



Kiwaniis Florida District

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2020-2021 BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL**
Virtual Call held via Zoom.US
2:00 P.M., Saturday, February 20, 2021

Call to Order

Governor Mary-Lynn Desjarlais called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Invocation

Vice-Governor Designate Sharon Moody provided the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Governor-elect Designate Harvey White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Executive Director Melanie Winterheimer's roll call confirmed that the following 2020-21 District Board Members were present for the meeting:

2020-21 Board

Governor Mary-Lynn Desjarlais
Governor-Elect Harvey White
Vice-Governor Sharon Moody
Executive Director Melanie Winterheimer
Immediate Past Governor Allen Yergovich
Division 1 Lt. Governor Craig McDonnell
Division 2 Lt. Governor Jonathan King
Division 3 Lt. Governor Jim Davis
Division 4 Lt. Governor Monja Slater
Division 5 Lt. Governor Paula Suhey
Division 6 Lt. Governor Jeff Ruttenber
Division 7 Lt. Governor Jim Rademacher
Division 8 Lt. Governor Dennis Harmon
Division 9 Lt. Governor Barbara Breuer

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Division 10 Lt. Governor Stacy Vu
Division 11 Lt. Governor George Leonard
Division 12 Lt. Governor Eli Fox
Division 13 Lt. Governor Angela Pietras
Division 14 Lt. Governor Karla Nielsen
Division 15 Lt. Governor Terry Atchley
Division 16 Lt. Governor Richard Schlitt
Division 17 Lt. Governor Ray Leitzman
Division 18 Lt. Governor Linda Martin
Division 19 Lt. Governor Tina Pegler
Division 20 Lt. Governor Day Scott
Division 21 Lt. Governor Tom Ramiccio
Division 22 Lt. Governor Jeanette Igoe
Division 23 Lt. Governor Paulette McMahon
Division 24 Lt. Governor Ingrid Goulbourne
Division 26 Lt. Governor Erica Avila
Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Richard Leys
Florida Kiwanis Foundation President-Elect Dan Borba
Florida Kiwanis Foundation Vice President Tommy Mills

Absent

Division 25 Lt. Governor Kellie Gayoso

Also in Attendance

International Trustee and Florida District Board Counselor Gunnsteinn Bjornson
Florida Key Club Governor Joey Chen
Parliamentarian Elizabeth Wulff

Quorum

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

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Governor's Opening Remarks

Governor Desjarlais thanked her board for their patience and their responsiveness to all of her phone calls and emails. She reminded them that their clubs should be posting their election results and asked them to send reminders to clubs who still haven't paid their dues. Those two items are often indicators that a club may be struggling. Now is the time to reach out and help them so that the club is not lost completely. Governor Desjarlais is willing to attend any kind of Governor's Visit the division would like to arrange; whether it be in person or virtually. She encouraged to get with the Lieutenant Governor Liaison as soon as possible to set up those dates. These visits are an educational opportunity. She will teach clubs how to increase their membership and how to use a new tool in their toolbox to get new members. She talked about plans for a new e-club comprised of former SLP members and the potential focus of the club being to support adoptable Key Clubs.

She closed by turning their attention to the Consent Agenda and provided an explanation about the purpose of a Consent Agenda. She advised that the Tiered Dues Structure would be pulled from the Consent Agenda due to the late date in which the information was distributed to the board for review. Governor Desjarlais then called for approval to accept the remainder of the Consent Agenda as distributed. The motion carried unanimously. Following approval of the Consent Agenda, Lieutenant Governor Ray Leitzman, vacating Division 17 for health reasons, was asked to say a few words.

Items included in Consent Agenda:

- Approval of August 20, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the District Strategic Planning Committee Proposal
- ~~Housekeeping Amendments to support KI: Tiered Dues Structure~~
- Approval of the board appointment of Xavier Colon to fill the 2020-21 Lt. Governor Vacancy in office Division 17

Tiered Dues Structure:

Executive Director Winternheimer provided background on the pro-rated dues which replaces the new member add fee. This change was made to the Kiwanis International Bylaws in January 2019, to become effective October 1, 2021. In accordance with the current Article XIII, Section 3

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of our district bylaws, "if the Kiwanis International Bylaws are amended in such a way that necessitates revisions to the Standard Form for District Bylaws, the district House of Delegates shall amend the district bylaws at the next annual convention to reflect such revisions". To introduce this revision to the house of delegates, the board must first approve it, even though it is considered mandatory "housekeeping". The proposed amendment reads:

Article X. Section 3. ~~New member add fees are charged by the district in the amount of \$25.00. Pro-rated district dues, as determined by the Florida District Board, and stated in the Florida District Policies and Procedures, shall be charged by the district for each new member of a club. The pro-rated dues shall in no case exceed the current district dues.~~

Article Section 4. A Kiwanis club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay District dues for any club member, for a period of two (2) years from the date of joining that club, provided such a member was a former member of a Kiwanis International Service Leadership program. A Kiwanis club shall also be relieved of any obligation to pay prorated district dues ~~the district New Member Add Fee~~ for new members if he/she was a former member of a Kiwanis International Service Leadership program. (10/1/2021)

**** NOTE**:** *Below is the final wording that came to us from Kiwanis International after the board meeting had concluded. This wording was subsequently approved by the 2020-21 Executive Committee on _____ for distribution to the delegates for their ratification.*

Article X. Section 3. ~~New member add fees are charged by the district in the amount of \$25.00.~~ Pro-rated district dues shall be charged for each new member of a club on the same pro-rated schedule used by Kiwanis International. The schedule shall be stated in the Florida District Policies and Procedures. The pro-rated dues shall in no case exceed the current district dues. (10/1/2021)

The pro-rated schedule is as follows:

First month of membership	Pro-rated amount
October	12/12ths
November	11/12ths
December	10/12ths
January	9/12ths
February	8/12ths

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March	7/12ths
April	6/12ths
May	5/12ths
June	4/12ths
July	3/12ths
August	2/12ths
September	1/12ths

Lieutenant Governor Leonard made a motion to approve the proposed amendment and send it to the delegates with a recommendation from the 2020-21 District Board. Lieutenant Governor Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

Year-to-Date Financials

Executive Director Winternheimer presented the year-to-date financials for the Florida District of Kiwanis and the financial reviews for Florida Kiwanis, Florida CKI, and Florida Key Club, as performed by Schafer, Tschopp, Whitcomb, Mitchell & Sheridan, LLP, Florida Kiwanis officially designated Auditor.

International Convention, June 24-26, 2021

Governor Desjarlais provided an update on the status of the International Convention in Salt Lake City, UT. The International Board is meeting on February 25, 2021 and will determine at that time, whether it will be feasible to go ahead with the in-person convention, as planned.

District Convention, August 5-8, 2021

Governor Desjarlais let the board know that the Florida District convention is still on the calendar and we are proceeding as usual. We fully anticipate that we will be able to have our in-person convention. The final board meeting will be Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 1:30 pm. Convention registration is complimentary but board members must still register. Board members are being asked to volunteer for the Registration Desk or Credentials for a minimum of two hours. Signup information will be forthcoming.

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Remarks by Key Club Governor Joey Chen:

Governor Joey Chen gave an update on the Florida District of Key Club stating that the service and leadership goals were recently modified to make them more attainable, given the situation we are all in. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic this service year, the Florida District strives to retain membership and to charter eight new clubs (both newly chartered and reactivated) by their district convention April 8-11, 2021 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. Key Club has also been promoting meaningful and impactful service through Governor Chen's Governor's Project, "Keys For Kids"; a youth-focused initiative dedicated to empowering a generation of life-long leaders and unlocking a better future. Over 20,000 service hours have been designated to this project so far, out of a goal of 30,000. Governor Chen ended her remarks by thanking the Kiwanis board for their support and guidance. Although it has been difficult to continue their activities as they have in previous years, knowing that the Kiwanis family is there to continually support them transforms that insecurity into action.

Remarks by Florida Circle K International Governor Meit Dave:

2020-21 Governor Meit Dave opened his remarks by giving a huge thank you to the board for their continued support. Whether it was helping out with their convention, providing support at District events, being role models to CKI members via the Kiwanis CKI Mentorship program, or even just attending a club meeting, every one of them has made an impactful, positive change in the membership experience for CKI. When he stepped into office he wanted to turn the organization's focus to growth. While the pandemic made it extremely difficult for them to accomplish the original goals, he has no doubt that he and his board have laid the foundation for their successors to take the reins on what they started. He closed his remarks but saying that it has been a pleasure to serve alongside the entire Kiwanis family and that he greatly appreciated the chance that he has been given to help those around him.

Remarks by International Board Counselor Gunnstein Byornson:

International Trustee Gunnstein Byornson brought greetings from Kiwanis International. This year has not been an easy task for anyone so he thanked the board for all of their hard work under conditions that are so unfavorable. The Florida District is one of the strongest districts in the world of Kiwanis and he is happy to have been selected to represent us as our Counselor.

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Governor Desjarlais thanked him for his support and said that she looked forward to the time when we could all meet in person.

Report of Investment Counselor:

Investment Counselor Terry Carr reported that our Investment and HLT accounts continue to show a positive performance and our investments continue to grow even in these challenging times. He provided the financial reports for the year-to-date and closed by opening the floor for questions.

Membership Update:

Membership Chair Tommy Mills provided a membership update and outlined our positive outlook for the remainder of 2020-21. There is electricity in the air as we serve the children of this great district and work to improve their lives. He stated that, as Governor Desjarlais pointed out in her previous remarks, our membership growth is currently on the positive side and he is confident that we are going to come out even better than we anticipate. He believes the pandemic has not only given us the opportunity to support each other but to share this great organization with others. Our goal for the year is to build ten new clubs. We still want to do that and we still believe that is going to happen. Ten new clubs means that we will be serving even more children in need plus it also means new members with new ideas and creativity. He closed by reminding the board that, if they see a club having membership problems, reach out! There is a team of people that can help them.

Remarks by Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Richard Leys:

President Leys pointed out his Zoom background showing the Foundation's 50th Anniversary theme. He provided an update on the Donna and David Batelaan Fund and noted that the Foundation has already received and approved a grant in the amount of \$10,000. This will be used to build a special needs park. They started another fund this year; the Dr. Wil and Rachel Blechman Fund. To date, the Blechman fund has already raised \$50,000 to benefit projects whose focus is Young Children: Priority One (0-5 years of age). A grant has also been received and approved for this fund. In addition to these two grants, the Foundation has provided 36 mini-grants in the amount of \$24,350. There is still money left for mini-grants so President Leys encouraged the lieutenant governors to remind their clubs to apply. They have had an increase

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in Sustaining Members and are doing very well with the Annual Gifts. He closed by reminding the board that there are scholarships available so please let their Key Clubs and Key Club advisors know.

Remarks by Kiwanis Children's Fund Chair

In the absence of Kiwanis Children's Fund Chair, Matt Sheehan, Executive Director Winternheimer provided an update for the Kiwanis Children's Fund and pointed out the grant opportunities for COVID-19. She also updated the group concerning the 2018-19 district grant that was received for our Large Scale Service Project. This grant was not able to be used in 2020 due to the cancellation of our convention for concerns related to the pandemic. Those monies are being held in Reserve for the 2021 food packaging project to be held at the Diplomat Beach Resort on Sunday, August 8, 2021..

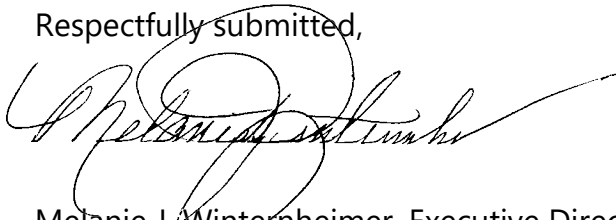
New Business:

There was no new business to be conducted.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to conduct, Governor Desjarlais called for a motion to adjourn. Lt. Governor Leonard moved the motion which was seconded by Lt. Governor Pegler. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Certification:

A copy of these Minutes will be reported to the Florida Kiwanis District Board of Trustees at their Official Meeting on August 5, 2021 for approval. Once approved, copies of these Minutes will be forwarded to Kiwanis International Executive Director Stan Soderstrom; Kiwanis International

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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, Sanford, FL 32773.