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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

MINUTES

District Board Meeting Oct. 14 and 15, 2022
Kiewit Lodge, Mahoney State Park, Ashland, Nebraska

Friday, Oct. 14

5 p.m. TEAM Leadership Development

International Past President Steve Siemens presented a program via Zoom on bringing the “WOW” to the district and offered governance tips to the board. Also in attendance virtually was Circle K District Governor Natalie Knapp. This was followed by a dinner break at 6:10 p.m.

6:40 p.m. Meeting Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Governor Lynda Henningsen

Roll Call, quorum established

Present: Governor Lynda Henningsen; Governor Elect Dale Doudna; Vice Governor John Boltz; Immediate Past Governor Don Fritz; Administrator Lisa Brichacek; Treasurer Larry Ziska; and Trustees Keith Prettyman (R1), Brian Wells (R2), Curt Reis (R3), Gary Lindgren (R4), Andy Webb (R5) and Jim Dane (R6)

Minutes of Meetings

Aug. 5, 2022 Board Meeting (Convention) Minutes

Motion by Webb, second by Dane to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Aug. 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lindgren, second by Webb to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Aug. 6, 2022 House of Delegates Minutes

Motion by Boltz, second by Doudna to accept the annual House of Delegates meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Governor’s Report – Lynda Henningsen

Governor offered a “state of the district.” The status of the service leadership program clubs remains strong and several more new charters are expected this year. This year’s Lt. governor class has gotten off to a fast start and looks to be a great group to work with. The district has been asked to start seven new clubs this year.

Administrator’s Report – Lisa Brichacek

In addition to written report, items presented were Kiwanis Connect/Engage and the probable need to make website change; bylaw and policy and procedure update recommendations from KI; and Aktion Club dues billing.

Governor’s Appointments for 2022-2023

Motion by Webb, second by Wells to accept the slate of governor appointments for district key positions and committee chairs as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Strategic Plan – Don Fritz

Strategic plan documents prepared over the last year were reviewed.

Motion by Webb, second by Prettyman to accept the proposal to have a two-document process, one being an executive summary that is presented to the membership and the other being a working document that is used by the board.

Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Motion by Dane second by Reis to approve the executive summary and the working document of the 2022-2027 strategic plan. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Polices and Procedures – Don Fritz

The update started last year of the Policies and Procedures still needs to be completed. Another special board meeting will be set to complete final section. Jan Burch, as policy and procedure committee chair, will need to review before it comes back to the board for final approval.

8:19 p.m. Recess

Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. Resume Meeting

Finance

1. Treasurer's Report – Larry Ziska

Financial reports were presented for district, Key Club district and Circle K district. For the district, it is expected that there will be an operating loss of about \$42,000 for 2021-2022 and money from reserves will be used to cover.

2. Finance Committee Report and Recommended Actions – Gary Lindgren

A. 2022-2023 Quarterly Meeting Schedule: November, February, May, with dates still to be determined

B. Edward Jones Investments Report: unrealized loss seen due to current markets; a full presentation of numbers will be presented to the board at January meeting

C. 2022-2023 District budget presentation and recommendation for board approval

Motion by Reis and second by Boltz to approve the 2022-2023 budget for the Nebraska-Iowa District. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

D. 2022-2023 Circle K District budget presentation and recommendation for board approval

Motion by Boltz, second by Webb to approve the 2022-2023 budget for Nebraska-Iowa Circle K District. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

E. 2022-2023 Key Club District budget presentation and recommendation for board approval

Motion by Webb, second by Dane to approve the 2022-2023 budget for Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

3. 2023-2024 District Dues Increase

Due to multiple factors, including decreasing membership numbers, inflation and the need to drawdown cash reserves, it is anticipated that a district dues increase will be needed. The last dues increase was about 15 years ago. Discussion included that if a dues increase is to be presented to the membership, it should come with an educational component about the need.

Motion by Webb, second by Lindgren for the Finance Committee to prepare a dues increase recommendation for the January board meeting and to develop a set of talking points if it is deemed an increase is necessary.

Membership

1. Membership Growth

A membership team is being assembled to help with club building and club strengthening. This committee is expected to be in place by mid-November, with key people located in both Nebraska and Iowa to assist clubs. Working with Public Relations Chair Andy Schwandt, a committee has also proposed a pilot project that would target potential members in the Des Moines area. Initial projections place the cost for this project at about \$800 a month for the next year. If the area is expanded, it could cost more. The goal would be to fund the project without existing district dollars and the benefit would be to increase membership in an area.

Motion by Boltz, second by Doudna to place emphasis on membership growth and development and to continue to investigate the proposed membership campaign.

2. Redivision Study Discussion: no new information to report.

District Foundation

1. District Foundation Report

Jody Melcher attended via Zoom and reported 86 clubs in the district had donated as of mid-September. Three grants were recently approved from the Sept. 1 cycle. The foundation voted to again contribute \$1,000 to the district's governor elect training in April. A discussion will start this year to come up with a project to replace Camp OK and also the endowment dollars left from Camp OK.

2. Memorandum of Understanding Agreement Between District and Foundation

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the annual MOU agreement and the Foundation's board has already approved.

Motion by Webb, second by Wells to approve the 2022-2023 Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation.

Other Annual Reports

1. LaRue Committee: Annual Report and Re-establish Committee

Grants approved during 2021-2022 equaled \$1,700. Key Club scholarship checks to be written for \$1,000 are still pending. Unspent fund balance is \$9,944.42 and of that amount, \$3,900 in pre-approved grants for 2022-2023 is available. Don Fritz volunteered to be the new committee chair. Other committee members are Brian Wells, Keith Prettyman and Lisa Brichacek.

2. 2023 Trustee Elections (Regions 5 and 6) and Regional Meetings

Trustees in Regions 5 and 6 were asked to work with their Lt. governors and decide how and when regional meetings will be held for trustee elections. Meeting date and procedure should be established by end of calendar year so notifications and filing deadlines can be provided to regional membership in January.

3. Award and Scholarship Committee

Immediate Past Governor Don Fritz will ask two trustees to be on committee. Governor-elect Dale Doudna is also now an automatic committee member.

Other Business

1. District Calendar and Board Meeting Dates for the year were presented.

2. Key Leader will be Oct. 28-30 and has eight registered so far, with more expected in coming days.

3. President's Visit and Leadership Retreat – Lynda

The March 18 retreat is at the Clint Johannes Education Building at Lake Wanahoo near Wahoo, Nebraska and will be for board members, Lt. governors and members of the district leadership team. Clubs will also be invited to send members, on a cost per member basis. President Bert West is scheduled to visit Omaha on March 17 for and then attend the retreat the next day. The district has established a precedent that for one-day leadership events and by board action, hotel expenses are paid for Lt. governors and committee chairs only if they are traveling a distance of more than three hours to attend.

Motion by Webb, second by Dane to institute the "three-hour rule" for the March 18 Leadership Retreat and pay hotel expenses only for those traveling more than three hours.

4. Lt. Governor Elect-Training, April 28-29 – Dale

Training will be held in Carroll, Iowa and a board meeting is planned for the morning of April 28.

5. Club Leadership Education and Club Leadership Chats – Dale and Lisa

Dates are set for the district's virtual CLE next summer. Divisions will be asked to also schedule in person sessions this year. A general October CLC has been added this year to the schedule to help clubs get off to a good start.

6. International Convention Planning and Bus – Lynda and Lisa

Hotel assignments will be announced in November. The district caucus will be held on Friday morning. A survey will be taken of the membership to help determine if a bus should be chartered. The survey will also include questions to help plan a district dinner or other event on Friday evening of convention.

7. District Convention Planning – Lynda

Convention chairs are expected to put together a committee in the coming months.

2:23 p.m. Adjournment

Submitted by District Administrator Lisa Brichacek