

MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT
"MINUTES"
District Convention Sunday Board Meeting
Watertown Convention Center, Watertown, South Dakota
Sunday, August 2, 2009

Members present

Executive Officers

Bruce Klair, Governor Designate
Lowell Disrud, Governor Elect Designate
Bill Lardy, Immediate Past Governor Designate
Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer

Lt. Governors Designate 2009-2010

Scott Mescher Region 3
Sharon Scudder Region 4
Mary Lou Drahota Region 6
Denis Cornell Region 7

Immediate Past Lt. Governors Designate 2009-2010

Darlene VanderVorst Region 1
Mary Sieling Region 2
Marwin Bogue Region 3
Allen Herrboldt Region 5
Judie Rosendahl Region 6
Marjorie Frost Region 7

Lt. Governors Elect Designate 2009-2010

David Roehl Region 2
Dawn Fairbrother Region 6

District Directors

Colleen Hyde Administration
F. Larry Rittgarn Education (and District Convention Co-Director)
Stewart Ross Membership and New Club Building 08-09 & Kiwanis Int. Trustee
Vickie Walters Membership and New Club Building 09-10
Coralyn Dahl Service

Other Guests Present

Ann Backes Dodge District Circle K Administrator
Mary Beth Townsend District Key Club Administrator
Ben Thurnau District Key Club Assistant Administrator
Natalie Sitter District Key Club Governor
Pat Rittgarn District Convention Co-Director
Jack Zierdt District Educational Foundation Sec/Treas
Chuck Schroder Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Governor Designate Bruce Klair
- Invocation by Bill Lardy, Immediate Past Governor Designate
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Governor Elect Designate Lowell Disrud
- Introductions
- Key Club Report
 - Mary Beth requested that the board approve the recent changes to the District Key Club Bylaws. Changes were mainly to update language and bring bylaws into line with changes made at the International level. Bill Lardy moved to approve the changes. Seconded by Sharon Scudder. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Mary Beth Townsend and Ben Thurnau presented and explained the District Key Club budget. Allen Herrboldt moved to approve the District Key Club budget as presented. Seconded by Bill Lardy. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Mary Beth Townsend shared information about current key clubs and distributed a listing of clubs in each Kiwanis region.
 - Natalie Sitter, District Key Club Governor invited everyone to attend the Key Club Fall Rally to be held in Fergus Falls.
- Circle K Report
 - Ann Backes Dodge, District Circle K Administrator reported changes are coming in Circle K dues. KI is going with a \$650 fee for Circle K Clubs in 4 year schools and a \$450 fee for Circle K Clubs in 2 year schools. Districts will need to decide to go with a club fee or dues. That will need to be determined during the coming year. Our current MnDak Circle K dues are \$5.00/member.
 - Seeing more interest in Circle K Clubs as Key Club members move on to higher education.
 - Currently have 8 active Circle K Clubs in the district.
 - Ann presented and explained the District Circle K Budget for 2009-2010. Sherrie Scudder, moved to approve the District Circle K Budget as presented. Seconded by Scott Mescher. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Encouraged Kiwanis members to connect with their sponsored youth clubs.
- 2009-2010 District Budget Approval
 - Governor Designate Bruce Klair presented and explained the 2009-2010 District Budget proposal.
 - Bill Lardy moved to approve the 2009-2010 budget as presented. Seconded by Lyle Terveen. Discussion followed with Bill Lardy suggesting that the board consider the purchase of a new computer for the district office. Mary Lou Drahota moved to amend the motion to authorize the District Secretary Treasurer to purchase a new computer this year using funds as budgeted for 2009-2010 in budgets #4540 and #45204. Motion to amend was seconded and carried unanimously. Then the original motion to approve the 2009-2010 budget was considered. Motion to approve the budget carried unanimously.
- Approval of District Secretary/Treasurer
 - Sharon Scudder moved to approve Steve Handegaard as District Secretary/Treasurer for 2009-2010. Seconded by Lyle Terveen. Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of District Directors, Administrators and Chairs
 - Governor Designate Bruce Klair presented a list of appointed District Directors, Administrators and Chairs. Bill Lardy moved to approve the positions as presented. Seconded by Sharon Scudder. Motion carried unanimously.

- District Secretary/Treasurer Report
 - Reminded Lt. Governors to monitor and review the monthly club reports online.
 - Announced the preparation of the District Leadership directory. Draft copy was passed around for any corrections. Final directory will be sent to all board members via email.
 - 2009-2010 District letterhead will be updated and printed in September. (It was suggested that we think about going to an electronic letterhead that can be printed as needed.)
 - Reminded board members to become familiar with their budget areas and to review budget summary sent to them each month via email.
 - Reminded the board that last we decided to go with one gold badge for Lt. Governors to be used all three years.
 - Regional Governor Visit and Conference Meetings must be self-supporting. Need to build costs into your registration fee.

- Approval of District Depository of Funds and Auditor:
 - Denis Cornell moved to approve the current depositories of funds for Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club. (State Bank and Trust of Moorhead/Fergus Falls, Edward Jones and Willmar State Bank) and to approve Westberg-Eischens and Van Buren of Willmar as the auditor of the District Kiwanis account. Seconded by Sharon Scudder. Motion carried unanimously.

- Lt. Governor Elect Status for Regions
 - Still need Lt. Governors Elect in Regions 1, 3. and 5.

- Regional Governor Visit and Conferences:
 - Region 2 October 10
 - Region 1 October 17
 - Region 6 October 24
 - Region 5 October 31
 - Region 4 November 7
 - Region 7 November 14

- The following District Directors and Chairs reported on accomplishments and plans:
 - Education and CLE – Larry Rittgarn
 - CLE well attended
 - CLE is self supporting financially
 - Purchased a new LCD projector for CLE/Education
 - Reminded Lt. Governors that the certified instructors are available for more than CLE sessions.

 - Service- Coralyn Dahl
 - Very pleased with donations to Joy Ranch. Lot of items donated and about \$400 in cash.
 - Will be looking for service project for next year's convention in Fargo.
 - Lt. Governors need to appoint Regional Service Directors.

- Membership and New Club Building – Stewart Ross
 - Announced that because of his KI Trustee duties he will resign effective August 3. Vickie Walters will be taking over the position.
 - Will continue to help with membership and club building activities whenever needed.
 - Vickie added that she will be coordinating people to work in these areas across the district. Please forward names of interested members to her.

- Administration – Colleen Hyde
 - Distributed a Regional Director return form to Lt. Governors. Please use to forward names and addresses of Regional Directors to Colleen and Steve.

- Kiwanis International Foundation – Chuck Schroder
 - Raised about \$1500 through the raffle conducted during the convention.
 - Announced that we have reached the district goal of \$4.00/member. Can still work towards the KI goal of \$5.00/member with 2 months to go.

- District Educational Foundation – Jack Zierdt
 - Will be pushing the Century Club donations this year. Aiming for 100% of clubs in our district.
 - Be sure to appoint Regional Service Directors. They need to see that the educational scholarships are judged appropriately.
 - Scholarship applications are sent to club secretaries in November. Clubs need to get them to the schools.

- District Convention – Larry and Pat Rittgarn
 - Successful convention with many good comments. Will be reviewing evaluations for suggested improvements.
 - Future conventions will be held in Fargo-2010; Sioux Falls-2011; St. Cloud-2012. Currently looking for convention site for 2013.

- The 2008-2009 Lt. Governors honored Bill Lardy with a special gift in appreciation of his outstanding leadership as Governor.

- Remarks by Immediate Past Governor Designate Bill Lardy

- Remarks by Governor Elect Designate Lowell Disrud

- Remarks by Governor Designate Bruce Klair

- Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen K. Handegaard
 District Secretary/Treasurer
 Minnesota-Dakotas District
 August 4, 2009