



Kiwaniis Florida District

**MINUTES OF THE FINAL OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2020-2021 BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE FLORIDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
Diplomat Beach Resort – 3555 South Ocean Dr., Hollywood FL 33019
1:30 P.M., Thursday, August 5, 2021**

Call to Order

Governor Mary-Lynn Desjarlais called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 Winternheimer'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 Winternheimer
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 Ruttenber
Division 7 Lt. Governor Jim Rademacher
Division 8 Lt. Governor Dennis Harmon
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 17 Lt. Governor Ray Leitzman

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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 McMahan
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 2 Lt. Governor Jonathan King
Division 9 Lt. Governor Barbara Breuer
Division 16 Lt. Governor Richard Schlitt
Division 25 Lt. Governor Kellie Gayoso

Also in Attendance

Florida Key Club Governor Arianna Longo
Florida Key Club International President Salma Eldeeb
Parliamentarian Elizabeth Wulff

Quorum

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

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.

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Approval of Minutes of the February 20, 2021 Board Meeting

Lt. Governor Terry Atchley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2021 board meeting as written. Lt. Governor Jeff Ruttenber seconded the motion and it carried.

Year-to-Date Financials

Executive Director Winternheimer presented the year-to-date financials ending 06/30/21. She indicated that the district was on track and was expected to be in good financial condition at the end of the administrative year.

Winternheimer then presented the 2021-22 Florida Kiwanis budget as recommended by the Long Range Finance Committee. Lt. Governor Atchley moved to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Tina Pegler carried.

The 2021-22 Florida CKI budget was submitted to the board by District Administrator David McCampbell and CKI Governor Selin Kavak. Lt. Governor Tom Freiwald moved to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Ingrid Goulborne and carried.

The 2021-22 Florida Key Club operating and endowment budgets were submitted to the board by Florida Key Club Finance Administrator Steve LeBlanc and Key Club Governor Arianna Longo. Lt. Governor Atchley made a motion to approve the Key Club budgets. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Linda Martin and carried.

The Aktion Club budget for 2021-22 was submitted to the board by District Administrator Gavin Boone. Lt. Governor Atchley made a motion to approve as presented which was seconded by Lt. Governor Jeanette Igoe. The motion carried.

In closing, Executive Director Winternheimer reminded everyone that the fiscal year closes on 09/30/16. Because we operate on a modified cash basis there will be no reimbursements made after that date, no exceptions.

District Convention Reminders

Executive Director Winternheimer thanked the board for volunteering to give so freely of their time by manning the Registration Desk and Credentials. She reminded the board that they will be on the front-line in these areas and, as such, are the ambassadors of the Florida District. Whether they are aware of it or not, there are members who look up to them as a board member. Show them that their faith in you is well-founded. This is your time to shine as their leaders.

New Business

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- a. Amendment to the Key Club Bylaws 04/29/2021. Lt. Governor Atchley made a motion to approve as submitted by Key Club District Administrator Heather Locke and Key Club Governor Longo. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Goulborne and carried.
- b. Florida CKI Bylaws Amendments Passed/Approved 02/20/202. Lt. Governor Atchley made a motion to approve as submitted by CKI Administrator David McCampbell and CKI Governor Kavak. The motion was seconded by Lt. Governor Freiwald and carried.
- c. Florida CKI 501c3 Proposal 04/27/2021. Lt. Governor Atchley made a motion to approve the CKI proposal to proceed with their pursuit of 501c3 status

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. Mills thanked everyone for their dedication and commitment to increasing membership during these challenging times. He stated that, with several new clubs still on the horizon, 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 has been to build ten new clubs. We still want to do that and we still believe that it 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 CKI Governor

Governor Selin Kavak was unable to attend the board meeting but sent remarks to be read by Key Club Governor Arianna Longo in her absence. In her remarks, Governor Kavak apologized for not being in attendance but explained that it was unavoidable as the convention was taking place during her final exams.

This year's Governor's Project is called "Building Back" and it lays the foundation for a recovery and recruitment plan for CKI to bounce back from the effects of the pandemic, including a membership decrease. The project has a three-tier focus that addresses the member, club, and district level equally. Focusing on recruitment, club engagement, and community involvement, they are emphasizing Kiwanis Family relations and fellowship. Their board set goals of 520 members, 10 new

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or reactivated clubs, and 8,840 service hours. Their service goal is based on an average of 17 service hours per member.

She closed by telling us that Kiwanis has an important role to play in CKI's growth goals. What is needed to attract and retain members in a CKI club is like what is needed in a Kiwanis club. College students want to be involved in community service and look for organizations that are active. Kiwanis clubs can assist by inviting CKI clubs to participate in their projects, even plan joint projects, and you don't have to sponsor the CKI club you engage.

Remarks by Key Club Governor

Governor Arianna Longo gave an organizational update and thanked Kiwanis for its support. They recently outlined their goals for the district. These include increasing membership, targeting clubs, and so much more. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Florida District has strived to improve membership and to charter at least five new clubs by Key Club DCON 2022. Governor Longo's Governor's Project will focus on three initiatives for the 2021-22 administrative year; physical fitness, health, and nutrition, also known as "Planning for a Better Future". This is a project that focuses on building a strong foundation. She thanked the Kiwanis board for everything they do for Key Club. Although it has been difficult to continue their activities, knowing that the Kiwanis family is there to support them which helps transform uncertainty into action. Longo also thanked the board for supporting Key Club by participating in their projects and events. She looks forward to continuing to work alongside such great leaders, whether virtually or in person.

Remarks by Key Club International President

International President Salma Eldeeb provided a brief summary of her Key Club background and told the group how honored she was to come from the Florida District. She thanked the board for allowing her to attend the convention and to be a part of the weekend. Key Club serves thousands of communities and makes a huge impact. As a family, we can make that impact even bigger. She closed by thanking the group for their dedication and support. Through Kiwanis support, the youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Remarks by Florida Kiwanis Foundation President

Foundation President Richard Leys gave an organizational update and pledged the Foundation's continued support to our Service Leadership Programs and to Kiwanis. The Foundation's finances are good, and they have given a lot of money away this year. They reached their budget for mini-grants and are looking at ways to expand the program. They gave out 18 of the 20 J. Walker Field scholarships available. Three had to be disqualified because they chose to attend college outside the state of Florida and remaining in-state is one of the requirements. They had several matching-grants

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applications that were approved by the Grants Committee. Those will now go before the full board for ratification.

Remarks by Kiwanis Children’s Fund International Trustee

International Trustee Matthew Cantrall thanked the group for their service over the past year, and what a year it has been! As we prepare to close this chapter and open a new one, Cantrall hopes that it will include leaving a lasting legacy for future generations to come. And that part of that legacy will include the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. In this challenging year of COVID, the Kiwanis Children’s Fund awarded 78 clubs over \$168,000. That could not be accomplished with each and every one of us. Over the past three years, the Kiwanis Children’s Fund has awarded approximately \$125,000 to support each one of our Service Leadership Programs plus another \$35,000 in scholarships. The Florida District has been the beneficiary of over \$35,000 in the last three years which has allowed us to do the Large Scale Service Project right here at the district convention. As you write that new chapter, please consider including the Kiwanis Children’s Fund so we can all continue to grow and serve the Children of the World.

International Representation

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kiwanis International Board did not have a physical presence at the Board Meeting but the International Board Counselor assigned to the Florida District, Wilfred “Willy” Aguilar, provided remarks which were read by Governor Desjarlais. These remarks are attached to the Minutes.

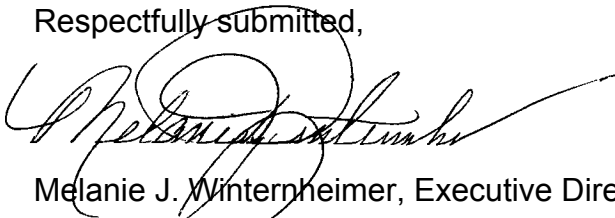
Closing Comments

Governor Desjarlais reminded everyone about the 2020-21 Leadership Appreciation reception and dinner tonight and encouraged everyone to wear their favorite Kiwanis attire. She closed by saying that it has been an honor to serve alongside the best lieutenant class ever.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to conduct, Governor Desjarlais adjourned the final meeting of the 2020-21 Florida Kiwanis District Board at 2:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie J. Winternheimer, 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 March 5, 2022 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.