# MINUTES OF THE FINAL OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2014-2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL SANDESTIN GOLF & BEACH RESORT 9300 EMERALD COAST PARKWAY, MIRAMAR BEACH, FL 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015

### Call to Order

Governor Chuck Gugliuzza called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m (Central Standard Time).

### Pledge of Allegiance

Governor-elect Dr. Celia Earle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Invocation**

District Treasurer Gary Frechette led 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

Governor-elect Celia Earle

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 14 Lt. Governor Karen Gerardi

Division 15 Lt. Governor Mary Crowder

Division 16 Lt. Governor Keith Muniz

Division 17 Lt. Governor Pamela Edwards

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

Division 24 Lt. Governor Caroll Neita

Division 25 Lt. Governor Will Reich

Division 26 Lt. Governor Lisa Feliciano

#### Absent:

Division 6 Lt. Governor Jeff Tibbets

Division 13 Lt. Governor Cathy Swanson

Division 18N Lt. Governor Dana Keane

### **Also Attending**

International Trustee and Florida District Board Counselor Dewey Smith

Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Dave Liddell

Florida CKI District Governor Jessica Cook

Florida Key Club Governor Shane Meagher

Parliamentarian Bob Parton

### 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:**

The Kiwanis International Board was represented at the Board Meeting by International Trustee and Florida Kiwanis Board Counselor Dewey Smith. Kiwanis International was also represented at the convention by Joan Wilson, Member Services Manager; Ashley Meruani, USA Region 2 Area Director, The Eliminate Project; Michael Frailey, The Formula, the Americas; and Rhonda Vrell, Regional Development Strategist.

#### **Approval of February 27, 2015 Minutes:**

Lt. Governor Doug Huntsucker made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2015 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Grant Williams and carried.

### Report of District Treasurer/Financial Reports:

District Treasurer Gary Frechette presented quarterly year to date financials ending 06/30/15.

District Treasurer Frechette then presented the 2015-16 Florida Kiwanis District Budget as recommended by the Long Range Finance Committee. A motion to accept the budget as

presented was made by Lt. Governor Steve Sullivan and seconded by Lt. Governor Janet Cathy. The motion carried.

Treasurer Frechette presented the 2015-16 Florida District Key Club Budget. Lt. Governor Larry Taylor made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Lt. Governor Karen Gerardi seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer Frechette presented the 2015-16 Florida District CKI Foundation and Operating Budgets. Lt. Governor Dennis Cantlay made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Lt. Governor Lisa Feliciano seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer Frechette presented the 2015-16 Florida District Aktion Club Budget. Lt. Governor Pamela Edwards made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Lt. Governor Cantlay seconded and the motion carried.

District Treasurer Frechette reminded the board members that the fiscal year closes on 09/30/15. Because we operate on a modified cash basis, there will be no reimbursements after that date.

In closing, Frechette thanked the lieutenant governors for their outstanding support in getting baskets for the Caring Corner. The outlook for another successful Caring Corner is very positive.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Executive Director Winternheimer provided a written report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### Report of District Bylaws Revision Committee:

Committee Chair Mark Taylor provided an overview of the bylaws as revised by Kiwanis International and the Bylaws Revision Committee. He explained that the purpose of revising the district bylaws is to get them more in line with the standard form for bylaws meaning, with few exceptions, all districts would be operating under the same governing documents. A motion to recommend the revised bylaws as presented to the delegates, including the amendments that will be presented from the floor, was made by Lt. Governor Huntsucker. Lt. Governor Caroll Neita seconded the motion.

### Bylaw Amendments approved at the Kiwanis International Convention:

Governor Gugliuzza provided a brief synopsis of the bylaw amendments as presented in Indianapolis at the International convention.

### **Revision to Youth Protection Guidelines:**

Florida District Youth Protection Manager Allen Yergovich presented an amendment to the Youth Protection Guidelines in the Florida Policies and Procedures to become effective immediately. This amendment will clarify the wording of the policy to correspond with the intended result. Lt. Governor Bev Reso motioned to approve the amendment. It was seconded by Lt. Governor Feliciano and carried.

### Revision to the Standing Rules for the House of Delegates at the Annual Convention:

The 2014-15 executive officers of the Florida District board presented an amendment to the Florida District Policies and Procedures to become effective October 1, 2015. This amendment will clarify who can nominate and/or second a candidate for district office in an election held in the house of delegates at the annual convention. Lt. Governor Cantlay made a motion to approve the amendment which was seconded by Lt. Governor Williams. The motion carried.

### Florida District of CKI Proposed Bylaw Amendments:

The Florida District of CKI presented seven bylaw amendments for board approval. These amendments had been approved by the Florida Circle K house of delegates on February 21, 2015. Lt. Governor Edwards made a motion to approve which was seconded by Lt. Governor Taylor. After a brief discussion Amendments 2 and 6 failed. Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 passed.

### Proposal to Hold 2019 and 2020 Conventions in Central Florida:

Executive Director Winternheimer entertained a motion to hold the 2019 and 2020 conventions in the Greater Orlando area. With the exception of Marco Island this is, overall, our highest attended location. Lt. Governor Cantlay made the motion. Lt. Governor Jim Rademacher seconded and the motion carried.

### **Update on The Formula:**

Formula Coordinator Dave Schmitt provided an update on the 2014-15 year. The numbers look very good and we currently have 23 of 27 divisions with positive membership growth. The top three are Division 9 (+35), Division 10 (+75), and Division 23 (+114). We are plus nine clubs in the first two years of the Formula program. Schmitt stressed the need for all divisions to not only put a Formula team in place but to use that Formula team.

### **Update of The Eliminate Project:**

District Eliminate Coordinator Emilia Gugliuzza thanked everyone and told them that The Eliminate Project would not be where it is now without their help. Today is a reality. The biggest fundraising effort has resulted in over \$99 million dollars. We are very close now and if we put our hearts together, with minimum efforts, we can complete our cherished goal of eliminating maternal neonatal tetanus. She closed by saying that the most important thing she

had to say was to thank the district for the opportunity to serve on this project, for their support, and for their generosity. "Thank you for all you do for the babies in the world"

### **Report of Investment Counselor:**

Investment Counselor Terry Carr explained the position of the investment committee and outlined the performance of the investments as of the end of June 2015. The Florida District investment account and the HLT investment account both continue to grow.

### Remarks by Key Club Governor Shane Meagher:

Key Club Governor Shane thanked the board for including Key Club in the convention. Governor Shane said that Key Club would not be nearly as successful as it is without Kiwanis and the Florida Foundation's support. He thanked the board for all they do and encouraged them to go to the Key Club board with any questions or comments that they have. His Governor's Project is an environmental initiative, "Key Goes Green".

### Remarks by CKI Governor Jessica Cook:

Governor Jessica addressed the board saying that her goals are focused on growth this year. There are currently 13 active CKI clubs in the Florida district and 394 members. She urged the board to stop by the CKI table and introduce themselves and thanked them for inviting CKI to join the convention. Her Governor's Project is focused on removing non-native plant species from our environment and replacing them with native species.

### Remarks by Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Dave Liddell:

President Dave Liddell gave a Foundation update and pledged the Florida Kiwanis Foundation's continued support of our Service Leadership Programs and to Kiwanis. Grants approved in Cycle 1 totaled \$33,750 with \$50,000 budgeted. Cycle 2 requests totaled nearly \$40,000 but there was only \$16,000 available so they approved the \$16,000 and asked clubs to hold and resubmit their requests next year if possible. He also provided a status on the mini-grant programs. Dave then asked the lieutenant governors to help the divisions properly complete the paperwork when they are requesting Grants.

### Remarks by International Trustee/Florida District Board Counselor Dewey Smith:

Dewey thanked the Florida District for all they do for Kiwanis and all they do for their communities. He gave a report about his duties on the Finance Committee and complimented the Florida District on their efforts for both The Eliminate Project and The Formula. He closed by reminding us that he is here to help in any way he can and to be the direct liaison between the district and Kiwanis International.

### **Governor's Closing Comments:**

Governor Gugliuzza thanked the lieutenant governors and the Service Leadership Governors for their strength, support, and hard work. He also thanked Past Governor Tom Ramiccio for his dedicated service for the past six years. He closed by saying that he and Emilia have been honored, privileged, and blessed to have served the Florida district.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Governor Gugliuzza adjourned the meeting at 3:16 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.