

**Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International**  
**District Board Meeting Minutes**

August 5, 2021 – 1:00pm

1. Governor AC Paxton brought the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
2. Member's present were Ron Hill, AC Paxton, Carla O'Brien, John Buckwalter, Les Mace, Martha Radginski, Don Leupold, Rick Quattlebaum, Susan Lafond, Roy Ockert, Thom South, Mary Vaughan, and Robin Asher. Trustee Bill Dooley was absent.
3. Governor AC Paxton introduced our guests: Convention Chair Katie Rennard, Membership Chair Barbara Thompson, and Region IV Trustee Elect Mary Saale.
4. Mary Vaughan, District Secretary, presented the minutes from the last meeting held on May 14, 2021, in Branson. Don Leupold made a motion to approve as presented. Carla O'Brien seconded it. All approved.
5. District Treasurer Robin Asher presented the financial statement through June 30, 2021.
  - a. Kiwanis (As of June 30, 2021)
    - i. Cash Flow Report – for the month of June the district received \$791.41 in revenue and has expended costs of ~~-\$5,660.00~~, for the loss of ~~-\$4868.99~~.
    - ii. Account Summary – for the year to date report the district received \$89,753.76 in revenue and expended costs of ~~-\$79,428.41~~ for a net balance of \$10,325.35.
    - iii. Les Mace motioned to accept the finance report as presented. Susan Lafond seconded the motion. All approved.
  - b. Finance Committee Chair Roy Ockert gave the budget report. The report is attached for the record. Roy reported that since the new member fee waiver earlier this year, it is difficult to get a good number for New Member Fees. Roy also reminded the board the Convention revenue and expenditures do not count in the budget. He

also stated that more expenditures would be counted by the end of September.

- i. Susan Lafond made the motion to accept the budget report has presented. Rick Quattlebaum seconded, all approved.
- c. Roy Ockert went on to make a recommendation for the CD/Money Market funds. He reminded the board that they chose Fidelity Investments to pursue. He recommends that the board should choose three no-load mutual funds within the Fidelity family and invest \$50,000 in each fund. Fidelity Select Health Care Portfolio is an equity fund that produces modest dividends and high gains from the booming health-care industry. Fidelity Total Bond Fund pays modest dividends but also has a record showing some capital gains. Fidelity Advisor Strategy Dividends and Income is a fund made up of 70-85% equity, and it produces good dividends and gains. Roy recommends picking the latter two over Fidelity Adviser New Insights and Fidelity Blue Chip Growth, neither of which has paid dividends in recent years. Capital gains do not produce income as stable as dividends.
  - i. Roy recommended to move forward to consult with an adviser and bring that recommendation to the next board meeting. Les Mace seconded, all approved.
- d. Barbara Thompson, Earl Collins Foundation President gave the report on the Foundation. Twenty-six (26) scholarships were given to twenty-five (25) divisions that submitted an application. Division 5 won two (2) scholarships since it was the division that raised the most donations this year. She also reported that 2021-2022 would be the first year that ECF has the same fiscal/budget year. The foundation again donated \$25,000 to the Beatrice Johnson Youth Kamp. Barbara also reported that this will be her and Gene Bartley

last year as President and Treasurer. They will be having an election of officers at their meeting this weekend.

- e. President Thom South gave the Beatrice Johnson Youth Kamp Report – The Kamp received \$14,150.33 in revenue to their general fund. They also received \$34,722.35 towards their Capital Improvement Fund to build their Headquarter Building. They had expenses from the general fund of \$5,199.36 and \$3319.95 from the Capital Improvement Fund. Thom reported that restrooms have been installed and they are moving forward with the headquarters facility.
- f. Mary Vaughan reported on the Outreach Fund. So far thirty-six (36) clubs have donated \$6,063.00. Included in that amount is \$285.00 carryover from 2019-2020. This amount is much lower than normal.

6. Old Business:

- a. Bylaw amendment for Lt. Governors serving in a different division
  - i. At the May meeting this question came up: can a member serving as a Lt. Governor in a different division than the one in which they are a member? Mary Vaughan checked with KI and found that this is not allowed. However, it will be an amendment at the international convention this next year.
- b. Membership Chair Barbara Thompson gave a report on Membership. She first reviewed the KI Membership Report. As of July 31, 2021, there were 4,340 members of Missouri Arkansas. Currently, the district has lost these clubs: St. Peters, West St. Charles Co, Washington, Springfield North, Benton, Branon Tri Lakes, Ozark Area, Springdale Downtown, Farmington-Area and Texarkana. This could be more by the end of the year. The only new club added this year is Cedar County in Division 13.

- c. Club Revitalization Plans – Barbara stated that we really need to add new clubs. There will be a table at the Expo to give out membership information.
- d. Training Opportunities – Barbara stated that the district needs more club counselors. She has some dates scheduled to get people trained to help revitalize and open new clubs.
- e. New Club Building Plans – Barbara states that she and Carla have discussed these locations for future clubs:
  - i. Manchester/Town & Country in St. Louis
  - ii. East End, AR
  - iii. Governor Elect Carla has set to build five (5) new clubs next year. Locations are needed for these clubs.

7. Chair Katie Rennard gave the Convention Committee Report.

- a. 2021 Convention – currently we have 143 members registered with eighteen guests. There are good sessions scheduled. We have International Trustee Cathy Szymanski and Emily Sharp, Area Director attending to help with education sessions. It looks like a good event.
- b. 2022 Convention to be held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO from August 25 – 27. This is later than usual, but this is the reschedule from 2020.
- c. Mary Vaughan reported at the International Convention will be held June 8 – 11, 2022 in Indianapolis, IN. The district has a room block at the Westin for \$189/night. More information will be forthcoming.

8. Mary Vaughan recapped the House of Delegates agenda.

- a. Bylaw amendments – there are two amendments on the agenda. The first is the prorated dues change recommended and approved by Kiwanis International. This change should be approved without much discussion. The second amendment clarifies the duties of the

Trustee. It states that a Trustee does not have to have been a past Lt. governor.

- b. Resolutions – these are general resolutions except the last one endorses Ron Hill as an International Trustee.

9. New Business:

1. Governor Elect Carla O'Brien spoke about Kilian's Dream to Walk . Killian is a child from France in need of a surgery here in St. Louis. This is a procedure much like the one Ilyana received earlier this year. The costs of the travel and surgery are great, along with food. Carla and Barbara are asking for a donation to the fund. Nancy Willimon of the Meramec Valley Community Club has agreed to donate up to \$5,000 in matching funds.
2. Mary Vaughan reminded the board of the resolution they had agreed on last year for the International Convention amendment recommendations presented by the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.
  - a. The first amendment states that Kiwanis International revenue (membership dues, fees, or non-dues revenue) shall not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages for or by the Kiwanis International Board, Staff, their spouses, or their companions.
  - b. The second amendment states that Kiwanis International revenue (membership dues, fees, or non-dues revenue) shall not be used for the purchase of first class or business class air flight tickets for or by the Kiwanis International Board, Staff, their spouses, or their companions.
  - c. Rick Quattlebaum made the motion to support the recommendations again this year to be taken to the International Convention in June 2022. John Buckwalter seconded, all approved.
3. Governor AC stated that the district needs a new Risk Management Chair if anyone can help fill that position.

10. Adjournment – 3:10pm