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Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2022-2023 DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 6, 2023 | 10:30am
DoubleTree by Hilton, Lafayette, LA
Bruce Hammatt, Governor, Presiding

Call to Order

The Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International Board of Trustees met for its August meeting on Saturday, August 6, 2023, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lafayette, LA. Governor Bruce Hammatt called the meeting to order at 10:37am and established a quorum with the following present:

Governor, Bruce Hammatt
Governor Elect, John A. Fry
Immediate Past Governor, Rick Latiolais
Region II Trustee, R. Fred Pitts
Region III Trustee, Tom Osburn
Region IV Trustee, Marcel Lashover
Region V Trustee, Laura Gilliland
Region VII Trustee, Andrew Dozier
Executive Director, Jen Robertson
Kiwaniis International Board Counselor, Gary Jander
Region II Trustee-Elect, Ralph Carter
Region III Trustee-Elect, Howard Lock
Guest, Darren Green

Invocation by Region VI Trustee, Andrew Dozier. Defining Statement recited by all.

Governor Bruce Hammatt provided brief remarks regarding what a great convention that was had by all. Governor-Elect John Fry commented he is looking forward to working with all over the next year.

Governor Bruce Hammatt asked if the executive session could be moved to the end of the agenda. All agreed.

Consent Agenda

Tom Osburn moved to approve the following consent agenda. Marcel Lashover seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

- A. May 13, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes (exhibit A)
- B. June 12, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes (exhibit B)
- C. July 5, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes (exhibit C)
- D. July 8, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes (exhibit D)
- E. District Board Meeting Schedule
 - i. October 7, 2023, via zoom
 - ii. December 2, 2023, TBD
 - iii. March 9, 2024, via zoom
 - iv. May 3-4, 2024, Ridgeland, MS in conjunction with LG training
 - v. July 26-28, 2024, Tupelo, MS after close of DCON

- F. Circle K
 - i. Number of active Circle K Clubs: 6
- G. Key Club
 - i. Number of active Key Clubs: 122
 - ii. Key Club Fall Rally dates and locations
- H. Other SLP organizations and programs
 - i. Number of active Aktion Clubs: 7
 - ii. Number of active Builders Clubs: 31
 - iii. Number of active K-Kids Clubs: 31
- I. Appointment of Richard Latiolais as Finance Committee Chair

Board Committee Reports

The Board discussed the **Education Subcommittee** which falls under the **Bylaws & Policies Committee**. The Board reviewed District member CLE participation to date (below). The Board would like to heavily promote the online CLE access to members for the remainder of the 2022-2023 Kiwanis year.

			Via Zoom	Watched Later
Club President	Greg Beard	May 30, 2023	37	10
Club Treasurer	Nettles Brown	June 6, 2023	13	4
Club Secretary	Craig Caskey	June 13, 2023	25	2
Membership Chair	Rogena Mitchell	June 27, 2023	18	1
Board Member	Dee Drell	July 11, 2023	38	

The Board discussed the **Budget & Finance Committee**. The Board reviewed the financials for Kiwanis District (exhibit E), Key Club (exhibit F), and Circle K Financials (exhibit G). Richard Latiolais moved to accept the reports. Andrew Dozier seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the club dues status report (exhibit H) showing that 114 out of 115 clubs have paid 2022-2023 club dues. Lakeside, Metairie owes \$32.00 to Kiwanis International. Twenty-nine (29) clubs owe new member dues to Kiwanis International (\$2,303.58) and to the District (\$1,307.10).

The Board reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 Kiwanis District, Key Club District, and Circle K District budgets. Richard Latiolais moved to add a \$3,000 line item for “increased costs from Kiwanis International” to the 2023-2024 Kiwanis District budget to cover any costs that become the responsibility of the District as a result of the Kiwanis International dues increase not being approved. Fred Pitts seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Marcel Lashover moved to approve the 2023-2024 Kiwanis District, Key Club District, and Circle K District budgets as presented with the additional of the line item above. Tom Osburn seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the potential club opening sites for the remaining Kiwanis year: Central, LA; Petal, MS; and Covington, TN. Governor-Elect John Fry mentioned a potential partnership with the Texas-Oklahoma District to open a club in the Shreveport, LA area. John Fry will pursue and keep the board informed.

New Business

The Board considered 2023-2024 Mid-Year Education Conference date, location, and education topics. Governor-Elect John Fry proposed one conference on March 2, 2024, at the Natchez Convention Center in Natchez, MS with the following education topics: Membership, Fundraising and Service Projects, and Club Networking and Co-Learning. Richard Latiolais moved to accept the modification to one Mid-Year

Education Conference at the Natchez Convention Center in Natchez, MS, on March 2, 2024, with the education topics as presented. Marcel Lashover seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Governor-Elect John Fry proposed establishing a four-person Leadership Pipeline Review Committee to investigate ways to improve the pipeline. Two positions would be filled by District Trustees. The remaining two positions would be filled by Past District Governors. Marcel Lashover and Bruce Hammatt volunteered as Trustees. Fred Pitts volunteered as a Past District Governor. Governor-Elect John Fry will contact the Past District Governors Committee for the last position. Changes in policy may result in the need for a special call House of Delegate meeting at the 2024 Mid-Year Education Conference. Governor-Elect John Fry moved to partner with the Past District Governors Committee to research leadership structures within the District and make a recommendation to the District Board at the December 2, 2023, board meeting. Fred Pitts seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board considered the appointment of Darren Green, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria, to fill the remaining term of the vacant Region VII Trustee position expiring September 30, 2024. Marcel Lashover moved to appoint Darren Green. Governor-Elect John Fry seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board considered LaMissTenn District Convention (DCON) locations for 2025 and 2026. Executive Director Jen Robertson proposed the Hilton Memphis for DCON 2025 based on the board's previous consideration of Memphis for DCON 2024. Governor-Elect John Fry moved to approve the Hilton Memphis as the location for DCON 2025. Fred Pitts seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Executive Director Jen Robertson reported that sites for DCON 2026 were still being reviewed and will present at the October Board meeting.

The Board discussed the 2023-2024 District Committee Chair appointments. Governor-Elect John Fry will present appointments at the October Board meeting.

The Board considered items approved by the Executive Committee between Board meetings. The Executive Committee approved Governor-Elect John Fry's 2023-2024 District Goals (exhibit I), 2023-2024 Distinguished Kiwanian Program (exhibit J), 2023-2024 Distinguished Club Program (exhibit K), 2023-2024 Distinguished Secretary Program (exhibit L), 2023-2024 Distinguished Lt. Governor Award (exhibit M), and 2023-2024 Inter-Club Program (exhibit N). Richard Latiolais moved to ratify the Executive Committee's approvals. Andrew Dozier seconded the motion. With no discussion, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the District calendar (below).

August 2023

10 Foundation Board Meeting

September 2023

14 Foundation Board Meeting

23 Key Club Rally, Baton Rouge: 4A, 4B, 4C, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 13A, 13B

30 Key Club Rally, Hattiesburg: 2, 3, 5, 14A, 14B, 15

30 End of 2022-2023 Kiwanis Year

October 2023

1 Start of 2023-2024 Kiwanis Year

7 District Board Meeting, via zoom

14 Key Club Rally, Alexandria: 6, 7A, 7B, 9, 11, 12

21 Key Club Rally, Memphis: 1A, 1B

November 2023

3-5 Key Leader South, Greenwell Springs, LA

10-12 Key Club District Fall Board Meeting

December 2023

2 District Board Meeting, TBD

January 2024

12-14 Kiwanis International Regional Governors Conference

26-28 Key Club District Winter Board Meeting

February 2024

16-17 Circle K District Convention

March 2024

2 Mid-Year Education Conference, Natchez, MS

9 District Board Meeting, via zoom

April 2024

5-7 Key Club District Convention

26-28 Key Leader North, Eva, TN

May 2024

3-4 District Board Meeting & LG Training, Ridgeland, MS

July 2024

3-6 Kiwanis International Convention

10-14 Key Club International Convention

26-28 LaMissTenn District Convention in Tupelo, MS

28 District Board Meeting, Tupelo, MS

September 2024

30 End of 2022-2023 Kiwanis Year

Future District Conventions

2024 106th Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention, Tupelo, MS, July 26-28

2025 107th Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention, TBD, August 1-2

Future Kiwanis International Conventions

2024 109th Annual KI Convention, Denver, CO, July 3-7

2025 110th Annual KI Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, June 25-28

The Board went into executive session to discuss the Executive Director's evaluation. Executive Director Jen Robertson, Ralph Carter, Howard Lock, Darren Green, and Kiwanis International Board Counselor Gary Jander left the room.

The Board came out of executive session. Executive Director Jen Robertson, Ralph Carter, Howard Lock, Kiwanis International Board Counselor Gary Jander returned to the meeting room. Darren Green did not return. Governor Bruce Hammatt moved to approve a 6.2% increase in salary for the Executive Director and Administrative Assistant. Marcel Lashover seconded the motion. With no discussion, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

In closing remarks, Governor-Elect John Fry expressed his appreciation for everyone's service and his pride in the work of the Board Committees, and that he is very excited for the District's future.

Governor Bruce Hammatt expressed his gratitude to Tom Osburn and Fred Pitts for stepping up in the District's time of need and serving. He also thanked Richard Latiolais for his service as Immediate Past Governor this year. They all provided invaluable insights. He is looking forward to working with John as Governor.

At 11:56 am, Laura Gilliland moved to adjourn the meeting. Fred Pitts seconded the motion. With no discussion, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned.