



Kiwaniis Florida District

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2020-2021 BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL**
Virtual Call held via Zoom.US
7:00 P.M., Thursday, August 20, 2020

Call to Order

Governor Mary-Lynn Desjarlais called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 3 Lt. Governor Jim Davis
Division 4 Lt. Governor Monja Slater
Division 5 Lt. Governor Paula Suhey
Division 6 Lt. Governor Jeff Rutenber
Division 7 Lt. Governor Jim Rademacher
Division 8 Lt. Governor Dennis Harmon
Division 9 Lt. Governor Barbara Breuer
Division 10 Lt. Governor Stacy Vu

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Division 11 Lt. Governor George Leonard
Division 12 Lt. Governor Eli Fox
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-Elect Dan Borba
Florida Kiwanis Foundation Vice President Tommy Mills

Absent

Division 2 Lt. Governor Jonathan King
Division 13 Lt. Governor Angela Pietras
Division 25 Lt. Governor Kellie Gayoso
Florida Kiwanis Foundation President Richard Leys

Also in Attendance

International Trustee and Florida District Board Counselor Gunnsteinn Bjornson
Florida CKI Governor Meit Dave
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 introduced the guests in the gallery and stated that she was glad to see so many of them in attendance.

Dates and Locations of 2020-21 Meetings and Conventions

Lt. Governor Linda Martin made a motion to accept the 2020-21 calendar, as published. Lt. Governor Terry Atchley seconded the motion, and it carried. We will post the dates on the district website.

2020

August 21-23	Key Club August Board Meeting	Virtual
November 21-25	Governor-elect Training (Harvey)	Indianapolis, IN

2021

January 8-9	Key Club / CKI January Board Meeting	Orlando, FL
January 15-17	Governor's Conference	Dallas, TX
February 7-12	Florida District Cruise	Explorer of the Seas
February 18-20	CKI District Convention	Daytona Beach
February 20	Florida Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting	Daytona Beach
February 20	Florida Kiwanis Board Meeting	Daytona Beach
February 20	Long-Range Finance Committee Meeting	Daytona Beach
April 4-9	Children's Week	Tallahassee, FL
April 8-11	Key Club DCON	Orlando, FL
April 16-18	2021-22 Lieutenant Governor-elect Training (tentative)	Lake Mary, FL
June 24-27	International Convention (Marriott Downtown)	Salt Lake City, UT
June 24-27	Key Club Leadership Training Conference (LTC)	Orlando, FL
August 5-8	Florida Kiwanis DCON (Boca Raton Resort & Club)	Boca Raton, FL
August 5	Final Meeting of 2020-21 District Board 2:00 P.M.	Boca Raton, FL
August 5	First Meeting of the 2021-22 District Board 3:00 P.M.	Boca Raton, FL
August 12-14	Key Club / CKI August Board Meeting	Daytona Beach

Approval of Authorized Signers on Kiwanis Family Accounts:

Lt. Governor Monja Slater made a motion to approve the signers for the Kiwanis Family Accounts. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Ingrid Goulbourne and

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carried. The designated signers are:

- Kiwanis Accounts: Governor, Kiwanis Executive Director, Accountant
- SLP Foundation Accounts: Kiwanis Executive Director, Accountant

Approval of District Committee Chair Appointments:

Lt. Governor Jeanette Igoe made a motion to approve Governor Desjarlais' 2020-21 appointment of District Committee Chairs. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Atchley and carried. The 2020-21 Committee Chairs can be found at k05.site.kiwanis.org .

Approval of Appointments to Long Range Finance Committee:

Lt. Governor Barbara Breuer made a motion to approve Governor Desjarlais' appointments to the Long Range Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor McDonnell and carried.

The appointees are:

- Lieutenant Governor Jim Rademacher (D7)
- Lieutenant Governor Tom Ramiccio (D21)

Appointment of Bylaws & Policies & Procedures Review Committee:

Lt. Governor Jeff Ruttenber made a motion to approve Governor Desjarlais' appointments to the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Committee. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Day Scott and carried. Governor Desjarlais appointees are:

- Lieutenant Governor Eli Fox (D12)
- Lieutenant Governor Terry Atchley (D15)
- Lieutenant Governor Ingrid Goulbourne (D24)

Adoption of 2019-20 Florida Kiwanis Family Operational Budgets:

Lt. Governor Igoe made a motion to ratify the approval of the organizational budgets by the 2019-20 board for Kiwanis, CKI, Key Club and Aktion Club for the 2020-21 administrative year. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Breuer and carried.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Melanie Winternheimer provided a written report but wanted to take a moment to congratulate the new members of the board and let them know that the district office exists to ensure the success of the district.

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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.

Nominations and Election to the Executive Committee:

The following lieutenant governors accepted nominations to the Executive Committee:

Lt. Governor George Leonard (D11), Lt. Governor Linda Martin (D18), Lt. Governor Jeanette Igoe (D22), Lt. Governor Tom Ramiccio (D21) and Lt. Governor Erica Avila (D26)

Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed and Lt. Governors Martin, Ramiccio, and Avila were elected by private survey. Lt. Governor Breuer made a motion to confirm the results. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Atchley and carried.

Nominations and Election to the Personnel Committee:

The following lieutenant governors accepted nominations to the Personnel Committee:

Lt. Governor Monya Slater (D4) and Karla Nielsen (D14).

Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed and a motion was moved by Lt. Governor Erica Avila and seconded by Lt. Governor Tina Pegler to confirm Lt. Governors Slater and Nielsen as the 2020-21 representatives of the Personnel Committee.

Lt. Governor Report Deadlines:

Governor Desjarlais reminded the Board Members that to qualify for eligible reimbursement of the 2021 International Convention, board members must attend the district caucus and the business session in Salt Lake City, Utah. There will not be a board meeting at the International convention.

Governor Desjarlais also reminded them that they must complete three visits to each club.

- a. Report of Training and Contact Visits and Reimbursement Request due December 1, 2020.

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- b. Report of Official Club Visit & Reimbursement Request is due March 31, 2021.
- c. Report of Official Board Visit & Reimbursement Request due May 15, 2021.

If elections for the 2021-22 lieutenant governor-elects have not yet been completed they should be as soon as possible but definitely by June 1.

Membership Update:

Membership Tommy Mills provided an update on the 2019-20 year and our positive outlook for 2020-21. For centuries, Kiwanis has created an opportunity for children to be curious and safe regardless of the community in which they live. When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, grow, succeed, and thrive, great things happen. He encouraged all board members to look around their divisions. There are people who want to be a part of that and a part of us. He congratulated those who helped open new clubs and assured everyone that the membership team was working on a plan to get everyone involved in making the Florida District of Kiwanis succeed. His motto is "We cannot fail, because if we fail, we fail our children". By working together, we will not fail.

Joe Meyer then presented his First Gentleman's Project for 2020-21. He is challenging each of the 26 lieutenant governors to open a new club or rebuild an existing club. This can be accomplished using the assistance of social media tools, the club boost program, Facebook, and by using a five-step plan:

- 1) A club has to have regular meetings
- 2) They have to have interesting speakers
- 3) They have to have service projects
- 4) Be in good standing with their dues
- 5) They must put in writing what they will do with the new club member

Re-Divisioning Update:

Committee Chair Jeremy Riehl shared his report and further explained Article D, Section 2 of the Florida District Policies and Procedures, Mandatory Review of Division Composition which provides for an assessment of the divisions every four years in a presidential election year. Jeremy's work actually began during the 2019-20 administrative year although no decisions

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were made by that board. He asked all of the lieutenant governors to go back to their divisions and begin a dialog with their clubs. This is not a decision that should be made just by the lieutenant governors and club presidents. Make sure the members are involved and that they all have a chance to be heard.

A review committee has been appointed to help coordinate this project but anyone is welcome. The appointees are: Paula Suhey (D5), Jim Rademacher (D7), Barbara Breuer (D9), and Terry Atchley (D15).

New Business:

- ECC Proposed Bylaw Amendment (1)
Past-Kiwanis International Trustee, Chuck Gugliuzza, was asked to provide some background on the amendment to Kiwanis International Bylaws Article XXIII regarding the Purchase of Alcoholic Beverages as proposed by the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District. After an extended discussion Lt. Governor Martin moved to endorse the amendment, but not co-present the amendment. Lt. Governor Davis seconded the motion and it carried.

- ECC Proposed Bylaw Amendment (2)
Past-Kiwanis International Trustee, Chuck Gugliuzza, was asked to provide some background on the amendment to Kiwanis International Bylaws Article XXIII regarding the Purchase of Air Flight Tickets as proposed by the Eastern Canada & Caribbean District. Following a lengthy discussion, Lt. Governor Atchley moved to endorse the amendment, but not co-present the amendment. Lt. Governor Breuer seconded the motion and it carried.

- PNW Proposed Family Dues Amendment
Past-Kiwanis International Trustee, Chuck Gugliuzza, was asked to provide some background on the Family Membership plan proposed by the Pacific Northwest District. No board action is being proposed at this time, but background information will be provided for the board's review.

Remarks by Kiwanis Children's Fund Chair

Kiwanis Children's Fund Chair, Matt Sheehan, encouraged the lieutenant governors to work with their clubs and their Florida Kiwanis Foundation Trustee this year to collect the annual gifts for the Kiwanis Children's Fund. He reminded them to make sure that the clubs send their checks to him so he can ensure they get credited properly by Kiwanis International. He pointed the board

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to the KCF website where they will find information about COVID-19 and the availability of grant opportunities.

Remarks by Florida Circle K International Governor Meit Dave:

CKI Governor Dave Meit presented his primary goal as governor; growth. His Governor's Project "Forging Florida's Future" is heavily focused on setting up all District board members, club officers, and clubs with the tools that they need to grow throughout the administrative year. This includes keeping the line of communication open between the board of trustees and every member so that everyone can work together. Currently, the Florida District has 315 members in 17 active clubs. By the end of the administrative year, the goal is to have 600 members and 24 active clubs. These goals were set in early May when everyone thought that college students would be returning to on-campus learning, however, he is confident that with the amount of work they are willing to put into this, he still sees significant increases for the future. He closed by wishing Governor Mary-Lynn and the entire board the best of luck in the coming year, however, with Kiwanis and CKI working together, there will be no limit to what they will be able to accomplish.

Remarks by Key Club Governor Joey Chen:

Key Club Governor Joey Chen expressed congratulations to the board on their appointments and thanked them for their dedication to the Kiwanis organization. Despite the current situation caused by COVID-19, the 2020-21 Key Club board of trustees have remained resilient and motivated since the beginning of their terms in April. In terms of their District goals as they proceed in the back-to-school season, Florida Key Clubbers hope to achieve 330,000 service hours, with 40,000 of those dedicated to her Governor's Project, "Keys for Kids". The Keys for Kids project aims to empower a generation of lifelong leaders by showing kindness, encouraging leadership, making youth connections, and supporting children in need. They are also hoping to charter 20 new Key Clubs, both newly chartered and reactivated, as well as K-Kids and Builders Clubs, and have a 5% increase in membership. She closed by thanking the board for their continued support and wished everyone a very successful year.

Remarks by Florida Kiwanis Foundation President-Elect Designate Dan Borba:

President-Designate Richard Leys was excused early for post-surgery recovery, so President-Elect Designate Dan Borba provided remarks in his absence. President-Elect Borba provided a

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Foundation update and pledged the Florida Kiwanis Foundation's continued support to our Service Leadership Programs, Kiwanis, and the children in Florida. He paid a special thank you to Governor-elect Designate Harvey White for his outstanding efforts with the Caring Corner, despite the pandemic.

Remarks by International Board Counselor Gunnstein Byornson:

International Trustee Gunnstein Byornson brought greetings from Kiwanis International. He encouraged the lieutenant governors to stay close to their clubs, especially during these uncertain times, and to encourage their clubs to continue to have meetings, even if virtual. There are still many ways that clubs can stay active and provide the service that we always do, and that their communities rely on. We can make plans, and we can even make new clubs. We can do whatever we want and whatever is needed because we are Kiwanians. We have survived over 100 years, even through world wars. We can do it! He closed by reminding the lieutenant governors of the importance of their role and that they are the eyes and ears of the Governor, and the eyes and the ears of Kiwanis.

Goals for Conferences and Conventions:

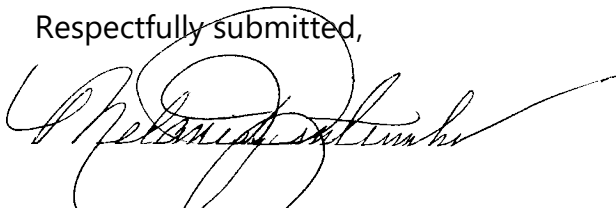
Lieutenant Governor Atchley made a motion to accept the following goals for the 2020 conventions. Lieutenant Governor George Leonard seconded the motion and it carried.

- Kiwanis International Convention in Salt Lake City, UT – 200 registered attendees
- Florida District Convention in Boca Raton, FL – 700 registered attendees

Adjournment:

There being no further business to conduct, Governor Desjarlais called for a motion to adjourn. Lt. Governor Ingrid Goulbourne moved the motion which was seconded by Lt. Governor Tina Pegler. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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Certification:

A copy of these Minutes will be reported to the Florida Kiwanis District Board of Trustees at their Official Meeting on February 20, 2021 for approval. Once approved, copies of these Minutes will be 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, Sanford, FL 32773.