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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

MINUTES

District Board Meeting, Aug. 4, 2023 Embassy Suites, LaVista, Nebraska

8:30 a.m. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Governor Lynda Henningsen

Roll Call: All Present & Quorum Established

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)

Introduction of Guests & Comments: 2023-2024 International President Designate Katrina Baranko; International Trustee Designate Cathy Tutty; District Trustee Designate Barrie Tritle (R6); KI Area Director Brad Boyd via Zoom

Minutes of Meetings

Motion by Prettyman, second by Lindgren to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2023 board meeting in Carroll, Iowa.
Motion carried unanimously.

Governor's Report – Lynda Henningsen

There have been many successes and achievements across the district this year and highlights were reviewed. Topics included SLPs, Growing Kiwanis Pilot Project, Leadership Retreat, Mental Health Service Project and a busy Finance Committee.

Service Leadership Program & Key Leader Reports

In Person Reports: Jim Dane, K-Kids; Don Fritz, Key Leader Oct. 27-29, 2023

Via Zoom: Sue Waldren, Builders Club

Written Reports: Tracey Domgard, Key Club; Jim Brewer, Aktion Club

No Report: Travis Grafe-Cline, Circle K

Compliance Report

Compliance Chair Gary Muckel presented a written report, noting which clubs needed to work with the IRS and/or Secretary of State offices to meet requirements.

Administrator's Report – Lisa Brichacek

Three reports provided: 1) Recent activity in district office and membership support requests; 2) Annual report to the membership (written report to be handed out at House of Delegates); 3) Annual office equipment and storage unit report.

District Foundation & Kiwanis Children's Fund Reports

District Foundation President and Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher attended via Zoom and reported on activity for both organizations. District Foundation's annual meeting will be held in the afternoon and new leadership will be elected. The donations from district members and clubs to the Children's Fund continue to be strong. To date, \$23,483 has been given in club gifts, which is only \$3,000 less than last year's total giving.

Finance

- 1. Treasurer's Report & Budget Review:** Tabled until special meeting at a date to be determined in late August.
- 2. Treasurer's Transition Update** – Larry Ziska & Curt Reis
Upgrades on QuickBooks are still being completed. Reis was added as Bank of the West accounts signatory in June, but this still need to be done with Edward Jones investment accounts. The Financial Surety Bond coverage for Reis will be in place by September.
- 3. Compilation Report Update**
District Treasurer Larry Ziska presented the 2021-2022 Financial Compilation Report received from McFarlin and Brokke, PC for the District, Key Club District and Circle K District.
- 4. Finance Committee**
Finance Committee Chair Gary Lindgren reported that questions regarding the district dues proposal were continuing. In addition to the sessions held this spring, a Q&A was scheduled that afternoon at convention. Investments with Edward Jones were continuing to be monitored by committee. There has been a market recovery and a gain.
- 5. Financial Institution**
There have been repeated issues at Bank of the West with the resolution of account and credit card matters, some of these issues stem from a lack of customer service and/or a large corporation's setup.
Motion by Webb, second by Wells directing Finance Committee to research what options exist at other banking institutions and offer a recommendation at the October board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership

- 1. Membership & Growth**
Membership for the year is up by 134 and 71 clubs have gained members. Several clubs continue to talk closure.
- 2. Club Building Update** – Lynda Henningsen
Club building in Grinnell is continuing. Dunlap club building is scheduled to start Aug. 25.
- 3. Growing Kiwanis In Your Committee** – Don Fritz
OnMedia's reported numbers show 177,000 people have had eyes on the campaign components. Club and individual donations totaled \$11,768.69. There is still one \$500 club pledge that has not been paid yet. Expenses to date, including district office time, are \$9,301.77.
- 4. Redivision Study Update** – No Report

Other Business

- 1. Club Leadership Education Update** – Lisa Brichacek
Two regions held in person CLEs. The District's virtual CLE in July was well attended and more than 25 are already signed up for Aug. 14 virtual CLE. CLE fee invoices were mailed this year to club treasurers in July and checks are coming in steadily.
- 2. LaRue Committee Update** – Don Fritz
A new committee needs to be formed this fall to make a recommendation on remaining funds. The initial committee's recommendation, when estate dollars were received in 2020, was to disburse over three to four years. As of July 31, at least \$7,100 of the \$12,744.42 have been disbursed.
- 3. Regional Meetings/Election Results** – Andy Webb & Jim Dane
Webb was re-elected in Region 5. Region 6 had two candidates. Barrie Tritle was elected and Tim McGee was the other candidate. Dane was recognized for his service to the board these past three years.
- 4. House of Delegates** – Lisa Brichacek
In addition to the election of officers, the delegates will be asked to vote on Amendment 1 and the \$15 dues increase. The dues increase will require a two-thirds vote for passage. The Election and Credentials committees have met and a plan is in place for written ballots for the amendment and the dues questions. An announcement will also be made at the end of the delegates' meeting that vacancies for trustee in Regions 2 and 3 will exist as of Oct. 1.
- 5. 2023-2024 Preparations** – Dale Doudna
All divisions have lieutenant governor positions filled. Open positions still exist for international committee chair and Aktion Club administrator. The first meeting of the new Kiwanis year will be Oct. 13-14 at Mahoney State Park Lodge near Ashland, Nebraska. A meeting with the 2023-2024 leadership team will take place in the afternoon.

6. Policies and Procedures Revision Update – Don Fritz

Minor adjustments still need to be made to this document. These will be done soon so this update can be finalized.

7. International Convention Update – Lisa Brichacek

More than 70 Kiwanians and guests from the district attended the Minneapolis convention. The multi-district get together at the hotel on Friday evening received good comments.

8. District Convention Aug. 4-5 – Lynda Henningsen

Everyone is looking forward to the activities, service projects and educational opportunities. Attendance of Kiwanians, guests and Key Club members is about 190.

9. Board Thank You – Lynda

Adjournment – 11:38 a.m.

Submitted by District Administrator Lisa Brichacek