

**OHIO DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL  
2013-14 Board of Trustees Meeting  
Fourth Official Meeting**

Friday, August 8, 2014  
10:00 AM

Crowne Plaza Columbus North  
Columbus, Ohio

**CALL TO ORDER**

Governor Jennifer DeFrance called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Dave Whiteman called the roll. Absent were the Lieutenant Governors from Divisions 8, 11-N and 25.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Governor Jennifer welcomed those present and recognized International Trustee Elizabeth Tezza, from the Carolinas District. Elizabeth will serve as our Counselor during the coming year. Jennifer also recognized Past International President Alan Penn and First Lady Jeri Penn, as well as Circle K Governor Molly Baumann.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the March 7, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. **Motion by Joe Germana (24) to approve the minutes was seconded and carried.**

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Bill Flinta reviewed the "Draft" copy of the July financial reports. He noted that we continue to be in a very liquid position. We have no liabilities and we have almost one year of the budget in Cash and Marketable Securities. He projects that we will end the year near a break-even position or perhaps even a little in the black. He reviewed all the supporting documents and noted that all seemed to be in order. Both Key Club and Circle K also were in strong positions and we operating within their budgets. Both Key Club and Circle K has about a year's worth of their budget in cash.

**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 232 active clubs in the district. He reviewed the clubs who need to take care of small balances prior to being able to vote this weekend.

**IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Immediate Past Governor Craig Wallace addressed the board. He noted that this was his last meeting prior to leaving the board and he has been privileged to serve the district. Governor Jennifer and the board had a great year this year and he noted that it is not over. Keep working hard until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Governor Jennifer and Secretary Dave Whiteman presented Craig with his Distinguished Governor Pin that was presented during the International Convention in Tokyo.

**GOVERNOR ELECT'S REPORT**

Governor Elect Diana Keplinger presented a report outlining her activities this year. She has been working very hard to prepare for the 2014-15 Administrative Year. She reviewed her theme and noted that we will be hearing more about that in the weeks to come. She is working with Jack Hilborn to plan the upcoming Installation. She attended the Formula Training Weekend in St. Louis, and this summer attended the Key Club International Convention in Anaheim. She recommended it to all of us. We will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Kiwanis at our District Convention in Beachwood next August. Diana thanked Jennifer for all that she has done this year as she prepared for the next year.

**INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR'S REMARKS**

Elizabeth Tezza addressed the board briefly. She is looking forward to working with our district this coming year. She knows we will have a great year with Diana as Governor. From 1987 to 1992, she and her husband lived in Springboro and we are building a new club there. Elizabeth will be there to provide support in any way she can during the upcoming year. Governor Jennifer noted that Elizabeth would address the membership at our lunch tomorrow afternoon.

## GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Governor Jennifer DeFrance took a few moments to review her report. She noted that she would be covering it in more detail at the Delegate Session tomorrow. She is pleased with the progress of our membership growth and new club building so far this year. She congratulated Barb Smith for completed the new Medina Evening Club recently. Other locations are also in the works. Our Education efforts resulted in a considerable increase at Mid Year and District Convention attendance is tracking about even with last year. She was also pleased that on the last Eliminate Report about 90% of the clubs in the district had made some donation to the project.

## KIWANIS FAMILY REPORTS

### KEY CLUB GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Key Club Governor Clayton Brown was not able to make our meeting this morning, but he did prepare a written report that was reviewed during the meeting. One big change next year will be the move of the District Leadership Conference to Cleveland after being held in Columbus for many years.

### CIRCLE K GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Circle K Governor Molly Baumann presented her report to the board. She and one other student attended CKIx in Nashville and they had a great time. She cleaned a park and served lunch at the Nashville Rescue Mission. They had great support from Kiwanis Clubs and divisions who donated half the cost of attending the convention. Their Fall Rally will be held October 24-25 at Divine Mercy Ministry in Columbus. They will have fellowship activities on Friday night; workshops on Saturday morning; and a Service Project on Saturday afternoon. Their District Convention will be held February 27-March 1 at Camp Nuhop this year. Their hope is that the reduced cost will result in a significant increase in attendance. They ended the year with 460 members this year and hope to increase that number next year. She reviewed their District Goals in the report.

### DISTRICT FOUNDATION REPORT

President Doug Huth presented a written report that was forwarded to all board members by email. He reviewed the annual performance of their funds. They are losing five board members this year and their work on behalf of the foundation was much appreciated. Doug also thanked the retiring Executive Director Leroy Martin and he will be replaced by Alan Penn. Remember this year to purchase Kiwanis license plates as you renew your registrations with the BMV. He thanked the entire board for their hospitality as the foundation liaisons visited the district. He also announced that thanks to a donation from Dave and Joanne Whiteman, the foundation will be raffling two tickets this weekend to the OSU-Cincinnati football game. Tickets will be available all weekend and the drawing will take place at the Governor's Banquet.

## ACTION ITEMS:

### Charter Resignations

District Secretary Dave Whiteman advised the board that he had received a Charter Resignation from the Wheelersburg Kiwanis Club in Division 9. They followed the checklist that was developed earlier this year and completed all the steps required. In addition, we received a request from the Dublin and Dublin Area Kiwanis Clubs that they be permitted to merge their two clubs. This was presented as an information item only and the board is not required to approve the merger. **Motion by Mike Payton (9) to approve the Charter Resignation from the Wheelersburg Kiwanis Club was seconded and carried.**

### Policy Manual Addition

District Governor Jennifer related that after working with the Mid Year and District Convention Chairs this year she believed that the amount of work done by the Chair and the time that they spent on site during the event required that they be given a complimentary sleeping room. She then asked Laws & Regulations Chair Ted Barrows to draft the appropriate addition to our policy manual. Chair Ted Barrows reviewed the addition to Article V. Finance Policy, I. Complimentary Rooms, Meals, & Registration Fees, Section 1, b. as follows: Complimentary hotel room will be provided to the Chairperson of the Mid Year Education Day and the District Convention. (Note: All following items in the section were renumbered as needed. **Motion by Ted Howard (11S) to approve this addition to our District Policy Manual was seconded and carried.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The board heard reports from the following committees.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **Jennifer DeFrance**

Governor Jennifer DeFrance reviewed the minutes of the May 27, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting. The meeting was necessary to approve the revised Division # for the merged Division 21-25. We had originally planned to call it Division 23, but Kiwanis International would not permit that change since Division 23 was originally based in the Cleveland Area. The Executive Committee approved changing this division to 26. The second item approved at that meeting was the three-year contract with the Crowne Plaza Columbus North for our 2015-2016-2017 Mid Year Education Day. Governor Jennifer reviewed the process used in selecting the hotel and why the committee choose this specific location. **Motion by Lee Fenrich (14) to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee were seconded and carried.**

### **DISTRICT CONVENTION**

#### **Eric Bush**

District Convention Chair Eric Bush reviewed the schedule for the weekend and how the meal functions would work. In most cases you will get your food from buffet lines before you come into the room to sit down. The exception is the Governor's Banquet, which is a plated meal. Eric reviewed the other major events happening this weekend and he hoped that all would have an enjoyable and informative weekend. We fell a little short of the 440 we had as a goal for registrations, but Eric feels that the facility is well setup to handle the functions that are planned. He urged all to participate in the Eliminate Walk with a donation of \$18.00 that will represent a savings of 10 lives from MNT. Credentials are being moved to the District Office and Kent Williamson will be the Credentials Chair. Eric also reviewed where other important function rooms were located and answered questions from the group.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Jamie Kaufman**

Jamie Kaufman, Chair of the District Education Committee, reported that the convention committee, with guidance from Governor Elect Diana Keplinger, had put together a schedule of 20 workshops for the weekend. He is once again asking the Lieutenant Governors to serve as moderators to introduce workshops and speakers during the weekend. There is a change this year that will save paper and reduce the volume of materials the moderator will be responsible for. The workshop and event evaluations will be online only and available on the District Website at [www.ohiokiwans.org](http://www.ohiokiwans.org). The moderator will only be responsible for returning the small-stapled packet to the district office after the session is over. Jamie thanked all those who assisted in preparation of the individual workshops.

### **GOVERNOR'S BANQUET**

#### **Jennifer DeFrance**

Governor Jennifer reviewed the process that will be used to introduce each of us at the Governor's Banquet and she reassured all that they would have reserved seating during the function. She passed around a sign-up sheet to determine how many seats would need to be reserved. All were instructed to meet in the foyer outside the ballroom at 6 PM to line up for introductions.

### **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

#### **Bill Snellgrove**

District Membership Chair Bill Snellgrove congratulated the Board on their results so far this year and he reviewed his report that was emailed to all Board Members earlier this week. So far we are up 300 in members and that increase is reflected in the number of clubs who have shown growth this year. We also have five clubs that were below charter strength who are now above that number. We have a number of individuals who have been trained by Kiwanis International as New Club Openers and Club Counselors. Those individuals are available to assist you or your clubs in their efforts to grow. He echoed Immediate Past Governor Craig Wallace's remarks about finishing strong and working hard to make this a great Kiwanis year.

### **NEW CLUB OPENING**

#### **Kathleen Moylan**

New Club Building/Opening Chair Kathleen Moylan took a few moments to review the locations throughout the district where work is in process in hopes of opening new clubs. We received the Key Number of our new Medina Evening Club and she thanked Barb Smith and Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Wilson for their efforts. She is confident we will soon have new clubs in South Columbus and in Division 20 and she reviewed the status of the other locations.

### **ELIMINATE PROJECT UPDATE**

#### **Craig Smith**

Eliminate Committee Multi Division Chair Craig Smith reviewed the report from Eliminate District Coordinator Cindy Champer. While we were in Tokyo for the International Convention, the Taiwan District made a commitment to raise \$7 million for Eliminate. Craig encouraged all to continue to work hard to meet their commitments. We need to continue with Zeller giving; continue the Bronze, Silver, and Model clubs; continue our individual and club fundraising no matter how small it seems to be. Make a commitment by signing and sending in a pledge form today. Craig thanked the entire board for the work they have done to insure the success of our campaign.

**HEALTHY KIWANIS/HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

**Jennifer Lewis**

Youth Services District Chair Jennifer Lewis reviewed a report that was prepared by Jennifer, Community Services Chair Sarah Roush, and YCPO Chair Linda Steinbrunner. The report was emailed to the board earlier this week. She thanked all who brought Crayons and Coloring Books this weekend. There will be a collection container in the District Office. Be sure to sign the list to insure that your club receives credit for the collection. Jennifer reviewed the results of the Mid Year Education Day Project and thanked the divisions who led those efforts. She encouraged all to participate in the Eliminate Walk this afternoon to support the second service project at this convention. Finally Jennifer pointed out the form that needs to be completed to make sure your club earns the applicable banner patch.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The 2014-15 District Installation will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the Doubletree Columbus-Worthington Hotel. Information regarding the event will be sent out later this week by email.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by:



B. David Whiteman  
District Secretary