

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2014-2015 BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
WESTIN LAKE MARY/NORTH ORLANDO
2974 INTERNATIONAL PKWY, LAKE MARY, FL
2:00 P.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

Call to Order

Governor Chuck Gugliuzza called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

District Treasurer Gary Frechette led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

Roll Call

Executive Director Melanie Winternheimer's roll call confirmed that the following 2014-15 District Board Members were present for the meeting:

2014-15 Trustees Present

Governor Chuck Gugliuzza
Immediate Past Governor Matthew Cantrall
Past Governor Allen Whetsell
Past Governor Tom Ramiccio
Executive Director Melanie Winternheimer
District Treasurer Gary Frechette
Division 1 Lt. Governor Grant Williams
Division 2 Lt. Governor Doug Huntsucker
Division 3 Lt. Governor Steve Sullivan
Division 4 Lt. Governor Joyce Taylor
Division 5 Lt. Governor Bob Hollister
Division 7 Lt. Governor Jim Rademacher
Division 8 Lt. Governor Beverly Reso
Division 9 Lt. Governor Jim Gillies
Division 10 Lt. Governor Jennifer Schmitt
Division 11 Lt. Governor Janet Cathy
Division 12 Lt. Governor Chuck Winscott
Division 13 Lt. Governor Cathy Swanson
Division 14 Lt. Governor Karen Gerardi
Division 15 Lt. Governor Mary Crowder
Division 16 Lt. Governor Keith Muniz
Division 17 Lt. Governor Pamela Edwards
Division 18N Lt. Governor Dana Keane
Division 18S Lt. Governor Larry Taylor
Division 19 Lt. Governor Donna Williamson
Division 20 Lt. Governor Johnny McKenzie
Division 21 Lt. Governor Carol Ramiccio
Division 22 Lt. Governor Jennifer Frost
Division 23 Lt. Governor Dennis Cantlay

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Division 24 Lt. Governor Carroll Neita
Division 25 Lt. Governor Wil Reich
Division 26 Lt. Governor Lisa Feliciano

Absent:

Governor-elect Celia Earle
Division 6 Lt. Governor Jeff Tibbets

Also Attending

International President Dr. John Button
Florida Kiwanis Foundation Vice President James Meyer
Florida CKI District Governor Michelle Ocampo
Florida Key Club Governor Lauren McAllister
Parliamentarian Joe Zaks

Quorum

Executive Director Winternheimer confirmed the presence of a quorum for the conduct of business.

Acknowledgement of Guests and Opening Comments

Governor Gugliuzza thanked everyone for being present. He then acknowledged the guests seated in the back of the room.

International Representation at the Convention:

Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button was in attendance, this being the weekend of the Centennial Tour stop in Florida and the ribbon cutting of the Centennial Playground.

Approval of August 24, 2014 Minutes:

Lt. Governor Larry Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2014 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Doug Huntsucker and carried.

Report of District Treasurer/Financial Reports:

District Treasurer Gary Frechette presented the 2013-14 Auditor's Review of the Kiwanis Family accounts and the Quarterly Year to Date Financials ending 12/31/14. Lt. Governor Steve Sullivan made a motion to accept the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Karen Gerardi and carried.

District Treasurer Frechette then presented the 2014-15 Aktion Club Budget. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Lt. Governor Carroll Neita and seconded by Lt. Governor Janet Cathy. The motion carried.

District Treasurer Frechette went on to explain the policy of having an end of the year review versus an end of the year audit. Based on the recommendation of the Long Range Finance Committee, Frechette entertained a motion to call for a review for 2014-15 in lieu of a full

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audit. Lt. Governor Taylor made a motion to have Executive Director Winternheimer instruct the auditors to conduct a financial review in lieu of an audit. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Mary Crowder and carried.

Frechette thanked the lieutenant governors for their support in getting outstanding dues collected and asked that they continue to keep on top of this so that we do not have any club charters suspended for non-payment.

Report of Investment Counselor:

Investment Counselor Terry Carr explained the duties of the investment committee, the policies of the investment committee, and outlined the performance of the investments as of the end of December 2014. The Florida District investment account and the HLT investment account both continue to grow.

2015-16 Division Elections:

Executive Director Winternheimer made a plea for the current seated lieutenant governors to either return home and hold their elections for their successors or make plans to attend the 2015-16 Lieutenant Governor Training Conference on May 1. To date only seven election forms have been received.

Lieutenant Governor's Filing Dates, Deadlines & Visits:

Education and Contact Visit reports were due 12/01/14. E.D. Winternheimer reminded everyone that there is a limited amount available in the budget for reimbursed expenses per report type so it's important to submit their reports and reimbursement requests as early as possible. She also reminded them of the importance of getting their Official Board Visits scheduled. These are the most difficult reports to schedule because of the infrequency and irregularity of the meetings. These reports are due by 5/31/15.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Winternheimer addressed the board, thanking them for getting the word out to their members about the benefits of attending the Mid-Winter Conference and Centennial Playground ribbon cutting.

She expounded on District Treasurer Frechette's report about the audits by informing the board that we ended the year much stronger than anticipated.

After updating the board on the Centennial Celebration in Detroit and the Sandestin site visit she closed by offering an update on the status of the district's 501(c)3 exempt status.

International Convention:

Governor Gugliuzza confirmed to the board that there would not be a board meeting at the International Convention. This will be a busy convention unlike any other and he would like for our attendees from the Florida District to be able to take full advantage of all of the events

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offered. To be eligible for the \$400 reimbursement of expenses all board members must attend the entire Florida District Caucus and the House of Delegates.

Florida District Convention:

Governor Gugliuzza provided an overview of what to expect at the district convention including the VIP Appreciation Dinner, formal (black tie) retirement, Credentials & registration assistance and the Sunday Memorial program. We have a goal of 800 attendees and while the district can put together educational forums, fellowship opportunities, and inspirational speakers, it is up to the entire board to promote the convention and get our members there. The Florida Kiwanis Foundation is planning to organize a golf tournament so early arrival is encouraged. Our final board meeting will be held at this convention.

Caring Corner:

District Treasurer Frechette informed the board that, based on survey results over the past few years, the Caring Corner will be taking on a new twist this year. In lieu of the tables of rummage sale items, a Silent Auction will be held consisting of upscale gift baskets designed and donated by each division, themed to their division. In addition, baked goods and coffee will be available. The Caring Corner will be a comfortable place to relax, network, and fellowship throughout the entire weekend.

Growth Progress Report:

In the absence of Formula Coordinator Dave Schmitt due to traffic conditions in the area, Governor Chuck provided Schmitt's report. According to Schmitt, there are currently nine new clubs in formation. The goal for 2014-15 is ten. Governor Gugliuzza thanked all of those who have made the commitment to The Formula. The Formula is what we need to grow this organization so that it will be around to help children for another 100 years. In the area of membership growth and retention Governor Gugliuzza recognized that Division 9 is +18, Division 10 is +22, Division 19 is +25, and Division 23 is +60. These divisions are using their counselors and the tools provided to make a difference. He also recognized two individuals for giving the gift of Kiwanis. Division 7 Lieutenant Governor Jim Rademacher has brought in five new members since October 1, 2015 and Formula Coordinator Dave Schmitt has brought in 15 new members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Governor's Visits:

Governor Gugliuzza reported the status of he and First Lady Emilia's many visits. They have traveled to 21 of 27 divisions and hope to visit the other six in the near future.

Update of The Eliminate Project :

District Eliminate Coordinator Emilia Gugliuzza reminded everyone how very important it is to keep up the momentum that we have started. She told the board the many countries where we have eradicated Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus but asked us to remember that there is so much more to be done.

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NEW BUSINESS

Report of District Bylaws Revision Committee:

Committee Chair Allen Whetsell provided an update saying that the committee had not yet had the opportunity to meet. He told the board that the committee will meet by conference call and will present the revision to the Past Governor's Committee at their meeting on March 28th. Once their comments are incorporated the proposed revised bylaws will be presented by email to the board.

Key Club Endowment Proposal:

Key Club Governor Lauren McAllister presented the Key Club Endowment Proposal as approved by the Key Club Board, January 4, 2015. The purpose of the endowment fund is to provide more scholarships for Key Club members as well as subsidize the cost of the Key Club District Convention. Approximately \$240,000 from investment accounts will be used as seed money to establish the endowment.

Proposal from the Kiwanis Club of Sarasota:

Governor Gugliuzza presented a proposed resolution regarding the first object of Kiwanis. This resolution was submitted to Kiwanis International by the Kiwanis Club of Sarasota.

Proposed Dues Increase:

Governor Gugliuzza asked that International President John Button come forward to take questions regarding the dues increase proposed by Kiwanis International. President Button explained the dues increase of \$10 per year and the proposal to provide the Kiwanis International Board the latitude of increasing dues up to 5% on a yearly basis. He provided an overview of why the dues increase is necessary and answered questions from the group.

Remarks by Florida Kiwanis Foundation Vice-President Jim Meyer:

Vice-President Jim Meyer gave a Foundation update and pledged the Florida Kiwanis Foundation's continued support of our Service Leadership Programs and to Kiwanis.

He provided a status on the Grants programs and asked that the lieutenant governors help the divisions properly complete the paperwork when they are requesting Grants.

Remarks by Key Club Governor Lauren McAllister:

Key Club Governor Lauren provided an update on the accomplishments of Key Club including:

- the Endowment Fund which was ratified by the Kiwanis board earlier in this meeting. This is a wonderful way to create more scholarships for Key Club members every year.
- The Florida District of Key Club has completed over 207,180 service hours between March of 2014 and February 2015. 23,508 of these service hours correspond to Governor Lauren's Governor's Project "SNAP" (Special Needs Awareness Program).

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- They have raised \$95,802.59 toward their goal of \$125,000 for the Eliminate Project. Governor Lauren is confident that they will meet their goal.
- The Florida District of Key Club is currently comprised of 344 active clubs. There are 20,634 paid members. To date, twelve new clubs have been chartered with a few more in the works.
- Spring Zone Rallies are almost complete. They have had tremendous turnout of Key Clubbers due in part to Kiwanis outstanding support of the SLPs
- District Convention is right around the corner. Key Club would appreciate Kiwanis support of the ad program which not only provides advertising opportunities for clubs and businesses but also for scholarships for Key Club members.

Governor Lauren closed by saying that it would not be possible for the Florida District of Key Club to be nearly as successful as it is without Kiwanis and the Florida Foundation's support. She thanked the board all they do and encouraged them to go to the Key Club board with any questions or comments that they have.

Remarks by CKI Governor Michelle Ocampo:

Governor Michelle enthusiastically addressed the board saying that Kiwanis is why she and Governor Lauren stand before them today, however, Circle K, Key Club and the other SLPs will be the reason that Kiwanis carries forward for the next 100 years. She implored the group to continue to get more involved and make genuine connections with every branch of the Kiwanis family. Kiwanians can support CKI by offering internships (paid or unpaid), allowing job shadow opportunities, being a resource for service project ideas and contacts for other community leaders in the area, and ultimately just serving as a mentor and friend.

An opportunity to learn, grow, and bond with fellow members of the Kiwanis family is approaching with the Second Annual K-Family Summit taking place on Saturday March 28th. This event will include team building activities, a service project for all attendees to participate in, and a panel of Service Leadership Program leaders from all over the Central Florida area.

She thanked everyone for the work they have done both for and with Circle K. She closed by saying "You, have the ability to inspire. You, have the ability to lead. You, have the ability to develop the young leaders that will follow in your footsteps for years to come."

Governor's Closing Comments:

As we closed, Governor Gugliuzza urged everyone to remember our challenge of asking. Each lieutenant governor should ask at least ten people to come to a meeting or a service project. He challenged everyone to bring in two new members by the end of the year.

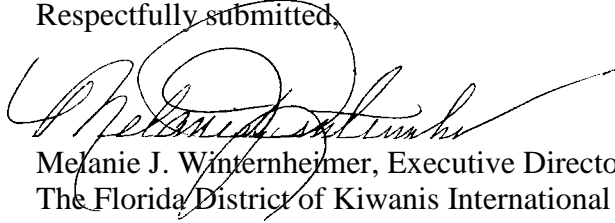
He closed saying that he and Emilia are honored, privileged, and humbled to serve the Florida district to the best of their ability. He thanked the lieutenant governors, district chairs, advisors, administrators, his executive board, and especially his Lieutenant Governor Liaison Steve LeBlanc, for their support and strength.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business, Governor Gugliuzza adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie J. Winternheimer, Executive Director/District Secretary
The Florida District of Kiwanis International

Certification:

Copies of these Minutes have been forwarded to Kiwanis International Executive Director Stan Soderstrom; Kiwanis International Governance Specialist, Diana Rader O'Brien; Thomas Tschopp, Schafer, Tschopp, Whitcomb, Mitchell & Sheridan, LLP, Florida Kiwanis' officially designated Auditor; and permanently filed in the Official Records of the Florida District of Kiwanis International, Inc., at its headquarters at 5545 Benchmark Lane, Sanford, FL 32773-8116.