a good financial position.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Dave Whiteman presented a written report on the District Office operations. He reviewed our membership status to date and reviewed club resignations and mergers that have taken this place this year. As of this convention, we have 219 active clubs in the district. While there have been eleven charter resignation since last convention, there has also been two built. He reviewed the clubs who need to take care of small balances prior to being able to vote this weekend. He thanked everyone for their support and prayers during his surgery and recovery; he and his daughter was very humbled by the donation of books in their name.

IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Immediate Past Governor Amy Zimmerman addressed the board. She shared that she has been very busy, attending the district golf outing and the International Convention in Paris. The Eastern Cincinnati Club's charter party is scheduled for September 16th and the Ohio District Kiwanis Day at the Ballpark with the Cincinnati Reds is scheduled on September 17th. She noted that the media campaign in the Cincinnati Area is over, and while it has not generated many new members, it has created more name recognition. She offered her congratulations on the success of the Readers to Leaders Literacy Project.

GOVERNOR ELECT'S REPORT

Governor Elect Dan Litzinger held his board trainer in June and there will be a "make-up" session this afternoon for individuals unable to attend. Their initial board meeting will be held later this afternoon. He felt that Paris was very informative and enjoyable. He is very excited about the Formula Team that has been assembled and hopes more individuals will be joining the Formula Team to assist with building and counseling clubs. The new Groveport-Madison Club's charter party will be September 14th. He is looking forward to the Installation Sunday at 10:00 AM and hopes everyone will attend.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Governor Bill took a few moments to review his report. He encouraged everyone to consider running for higher offices, each time he has done so, it has been an absolute pleasure. He expressed appreciation to Dan and Amy for their support and their work with the Formula Team. Bill recognized Peggy and all her support. He recognized and thanked the Lt. Governors for their work and the experiences in Paris. He reviewed their goals for the I-Plan. For Inspiration, we have fell short of the 1,000 new members goal, but, we are beyond the half way point. He encouraged members to consider the family membership option which will be in place until October 1st. There is a grassroots effort to bring back the family membership option with Kiwanis International. He recognized Dan for his work on the Groveport Madison Club and is pleased to share that Celeste Brlas, Lt. Governor for division 13 will be submitting the paper work for Midview in the next week or so. For Impact, the goal was a 75% club participation in the First Family Project of Literacy, which was well received, they currently have documentation of 55% involvement and expects that number to go up. For Image, we wanted to promote the Kiwanis name and looked for four multi-club, division events that received local media exposure, the Public Relations goals will be met, with the help of Kiwanis Internationals media blitz in SW Ohio. We have had additional exposure with some billboards in the Newark and Zanesville area.

Our investment goal was to create two additional partnerships to bring benefits to our members, clubs, district or foundation. There have been some discussions toward solidifying some partnerships, like the one in Central Ohio with Half Price Books to donate gently used children's books to young readers.

The office move was completed and Bill thanked Jim Janosik and Dan Litzinger for painting the new office. The district has a new financial advisor and that process when very smooth.

The re-divisioning of the district has shown some mixed results with some divisions getting their leadership organized to provide leadership and even build some new clubs.

Ohio is very close to completing their Eliminate Goal of 2.6 million. We are currently very close to meeting several of our other goals. Bill reviewed some housekeeping items regarding convention activities.

INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR'S REMARKS

Gary Levine addressed the board briefly. He extended greetings from the International Board and thanked the board for their work, He was very pleased with how many members commented about membership growth and efforts being made to grow the organization. He wanted everyone to know that he and Kiwanis International is a resource to the membership, clubs and district. He thanked everyone in the room for serving as a resource to their clubs and divisions.

He thanked everyone for volunteering with Kiwanis.

KIWANIS FAMILY REPORTS

KEY CLUB GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Key Club Governor Esam Hammoudi thanked the board for allowing the Ohio District Key Club be represented at the convention this weekend. He then reported that Ohio has 246 Key Clubs and roughly 10,000 members. There are currently seven vacancies on the board and they are actively seeking to fill those positions and looking for applicants. District goals for this year include revamping the district website, focusing on the district project, which is The Thirst Project. Fall Rally will be October 29th at The Ohio State University.

CIRCLE K GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Circle K Governor Bethany Sara presented her report to the board. Several delegates attended the International Convention in San Antonio. They were very excited to announce that Ohio had a student elected to the Circle K International Board as a trustee. Fall Rally will be held at Baldwin Wallace University on September 29th and 30th and there will be 10 of 12 Circle K Board members in attendance this weekend.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION REPORT

President Dave Kuhn reminded everyone of the Foundation Board meeting later in the day. He was pleased to announce the appointment of a Foundation Secretary, Brandi Bowen. Since 1988 the Ohio District Foundation has channeled over ½ million dollars back into Ohio Kiwanis. He invited everyone to attend the annual meeting of the Foundation. He thanked everyone for such a great year.

ACTION ITEMS:

Charter Resignations

District Secretary Dave Whiteman advised the board there are no official charter resignations. One club has inquired about surrendering their charter, but he has not received anything in writing at this time.

Division Reorganization

The committee visited each of the impacted divisions and led discussions regarding re-alignment ensuring that clubs had a voice in the process. The committee's recommendation was that Division 20 be dissolved with its clubs being transferred to surrounding divisions. Concerns regarding the size of Division 16 were addressed. **Jim Janosik (10E) moved to approve the proposed changes outlined below. Motion was seconded and carried.**
The changes approved for district clubs are as follows:

- **The Kiwanis Clubs of Kent and Western Reserve will move to Division 26**
- **The Kiwanis Clubs of Hudson and Ravenna will move to Division 15**
- **The Kiwanis Clubs of Stow-Munroe Falls, Akron, Green, and Portage Lakes will move to Division 16**
- **Two other changes were recommended and approved, The Kiwanis Clubs of Lisbon and Salem will move from Division 17 to Division 26.**

Finance Proposal to Save Taxes for Key Club

Key Club proposed that their Reserves be transferred to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and beginning October 1, 2017 all their district activities, including conventions and events, will run through the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. The district office will still handle registrations, and other administrative tasks and funds will be transferred to the Foundation at least once a year. The Foundation will pay the bills and be able to provide a significant savings each year in Ohio Sales Taxes. **Amy Zimmerman moved to approve the Key Club financial proposal. Motion was seconded and carried.**

Financial Review Letter of Engagement

The accountant's Letter of Engagement for our 2016-2017 financial review was reviewed. **Bill Lauer(1N) moved to approve the engagement of the accountant. Motion was seconded and carried.**

2020 District Convention Invitation

Division 10W has submitted letters stating their support of the 2020 District Convention to be in Columbus. The supporting clubs will be given the bid packet to be completed and presented to the convention site selection committee for review as per the policy manual.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The board heard reports from the following committees.

Executive Committee

Bill Flinta

The Executive Committee met on April 26, 2017 during the medical leave of District Secretary Dave Whiteman. The committee approved contracts with the Park Inn in Toledo and the SeaGate Convention Centre in Toledo to host our 2018 District Convention. The committee also discussed the need for additional storage space in the District Office. A small room in an adjacent office is being made available on a month-to-month basis for the cost of approximately \$110.00 per month. The District Foundation has agreed to share the cost of the space with the district and they will use some of the space, along with our SLP organizations. In Dave's absence, Governor Bill was authorized to sign all contracts. **Jim Janosik (10E) moved to ratify the Executive Committee actions. Motion was seconded and carried.**

FINANCE AND STRUCTURE

Walt Maki

No report from the F & S Committee was available for the meeting.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Peter Gaughan

Investment advisor Peter Gaughan reviewed the current status of the district investments. Our funds are getting a fair return for non-profits and he explained how the funds are allocated and managed. He expressed concern that the only income is coming from investment. Additional funds have not been added to the funds from any other source.

MEMBERSHIP STRENGTHENING**Bill Snellgrove**

District Membership Chair Bill Snellgrove reviewed the progress of membership growth. He reminded the board to “re-member” their clubs with former members or individuals who have not been actively involved for a while. He encouraged board members to keep pushing their clubs to recruit new members prior to the end of the year and thanked everyone for their efforts.

NEW CLUB OPENING**Rich Ulmes**

New Club Building/Opening Chair Rich Ulmes reported on the opening of the Groveport Madison Club led by Dan Litzinger and Rita Corbin and the Midview Club led by Celeste Brlas. There are two additional club in progress in Cleveland Heights (15) and Colerain (6). He extended an invitation to the board to join the Formula Team for Club Strengthening and Club Building.

ELIMINATE PROJECT UPDATE**Cindy Champer**

Eliminate Project Chair Cindy Champer thanked everyone for their involvement with the Eliminate Project. Our district was the very first district to reach \$1 million in the capital campaign. She announced Ethiopia has now been declared “MNT free”. She noted a spreadsheet that highlights clubs that pledged money and their status on their donations, clubs have until 2020 to fulfill their pledges. She encouraged clubs to finish their pledge fulfillments. She also encouraged everyone to visit the Eliminate Display Table as well as the Foundation Information tables. She shared an informational letter which she asked board members to pass on to their clubs as they consider their annual budgets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dave Whiteman reminded the board their year does not end until September 30 and to continue working on membership and their club Eliminate Pledges.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM.

Submitted by:

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary