

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT OF KIWANIS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Hilton Hotel Fort Collins CO
March 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Governor Kathy Lee at 8:30 am.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Board members present: Governor Kathy Lee, Governor-Elect Hayley Suppes, Past Governor Jon Mangino, Lt. Govs: Mike Keim, Ann Stelling, Harry Brandon, Dawn Rogers, Derek Manley, Vernon Gray, Dan LeVan, Lee Katz, Jennet Ballinger, Brian Blasi, Gail Coombs, Tim Sheppard, Rob Protzman, Charlotte Pirnat, District Treasurer Bob Garretson, and District Secretary Nancy Wiehagen

Absent, Lt. Gov Steve Fairleigh

Guests: Jane Erickson, KI President, Bert West, KI Trustee, George Kinzer, Dawn White, Larry Howell, Jan Brown Reed

Kathy Lee convened the meeting and welcomed all the participants.

The January 21, 2017 minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Garretson reported our accounts were in good shape. All but \$3,000 in dues have been collected and he will distribute the Unpaid Dues Report to the Lt. Govs.

Mid-Year Recap: Nancy reported that we had an increase in registrations from last year. We had 234 registrations, compared to 200 last year. We had 110 attend the awards dinner, compared to 85 last year. Overall, the comments she has received have been very good. Kathy asked for any suggestions to help plan for next year:

1. Lee Katz asked if Presidents training could be offered on Saturday instead of Sunday. Kathy said changing this would prevent them from attending the great forums. Instead, Regional Training for club officers on any Saturday was discussed as an alternative. Kathy said she would discuss this with Russ, but also noted we need more trainers to work with Russ to be able to offer regional training.
2. Jane Erickson said she heard lots of questions, people were engaged, the attitude was excitement and interest to learn. She said her and Gus really enjoyed the conference.
3. Kathy said a survey will be sent out to all Kiwanis members for feedback.

Jane Erickson said the Step Up for Kids event in Monument was incredible opportunity to bring light to Kiwanis in the Monument area. She hopes the Monument club continues the conversation and it brings momentum to working together. Jane expressed her sincere appreciation for all that the Lt. Governors of the Rocky Mountain District do for the children of the district.

Bert West expressed his thanks for the support the district board gave him to run for trustee. He further expressed his admiration for the youthful and energetic leadership Jon, Kathy and Haley as a trio bring to our district.

CKI Report: Jan Brown Reed, CKI Administrator, presented an update on the RMD Circle K International (CKI). There are currently seven schools with CKI chapters. A full report is attached as part of these minutes.

Key Club & Key Leader: Dawn White, RMD Key Club Administrator, presented an update on Key Club and Key Leader. Key Leader is scheduled for October 20-22, 2017 at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. Dawn said she would like to have 100 students attend.

Key Club has 97 clubs in good standing. A full report is attached as part of these minutes. Key Club DCON will be March 31 – April 2, 2017 in Denver at the Sheraton Denver West. She invited and encouraged Lt. Governors to attend.

Dawn said she needs 2 people to help her with Key Club: Someone to handle online registrations for Key Leader/Key Club DCON, and someone to train to take over her position.

Youth Protection: Larry Howell, RMD Youth Protection and Risk Manager, presented on the Risk and Youth Protection. Larry emphasized that KI requires all SLP Kiwanis Advisors to have a background check through Kiwanis International, but currently we have 43% of advisors in compliance. He encouraged the Lt. Governors to visit with their clubs regarding this matter.

Larry said the Youth Protection Guidelines training- either in person or on KI portal must be taken by every Kiwanis member annually.

Jane Erickson reiterated that protecting children is a huge issue for Kiwanis. Due to there not being a standard guideline on background checks, Kiwanis is taking a lead by using safe hiring solutions. Hopefully other organizations will follow and we can have a standard in place.

Bylaws and Policies & Procedures: George Kinzer reported that the District By-laws were just recently approved by Kiwanis International. The district policy and procedures have also been approved and are working well. Both documents are posted to the RMD Kiwanis website at www.rmdkiwanis.com.

Signature Project Contest: Kathy Lee reported that we received thirteen entries for the District Signature Project Contest. She said the task of judging them was very difficult as all of projects are really great. She thanked the panel of judges: Gail Coombs, Steve Fairleigh, Brian Blasi, Lindsey Finklang, Jon Mangino, Hayley Suppes and herself. Kathy said the judges requested the board to help decide the 1st place project that will represent the Rocky Mountain District: either Grand Junction Pancake Day and Colorado Feeding Kids.

The top 2 projects were discussed. The Colorado Feeding Kids project has the largest impact, but because of the lack of branding of as Kiwanis Project, the board thought it would not do well at the international contest since branding was a key component.

Rob Protzman moved and Dawn Rogers 2nd to select the Grand Junction Pancake Day and Funfest as the RMD Signature Project. Motion carried.

Kathy said the entrants will all be notified, and the committee will get back together to determine the 3rd place winner.

Formula: Jon Mangino, RMD Formula chair, reported the district has added 128 new members this Kiwanis year. The net gain is only 30 members. We are doing great, but we need to speed up the pace to reach the district goal of 448 new members. Kathy Lee encouraged the Lt Governors to continue talking to clubs about membership. The Lt. Governors each reported on progress towards club strengthening in their divisions. Jon, Hayley and Kathy offered their help with any club that asks for it.

Jon Mangino reported on the progress of new club openings. Derek Manley and Tim Sheppard are working on Torrington. They are planning an event on March 16th, Jon and Hayley will help with it. Mary Villalba is working on Stapleton. Jon, Hayley and Kathy plan to help her with a blitz on April 6th. Wellington is stalled, but Jon hopes to identify a local who can spearhead referrals to get the club opened. Jon said the Denver Young Professionals had a meet and greet and they plan to have a monthly meeting.

New Mexico Clubs: Kathy Lee reported that Southwest District asked for their 3 clubs back. They contacted the 3 clubs and reported that Bloomfield and Aztec want to go back to their district and Raton wants to stay with the Rocky Mountain District.

Jennet Ballinger, Lt. Governor Division 10 moved, Harley Katz, Lt. Governor Division 9 2nd that the Bloomfield and Aztec New Mexico Kiwanis Clubs be allowed be part of the Southwest District of Kiwanis International. Motion carried.

DCON: District Convention is August 3 – 6, 2017 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Nancy said more information will be coming in April; two hotels are available- the Radisson is where the Cheyenne Club currently meets and Little America is where we have held past conventions.

Hayley Suppes reported the 2017-2018 Lt. Governor training is April 7-8, 2017 in Manitou Springs. She said that we are lucky to have President elect Jim Rochford attend as well as Brian Tenclinger our regional strategist will also be attending. She asked for Lt. Govs to please let her know who is replacing them if they are leaving the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 11:42a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Wiehagen
RMD District Secretary