

**OHIO DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL  
2009-10 Board of Trustees Meeting  
Fourth Official Meeting**

Friday, August 13, 2010  
10:00 AM

Crowne Plaza Cincinnati North  
Sharonville, Ohio

**CALL TO ORDER**

Governor Don Parker called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Dave Whiteman called the roll. Absent were Chuck Leopold (13), Dan Corrigan (15), Joyce Pogany (21) and Howard Agueda (25). Bill Spring, the Lieutenant Governor Elect from Division 15 was in attendance at the meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Governor Don Parker introduced a few Special Guests. Circle K Governor Courtney Winterberger and Key Club Governor Michael Murray were introduced as well as Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo. Paul will be serving as our Counselor for the coming year.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the March 12, 2010 meeting of the Board were presented for approval. **Motion by Al Allender (11-N) to accept the minutes was seconded and carried.**

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Ray Patterson reviewed the financial reports that were emailed to the board earlier this week. Our bank accounts are up over his prior report and the Raymond James account was fairly stable. The specific income and expense statements are in good order as compared to the budget. Ray thanked all for allowing him to come down and review financials on a quarterly basis and the books are in good order. He complimented the district office for having the financial records in good order each time he comes in the office.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Dave Whiteman presented a written report on the District Office operations. He specifically thanked the board for covering 100% of the cost of the equipment and most of the new software required by the new Microsoft 7 operating system. Dave asked the board members to review the new Minnesota-Dakotas District newsletter. They prepared this using a template provided by Kiwanis International and we hope to begin using this template very soon. Dave also reviewed the status of clubs as we approach the delegate session that need to pay dues to avoid having charters revoked at the next International Convention. The balance of information was included in the written report given to each board member. Governor Don thanked Dave and Sarah for the help they have given him and others throughout the district this year.

**DISTRICT FOUNDATION REPORT**

Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation President Al Allender addressed the board briefly. His report was printed in the Board Booklet for each board member and they will not be recapped at this time. He specifically thanked those Lieutenant Governors who have assisted the District Foundation over the past year.

**KEY CLUB GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Governor Michael Murray addressed the board briefly. He noted that it was an honor to be with us and thanked us for working with our Key Club District members throughout the year. This makes the Kiwanis Family one of a kind. Michael noted that they recently made the decision to reduce their District Convention to one night in 2011. They hope that this will result in increased attendance throughout the year. He asked for our assistance in helping them fill their board and eliminate any vacancies that now exist. He encouraged us to find out who our Key Club Lieutenant Governors are and assist them in any way possible to improve the communication on both ends. Michael and Key Club Administrator addressed questions concerning why the Key Club divisions and Kiwanis divisions are not better aligned. They will look at that over the next year to see if we can do a better job of aligning our divisions. Their Fall Rally is the first Weekend in November at COSI in Columbus, Ohio.

**CIRCLE K GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Governor Courtney Winterberger addressed the board briefly. Courtney noted that they could also use our assistance in filling out their vacancies. They recently had their District Secretary resign and they also have two vacant Lieutenant Governor positions. Any help we can give them would be much appreciated. On a lighter note, the district did very well at the recent International Convention. The district was one of only 5 districts to be awarded Distinguished Status. The District Secretary Natalie Szemetylo and Lieutenant Governor Toby Markham were also Distinguished. Finally, their Fall Rally will take place October 23-24 at Baldwin-Wallace College.

## INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

International President Paul Palazzolo addressed the board briefly. He noted that it was an honor to be with us again. His first counseling assignment was for the Ohio District in Cincinnati at the 2004 District Convention. He reminded all of us that we have 48 days left in the administrative year. We have work to do. He stressed Membership and specifically the need to "Re-Member" our members who may have fallen away from our clubs for one reason or another. Determine how and when we are going to remember members in our district clubs. It is not too late to have a membership drive this year. We must grow to exist and keeping our current members; adding new members to our existing clubs, and building new clubs will help us to grow. He also asked those Lieutenant Governors who will be leaving the board how they will continue to help our clubs grow in the years to come.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Key Club Note

### Tom Riggs

Governor Don Parker reviewed the reasons why the District chose to borrow funds from Key Club in October of 2008 to avoid cashing in Mutual Funds that were depleted due to market value fluctuations. That decision allowed our Mutual Funds the opportunity to recover partially some of the value that had been lost due to economic conditions. Don asked Lieutenant Governor Tom Riggs to take over and talk about discussions made at the recent Finance & Structure Committee concerning repayment of this obligation. Tom related that it is a financial obligation of the district and the board must make decisions in the best interest of our membership. The challenge in deciding when we can pay some or this entire loan back is that we must be sure we have adequate cash available to pay our obligations until we begin receiving dues from Kiwanis International in mid to late November. We are fairly certain we can make a payment back to Key Club, but we do not want to tie the hands of our district. Tom wished he could give us a concrete amount that we will be able to pay back, but to do that would be unwise. Secretary Dave Whiteman advised that we should know by the time of our next F & S Meeting how much cash would be needed and to operate and how much we would have available to pay toward the note. The F & S Committee recommended that the Executive Committee make the decision on the amount to be repaid. Key Club Administrator Jeff Eble commented and only asked that Kiwanis look at the situation each year and determine the ability to repay a portion of the loan and/or adjust the interest rate. Governor Don Parker noted that he felt that the board members were comfortable with the situation as it stands with the Executive Committee to make a decision as to repayment in late October of this year.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Charter Suspensions

### Dave Whiteman

District Secretary Dave Whiteman asked the board to act upon the resignation letters received from the Westland Area Kiwanis Club and the Vienna Kiwanis Club. Many of the members of Westland Area have transferred to other clubs already. **Motion by Bob Columber (11-S) to accept the resignations was seconded and carried.** Lieutenant Governor Gerry Giangola noted that the Perry Club has ceased to meet and they are going out of business. He thought that their method of resignation would simply be not paying their dues. Secretary Dave advised Gerry that it would be better to resign by letter rather than to resign with an outstanding balance due. Their 2009-10 dues have been paid. It would mean that the charter revocation would not take effect until late next year, if they don't pay next year's dues. The board discussed the status of clubs in our district and brainstormed what we can do to improve the situation in the future. Lieutenant Governor Gerry Giangola indicated that he has agreed to be membership chair in his division next year and he encouraged all of us to become proactive in dealing with membership issues in the district.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Don Parker

Governor Don Parker advised the board that the Executive Committee met on April 26, 2010, June 3, 2010, and July 21, 2010. Copies of the minutes of the meetings were distributed in the board package. Governor Don reviewed the actions taken at each meeting and asked that the Board ratify the actions of the Executive Committee at the meetings. **Motion by Bill Lauer (1-N) to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee was seconded and carried.**

### MEMBERSHIP-TAG TEAM

### Bill Snellgrove

TAG Team Chair Bill Snellgrove addressed the board and updated them on our progress this year. He was pleased to announce that 90 clubs have shown growth since October 1<sup>st</sup>. These clubs have shown net growth of 300 members. Another 50 clubs held their membership at the same level as October 1<sup>st</sup>. That means that the remaining 115 clubs have lost members. Their communities have lost Kiwanis servants and we must do what we can to help those clubs. We are in the process of forming new clubs in North Ridgeville and in Lithopolis/Bloom Township. Those clubs will be completed very soon. In Division 4, a satellite to the Dayton Breakfast Club is being formed. We must keep our mind on membership and on improving the clubs in our district. Bill asked the Lieutenant Governors to stress that the clubs in our divisions perform club surveys. It is important and it will help improve the operation of our clubs.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION****Jerry Duerk**

District Convention Chair Jerry Duerk addressed the board. He thanked District Secretary Dave and Administrative Secretary Sarah for being the glue that holds everything together. He thanked Governor Don for his leadership and also Governor Elect John DeVilbiss for putting together the workshops. They are first class and will help make our clubs better in the future. He thanked all his committee for their hard work and gave a brief overview of the convention schedule and layout. He is sure we will find this to be a great district convention. Governor Don outlined the schedule as it pertains to the Lieutenant Governors in particular from the Board Luncheon through the end of the convention. He also explained what the responsibilities were for those signing up to facilitate workshops.

**IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR COMMENTS**

Immediate Past Governor Kip Crain addressed the board briefly. He thanked Don and Carol Parker for all they have done for the entire Kiwanis Family this past year. He also re-emphasized what President Paul said earlier by asking us all to continue working for the next 48 days. He thanked them for what they had done so far and asked them to continue their work through the balance of the year. He thanked Secretary Dave and Sarah Roush for their work this year and thanked the board for allowing him to serve with them.

**GOVERNOR ELECT COMMENTS**

Governor Elect John DeVilbiss addressed the board briefly. As Laws and Regulations Chair, he reviewed the bylaw changes that we will be considering tomorrow at the delegate session. Two are pretty much housekeeping items designed to bring our bylaws into compliance with those of Kiwanis International or to adjust them in accordance with the recent IRS decision to deny the appeal of our tax exempt status, but the third may be a little more controversial. The third issue will remove our new member add fee and replace it with a "graduated" or more appropriately title "prorated" new member enrollment fee similar to that enacted by KI in April of this year. He thanked the entire board for their assistance in making sure we have an entire board in place for the 2010-11 administrative year. He asked the current Lieutenant Governors to share information with next year's Lieutenant Governor regarding their clubs and their strengths and weaknesses. The District Installation will be held in Springfield, Ohio on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming out very soon. Finally, he formally announced that Paul Palazzolo will be our counselor for the coming year and we should make him feel welcome.

**GOVERNOR COMMENTS**

Governor Don did not have any comments at this time. He will be speaking to all the Lieutenant Governors at the Board Luncheon. He gave the district chairs in attendance 30 seconds to talk to the board and several took advantage, including Craig Wallace (Community Service), Len Abrams (Kiwanis International Foundation), and Al Allender (On to Geneva).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Secretary Dave advised the Lieutenant Governors to look at the Board Booklets. They include reports from several district chairs who did not speak today. He especially directed them to the information for our upcoming Key Leader weekend in November.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Submitted by:



B. David Whiteman  
District Secretary