



# Kiwaniis®

## NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

### District Board Meeting Oct. 13 and 14, 2023 Kiewit Lodge, Mahoney State Park, Ashland, Nebraska MINUTES

#### Friday, Oct. 13 Retreat

##### **5 p.m. A Million Or More in 24!**

Meet, Greet & Other Introductory Activities To Start Our Year of Impact!!! led by Gov. Dale Doudna.

##### **6 p.m. Dinner with Kiwanis Children's Fund Vice President Lenora Hanna**

Parker's Smokehouse Georgia Pulled Pork & Roasted Chicken and conversation with Lenora and Milford Hanna.

##### **7 p.m. A Plan In Action**

District Strategic Plan Review led by Past Governor Don Fritz

##### **8:15 p.m. Fireside Chat**

Fireside gathering hosted by Past Governors Milford and Lenora Hanna at Horseshoe Lake

#### Saturday, Oct. 14, Board Meeting

**8:45 a.m. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions** – 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 Linda Placzek (R2), Barb Hames (R3), Gary Lindgren (R4), Andy Webb (R5) and Barrie Tritle (R6)

Absent: Trustee Keith Prettyman (R1)

Guests by Zoom: Jim Dane, Sue Waldren, Tracey Domgard, Shirley Daugherty, Jody Melcher, Brad Boyd and Cathy Tutty

##### **Minutes of Meetings**

Approval of Aug. 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Tritle, second by Lindgren to approved the Aug. 30, 2023 board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **Service Leadership Reports**

**SLPs:** K-Kids Advisor Jim Dane, Builders Club Advisor Sue Waldren, Key Club Advisor Tracey Domgard and Aktion Club Advisor Lynda Henningsen gave verbal reports. CKI Advisor Travis Grafe-Cline – no report.

**Key Leader:** Don Fritz reported that registrations were still low and in the 20s but promotion of the Oct. 27-29 event was continuing.

##### **Governor's Report** – Dale Doudna

It is hopeful that club building in Grinnell and Dunlap will make progress this year. The trustees were asked to assist in their region by 1) offering support to the lieutenant governors; 2) looking for a location to build a new club and report

that by Jan. 1; 3) consulting with lieutenant governors on club boosts; 4) take the club coaching and 2 For 2 training and 5) share Kiwanis like never before.

#### **Board Acceptance of Governor's Appointments for 2023-2024**

Motion by Webb, second by Wells to accept the governor's appointments of key positions and committee chairs for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Kiwanis International Guest Comments – Trustee Cathy Tutty & Area Director Brad Boyd**

#### **Administrator's Report – Lisa Brichacek**

Written and verbal reports presented.

#### **District Foundation & Kiwanis Children's Fund**

##### **1. District Foundation Report – Shirley Daugherty**

First board meeting was Oct. 11. There are still some divisions missing trustees. Giving to the Foundation overall remains good.

##### **2. Memorandum of Understanding Agreement Between District and Foundation**

Annual agreement between the District and the District Foundation was reviewed. The only change in wording this year was that Key Leader was taken out since funding no longer channels through the Foundation. Foundation board approved MOU on Oct. 11

Motion by Webb, second by Tritle to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **3. Kiwanis Children's Foundation – Jody Melcher**

Over 50 percent of the clubs made a donation, but that still fell short of the president's challenge. The new KCF campaign continues to gain attention and will be officially launched in Denver at convention.

#### **Membership**

##### **1. Growing Kiwanis in Your Community – Don Fritz**

Eyes and clicks on campaign ads continue to exceed industry expectations. Awareness aspect of campaign is positive. Growth in membership from campaign not being realized. The focus of the campaign has been changed from "join" to "serve". OnMedia has prepared a proposal to do another three months. The cost would be \$2,560 for October, November and January. There is still close to \$6,000 in account from donations and LaRue Fund contribution.

Motion by Webb, second by Wells to approve a three-month contract extension with OnMedia for the Growing Kiwanis Campaign. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **2. Redivision Study – Don Fritz**

No report.

##### **3. Membership & Growth – Brian Wells**

Handouts presented on club opening goals. Goal is four clubs. An effort will be made to start another new club in Des Moines area.

##### **4. Club Closures – Dale Doudna**

It is anticipated that there will be five club closings. Proper closing procedures should be reviewed with clubs and lieutenant governors. Exit interviews would be good, if possible.

#### **Finance**

##### **1. Treasurer's Report – Curt Reis**

Anticipated budget numbers as of Sept. 30 and balance sheet were presented and reviewed. Quicken files and checkbooks still need to be received from past treasurer.

Motion by Lindgren, second by Henningsen to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **2. Finance Committee Report – Gary Lindgren**

It is expected that the committee will meet quarterly. The committee will review the investments with Edward Jones and report at a later meeting.

#### **A. Budget Recommendations**

The 2023-2024 budgets for the District, Key Club District and Circle K District were presented and reviewed.

Motion by Webb, second by Placzek to approve the District budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hames, second by Wells to approve the Circle K budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Webb, second by Placzek to approve the Key Club budget. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. District Bank Recommendation**

The Finance Committee discussed changing banking institutions but did not have a recommendation. There continued to be board consensus that a change was needed and action should be taken soon.

Motion by Webb, second by Placzek to move this matter to the Executive Committee to investigate bank options and offer a recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

### Other Business

#### **1. Portalbuzz Discontinuation – Lisa**

Notice has been received that Portalbuzz will no longer offer website or member management subscriptions after February. This will affect the District's website page. Kl's free Wordpress might be a good option for the District and lingering questions will hopefully be answered at the upcoming North American District Secretaries meeting in November. Clubs that still subscribe to Portalbuzz will also need support and assistance. Information will be gathered and presented for the clubs as well.

#### **2. LaRue Committee: Re-establish Committee Lynda & Lisa**

There is still money remaining from the estate of James LaRue. The money came to the District in 2020 and the stated goal at that time was to disburse the \$12.7K in three years. Because grants and scholarships were not utilized as expected, there is still \$4.9K in the fund. A committee of Lynda Henningsen, Lisa Brichacek, Linda Placzek and Barb Hames were appointed to recommend a plan for the remaining dollars.

#### **3. 2024 Trustee Elections (Regions 1 and 4) and Regional Meetings – Lisa**

Two regional elections are necessary this year. A notice of election and an action plan for setting election date and accepting candidate filings were presented. Trustee Lindgren and Trustee Prettyman both have expiring terms this year and were asked to work with their lieutenant governors to get out the notice and set the election date and method by January.

#### **4. Award and Scholarship Committee – Lynda**

This committee will be in place to receive first applications on Nov. 1.

#### **5. District Calendar and Board Meeting Dates – Dale**

Draft of district calendar was reviewed. The date for the second quarter meeting was set for Jan. 27 at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

#### **6. Policies and Procedures Review – Lisa**

The complete revision of the policies and procedures manual was approved in August and became effective Oct. 1. This is a working document and some sections need additional updates. These will be presented throughout the year.

#### **7. Midyear Leadership Event, March 16 – Dale**

The Leadership Development Day will be held in Johnston, Iowa at the Simpson Barn. The program for the district leadership team will again be open to club members at cost. The theme will be based around growing and seeding success.

For similar one day events like this in the past, the board has approved a three-hour driving circle around the host city. If district leadership team members are coming from more than three-hours away the morning of the one-day event that starts in the morning, a hotel room will be offered the night before. This is not in policy and procedure and requires board action.

Motion by Lindgren, second by Wells to authorize the district to pay for a one-night hotel stay for leadership team members driving three hours or more to get to the March 16 Leadership event. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **8. Lt. Governor Elect-Training – John**

The date and site for this is still to be set. Facilities in the Grand Island area are on the possibility list.

**9. Club Leadership Education and Club Leadership Chats – Lisa**

The District's virtual CLE in July and August were again successful. Even adding in KI's virtual sessions, however, there is still a low attendance rate of club officers. CLCs are again scheduled for this year. Attendance at these this past year ranged from 15 to 30 officers and comments have been positive.

**10. International Convention Planning – Dale & Lisa**

Given the closeness of Denver to the District, the consensus of the board was to again not offer a chartered bus for transportation to the July convention. Doing a social event combined with Texas-Oklahoma and Kansas districts was again favored for the district gathering.

**11. District Convention Planning – Dale**

A committee is being formed for the Aug. 2 and 3, 2024 event in West Des Moines. The contract with the West Des Moines Sheridan is in place.

**Adjournment – 3:39 p.m.**