**DECEMBER 6, 2023, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**LONGMONT KIWANIS CLUB**

Present: Emily Archuleta, Ray Allison, Sharon Mark, Larry Schluntz, Marilyn Sickmon, Cheryl Smith, Bill Titus, Marv Van Peursem

President Emily called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Secretary Marv reported that November 1 meeting minutes were published in the November newsletter. On a motion by Ray and a second by Marilyn, the minutes were approved. Treasurer Sharon reviewed the administrative fund November month-end statement showing the annual Kiwanis International and Rocky Mountain District dues disbursement of $2,560 and a bank balance of $6,817.45. Club member Diana Gwin has reviewed the administrative fund banking records for the fiscal 2022-23 year and found no discrepancies. Marv offered to contact one member in arrears on payment of quarterly dues. On a motion by Don and a second by Marv, the monthly report was approved.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Coordinator Cheryl reviewed the confusion resulting from another organization being assigned to ring on December 2 in our previous assignment. Marv reported that one of the Silver Creek High School leadership classes will be assembling wheels on toys on December 4.

After reviewing input from several members, discussion by the Board and a recommendation by Carrie Adams, Program Director, Silver Creek Leadership Academy, a consensus of the Board was to NOT proceed at this time with the establishment of a Silver Creek High School Key Club. There will be no disbursement of this budget line item. Cheryl moved to reallocate the $600 for Silver Creek to the miscellaneous category. Sharon seconded the motion and the Board approved. On a motion by Larry and a second by Cheryl, the Board approved accepting the new member application from Dick Chambers.

President Emily will investigate any available options for on-line Zoom utilization for future Board meetings. A Board consensus determined there will be no evening social gathering this month. Last Tuesday’s surprise social gathering of a large crowd for Marv’s surprise 90th birthday bash was a success.

Upon adjournment of the Club Board, the Foundation Board convened. Assistant Treasurer Ray reviewed the Foundation month-end statement. Income was $1,786.05 from the Toy Project. Disbursement included $200 budgeted for youth attendance at the Longmont Symphony event, $10 filing with the Colorado Secretary of State, and $1,087.54 for toy project expense. Total assets of $120,187 were up 6%. He reported submitting for review by Diana Gwin of the fiscal 2022-23-year Foundation financial records. She found the records to be maintained properly and well organized.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Marv Van Peursem

**Program Schedule Birthdays**

January 5 Candi Hayes March 1 Cheryl Smith January 13 Ray Allison

January 12 Sharon Mark March 8 Marja-Liisa Smith February 22 Sharon Mark

January 19 Bill Titus March 15 Bill Titus February 24 Bob Beason

January 26 Cheryl Sheets March 22 Marv Van Peursem

February 2 Judy Scrimshire March 29 Don Wilson

February 9 Larry Schluntz

February 16 Lex Sheets

February 23 Marilyn Sickmon

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**NOVEMBER 2023**

Ray Allison Toys for Kids (35), Church (2) 37

Bob Beason Symphony Guild, Innovation Center 12

Sharon Mark Church (6), Safe Shelter (12) 18

Larry Schluntz Toys for Kids 33

Marv Van Peursem Toys for Kids 120

Bill Titus Toys for Kids (12), Meals on Wheels (8) 20

Candi Hayes Public Relations (14), Toys for Kids (35) 49

Judy Scrimshire Church (18), UWF (6), Toys for Kids (5) 29

Don Wilson Toys for Kids 8

Emily Archuleta Blankets for Kids 20

Lex Sheets Key Club (9), Community (11) 20

Cheryl Sheets Key Club (23), Community (16) 39

 Twelve members contributed a total of 405

 Loren Wagner Toys for Kids 95

6 nonmember friends Toys for Kids 34

Nonmembers 129

Grand Total 534

**Short History of the Longmont Kiwanis Club from an Undated Document in the History Files**

The Kiwanis Club of Longmont was organized on October 21, 1926, and was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Boulder. The Charter Night was held December 2, 1926. In the gathering was to be found representatives from all fifteen clubs in the Rocky Mountain District, comprising Colorado and Wyoming. Kiwanis Clubs in Colorado were: Boulder, Colorado Springs, Greeley, Loveland, Manitou Springs, Pueblo, Trinidad, Fort Collins, Golden and Denver. Clubs from Wyoming were: Casper, Cheyenne, Douglas, Lander and Laramie.

Among others in attendance were: the Mayor of Longmont, officials of the Chamber of Commerce, officials from the area schools, the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows Lodge, Woodmen of the World, American Legon, and Knights of Columbus. The new Palatial Elks home and the fine new Longmont High School were turned over to Kiwanis.

When the visitors arrived in Longmont, they found the city draped in flags and large signs reading, “Kiwanians Welcome” displayed in almost every business house in town. The Chamber of Commerce placed large banners above the streets of both north and south entrances to our city. Longmont’s local newspapers, the Daily Times and the Longmont Call welcomed Kiwanians in bold headlines and extended greetings to all our guests, and gave the event lots of publicity.

Over 450 persons registered at headquarters in the Elks home. The banquet was held at the new Longmont High School. Edward S. Prohs was toastmaster. R.C. Bonney, also of Longmont and District Trustee of Kiwanis gave the address of welcome. Floyd R. Poole, District Secretary, presented the charter to the club and inducted 35 charter members. Norman Price, a Denver tenor, sang three selections. President Carl Kibbey of the Boulder club, sponsor of our club, presented a bronze shield and meeting plate. A number of the visiting officers gave short talks.

After the meeting adjourned almost everyone returned to the Elks Home and enjoyed dancing—one step, two steps, fox trots and waltz—to the music of the Rocky Mountain Canaries, a popular dance band at that time.

**Some accomplishments of the “I Have a Dream Foundation for Boulder County” for 2023**

-Launched a new Dreamer class in Longmont with 32 bright-eyed 1st graders.

-Opened the “I have a Dream” Community Center at HQ with a Social Justice library.

-Adopted a new program model for the Longmont Class with concentrated program leads for each phase of school.

-Graduated 2 classes with a 98% graduation rate: Aspen and Broadway East’

-Implemented a Restorative Justice curriculum.

-Hosted 7 fellows over the summer from Stanford University.

-Collaborated with 234 community volunteers as they partnered with Dreamer Scholars as they continue to pursue their academic dreams.