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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

District Board Special Meeting Dec. 5, 7 p.m. Zoom MINUTES

7 p.m. Call to Order – Governor Dale Doudna

Roll Call – Quorum Established

Present: Governor Dale Doudna; Governor Elect John Boltz; Vice Governor Brian Wells; Immediate Past Governor Lynda Henningsen; Administrator Lisa Brichacek; Treasurer Curt Reis; and Trustees Keith Prettyman (R1), Linda Placzek (R2), Barb Hames (R3), Gary Lindgren (R4).

Absent: Trustees Andy Webb (R5) and Barrie Tritle (R6)

1. District Bank

The District currently banks at BMO (formerly Bank of the West). Customer service at the corporate level has been an issue. Wait times for issue resolution, lack of communication and problems with the SLP credit cards have continually occurred over the past several years. The Board gave the okay in August for a committee to look at options for bank and credit card accounts. The Executive Committee met Nov. 1 and reviewed information on three banks. The recommendation from the committee was to move to First Interstate Bank, which has the capability to handle the district's needs and has branches close to both the district administrator and district treasurer.

Motion by Gary Lindgren, second by Keith Prettyman to a) close bank and credit card accounts at BMO; b) establish First Interstate Bank as the official bank of record for the Nebraska-Iowa District of Kiwanis International and open bank and credit card accounts for the District as well as Key Club and Circle K districts; and c) authorize Treasurer Curt Reis and Administrator Lisa Brichacek to be signatories on all accounts with First Interstate Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

2. LaRue Funds

The LaRue Committee met Nov. 16 and proposed a two-year plan to disburse of the remaining \$4,944.42 of the James LaRue Estate monies. A donation of \$55.58 was recently made to bring the balance to \$5,000. The recommendation was that five \$500 rebates be offered to any first-time Kiwanis International Convention attendee from the Nebraska-Iowa District for the 2024 convention in Denver, CO and five \$500 rebates also be offered to any first-time Kiwanis International Convention attendee from the Nebraska-Iowa District for the 2025 convention in Pittsburgh, PA.

Since the committee meeting, several asks for money have been made. Gov. Dale Doudna reported the district's international counselor suggested that the district do a membership contest and he offered that prize money for that contest could come from LaRue funds. Committee Chair Lynda Henningsen reported that two requests for LaRue funds have also been recently received. The Key Leader Committee has asked for money to cover operational expenses next year and there was an ask for more dollars for the Growing Kiwanis pilot project.

Motion by Lynda Henningsen, second by Linda Placzek to use LaRue Funds to offer five \$500 rebates to first-time Kiwanis International Convention attendees from the Nebraska-Iowa District for the 2024 convention in Denver, CO, with the five names to be chosen from a drawing of applicants who have submitted application after registering for convention.

Gary Lindgren made a motion to amend that eligible applicants could not be any member who was already budgeted to receive a reimbursement from the district. Upon second call, Linda Placzek seconded the motion to amend. Motion failed on a vote of 1-7.

The governor called for a vote on original motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Key Leader Report

Key Leader was Oct. 27-29 at Carol Joy Holling Retreat Center near Ashland, NE. There were 22 students in attendance and an operational loss of about \$8,000 is currently on the books. Dates and a location for next year's Key Leader have not been

set yet due to a scheduling conflict at the Ashland camp in 2024. The Key Leader Committee is looking into options and the board may be asked at a future meeting to consider how or if the District will do Key Leader in 2024.

4. Portalbuzz Websites Update

The special committee of Lisa Brichacek, Ron Petsch, Byron Tabor and Dale Doudna have had additional discussions over the past month and the District will be transitioning its website from Portalbuzz to KI's Wordpress. Work on that will begin later this month. Clubs have also been asking for some guidance on their options to replace websites, once Portalbuzz stops offering subscriptions in February. A virtual meeting has been scheduled for Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. with these clubs. The special committee and KI Member Experience Technology Engineer Bryce Kinder will be in attendance to help discuss options.

5. Other items of interest for the district

Treasurer Curt Reis reported he was still doing some general housekeeping on the financial records he was handed when he took over office Oct. 1. He anticipated having that done and a quarterly financial report ready by early January. The Finance Committee will meet prior to the Jan. 27 board meeting.

Adjournment – 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by District Administrator Lisa Brichacek