



# Kiwanis Florida District

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**MINUTES OF THE SECOND OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2018-2019 BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL  
Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore (Royal Palm 1 & 2)  
700 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa FL 33609  
2:00 P.M., Saturday, February 23, 2019**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Governor Steve LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

## **INVOCATION**

The invocation was provided by Vice-Governor Mary-Lynn Desjarlais.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Governor-elect Allen Yergovich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Executive Director Melanie Winterheimer's roll call confirmed that the following 2018-19 District Board Members were present for the meeting:

## **2018-19 DISTRICT BOARD**

Governor Steve LeBlanc  
Governor-elect Allen Yergovich  
Vice-Governor Mary-Lynn Desjarlais  
Executive Director Melanie Winterheimer  
Immediate Past Governor Todd Smith  
Past Governor Gary Frechette  
Past Governor Celia Earle  
Division 1 Lt. Governor Lynn Gauthier  
Division 2 Lt. Governor David King  
Division 3 Lt. Governor Gavin Boone  
Division 4 Lt. Governor Bear Bryan  
Division 6 Lt. Governor Paige Chase-Novak  
Division 8 Lt. Governor Larry Fluty  
Division 9 Lt. Governor Deb Tinsley  
Division 10 Lt. Governor Floyd Adams  
Division 12 Lt. Governor Chuck Hawkins

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Division 13 Lt. Governor Vickie Jones  
Division 14 Lt. Governor Janet Daigle  
Division 20 Lt. Governor Jay McCampbell  
Division 21 Lt. Governor Tom Thayer  
Division 22 Lt. Governor Mike Holmes  
Division 23 Lt. Governor Pam Davidson  
Division 24 Lt. Governor Angie Font  
Division 25 Lt. Governor Carmen Calzon  
Division 26 Lt. Governor Emilia Gugliuzza  
Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Winnie Holland  
Florida Kiwanis Foundation President-elect Jim Wylie  
Florida Kiwanis Foundation Vice-President Richard Leys

**ABSENT**

Division 7 Lt. Governor Joe Pinello  
Division 11 Lt. Governor Janet Cathy  
Division 15 Lt. Governor Ray Kriegbaum  
Division 16 Lt. Governor Suzy Hutcheson  
Division 17 Lt. Governor Mike Lubrano  
Division 18 Lt. Governor Jim Finch  
Division 19 Lt. Governor Mick Sheldrake

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Florida CKI District Governor Diamond Pichardo  
Florida District Key Club Governor Sohayla Eldeeb  
Parliamentarian Tom Weller  
Investment Counselor Terry Carr

**QUORUM**

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

**GOVERNOR'S OPENING COMMENTS**

Governor LeBlanc introduced the visitors in the room. He continued by stating that he felt that 2018-19 had been a productive and successful year so far and informed the group that the Florida district is currently #5 in the world as far as membership. He thanked the lieutenant governors for their hospitality as he and First Lady Chris have made their way through the district on their visits. He

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specifically wanted to mention their visit to Divisions 1 (LtG Lynn Gauthier) and 2 (LtG David King) post-Hurricane Michael and the Kiwanis Club of Rockledge giving away their 100,000<sup>th</sup> pair of shoes.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes were amended to reflect the attendance of Past Governor Celia Earle at the meeting. Lieutenant Governor Deb Tinsley made a motion to accept the minutes as amended which was seconded by Lieutenant Governor Floyd Adams. The motion passed.

**REMARKS OF KEY CLUB DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Key Club District Governor Sohayla Eldeeb stated that Governor LeBlanc's theme, "One Kiwanis Family" is a true testament to the success of the Florida District. Without the Kiwanis family, Key Club would not have been able to accomplish the heights they did. The Florida District of Key Club performed over 230,000 service hours, 50,000 of which were dedicated to the Governor's Project "Keys to Educate". "Keys to Educate" focused on putting books in the hands of children early and insuring that access to education is universal. She closed by saying that she is grateful to everyone for their support of Key Club; with scholarships and financial support being just a small piece. The personal support has had a far greater meaning.

**REMARKS OF CKI GOVERNOR**

CKI Governor Diamond Pichardo began by expressing her thanks to the board for being in attendance at the 60<sup>th</sup> annual convention. She encouraged everyone to attend the Large Scale Service Project running concurrently to the meeting. She closed by letting the board know that, although her CKI career was coming to a close, she was planning to join the Kiwanis Club of Big Bend so her Kiwanis career is just beginning.

**REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Investment Counselor Terry Carr explained the position of the investment committee and outlined the performance of the investments as of the end of 01/31/2019. The Florida District investment account and the Honorary Lifetime Trustee (HLT) investment account both continue to grow. He explained that while last year was one of the worst years, we have rebounded in 2019 and more than offset any losses incurred in 2018.

**LTG'S. FILING DATES, DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS**

Governor LeBlanc reminded the lieutenant governors about the importance of completing their reports. He knows they are doing the work so he requested that they take that next step and submit the necessary reports.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – June 27-30, 2019**

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- No Board Meeting
- Caucus – Location TBD, Friday June 28th at 8:00 am
- Board Reimbursement of \$300.00 per board member. Must attend the Florida District Caucus and the Business Session to be eligible for reimbursement
- We will try have at least one get-together at some point during the convention. The date, time, and location will be announced.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION - August 15-18, 2019**

- Convention Goal – 700 attendees
- Final Board Meeting Thursday, 2:00 pm
- Registration Only \$125.00 / Individual Registration \$200.00 / Couple's Registration \$385.00  
– LTG REGISTRATION IS COMPLIMENTARY (accommodations & expenses are not)
- VIP Dinner – Thursday for Board, Chairs, Past Governors, and FKF Executive Officers
- Formal Retirement Saturday night
- Credentials/Registration Assistance – Minimum 2-hour shift requested
- Memorial Program – submit names of Kiwanians deceased since July 1, 2017
- Program Book Advertising – Budgeted for 3 paid pages per division.

**CARING CORNER UPDATE**

Vice-Governor Mary Lynn Desjarlais provided an update on the 2019 Caring Corner.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Proposed Amendment to Bylaws** (Article III, Section 1) – This amendment would eliminate Past Governor 2 and Past Governor 3 from the board. Lieutenant Governor Tom Thayer made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to be presented to the House of Delegates by the 2018-19 Board. Lieutenant Governor Tinsley seconded the motion and, after a brief discussion, the motion carried.
- **Proposed Revised Convention Schedule** – A revision to the schedule of the Florida Kiwanis District Convention was proposed including moving the Sunday morning installations to Saturday Night and performing a Large Scale Service Project on Sunday morning instead. Lieutenant Governor Tinsley made a motion to adopt the revised convention schedule. The motion was seconded by Lieutenant Governor Vickie Jones and carried. A motion to make the necessary corresponding change to the Policies & Procedures Article I, Section 3(b) striking the words "on Sunday" was made by Lieutenant Governor Pam Davidson. The motion was seconded by Lieutenant Governor Jones and carried.
- **Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Appointment** – As a result of the resignation of Lieutenant

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Governor John Sullivan, Tom Thayer was appointed by Governor LeBlanc as Sullivan's replacement on this committee.

- **Executive Committee Election** – As a result of the resignation of Lieutenant Governor John Sullivan, Lieutenant Governor Floyd Adams was nominated to fill the vacant position expiring on September 30, 2019. Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed and Lieutenant Governor Adams was elected unanimously by his peers.
- **Florida District Territorial Limits** – Lieutenant Governor Emilia Gugliuzza approached Governor LeBlanc with plans to open a new club in Puerto Rico, which does not currently have any Kiwanis clubs. In accordance with Section 202 of the Kiwanis International Bylaws, this club would be organized as a remotely attached club to the Florida District giving it all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of other clubs in the Florida District. Lieutenant Governor Tinsley made a motion to approve opening a new club in Puerto Rico which was seconded by Lieutenant Governor Adams. After a lengthy discussion the motion carried.
- **2020 Cruise Deposit** – Plans for a 2020 district cruise are underway. A deposit of \$5,000 is needed from this administrative budget in order to secure cabins. A motion to approve this unbudgeted expenditure was made by Lieutenant Governor Tinsley and seconded by Lieutenant Governor Jones. The motion carried.
- **Resolution in Support of Kiwanis International Vice President Candidate** – A motion was made by Lieutenant Governor Adams to endorse Florida District Past Governor, Charles "Chuck" Gugliuzza as a candidate for Kiwanis International Vice-President in Indianapolis, IN at the 2020 convention. The motion was seconded by Lieutenant Governor Thayer and passed unanimously. This Resolution will be presented to the Florida delegates for approval at the business session in August.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this meeting.

**REPORT OF THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND**

District Chair for Kiwanis Children's Fund, Matt Sheehan, distributed giving reports for each division and let the board know which divisions were at 100%. He advised the group about the use of the Children's Fund Grant to be used at the district convention for the Large Scale Service Project on Sunday. He reminded everyone about the scholarships and grants available on the website and let everyone know that he is always available for questions and club presentations.

**GROWTH PROGRESS REPORT**

Membership Chair Jim Gillies provided the Board with reports on new club openings and membership growth. Work is continuing for promoting growth for the remainder of the year in addition to

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reviewing options for building new clubs. Gillies reminded everyone that membership and opening new clubs must remain in the forefront for all clubs. He closed by highlighting the Florida team; Todd Brister (Membership Inquiries), Daniel Washington (Club Counselor), Amanda Malinowski (Strategic Planning), and Larry Taylor (Club Opener) and reminding the lieutenant governors that we can't be successful without their help.

**REMARKS OF THE FLORIDA KIWANIS FOUNDATION**

President Winnie Holland reminded the board about their new address and telephone number. This address should be used for all correspondence with the Foundation. She congratulated Divisions 1, 12, 13, 15, 19, 22 and 24 for having 100% of their club's participation. As of this morning they have provided 30 mini-grants and 7 matching grants. She reminded everyone about the scholarships that are available and closed by informing the group about the very generous donation of nearly \$3M to the Florida Kiwanis Foundation from Donna and Dave Batelaan.

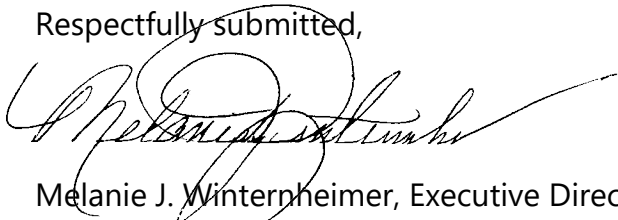
**GOVERNOR'S CLOSING COMMENTS**

Governor LeBlanc by thanking everyone for attending the meeting, listening to the topics, and for doing so much to make this organization everything that it can be. Please don't ever forget why we do this. It's all about the kids!

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct on behalf of the Florida District of Kiwanis, Governor LeBlanc adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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**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., Kiwanis' officially designated Auditor; and permanently filed in the Official Records of the Florida District of Kiwanis International, Inc., at its headquarters at 1205 W. Airport Blvd., Sanford, FL 32773.