

MINNESOTA-DAKOTAS KIWANIS DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
“MINUTES”  
Watertown Convention Center, Watertown, South Dakota  
Friday, July 31, 2009

Members present

Executive Officers

Bill Lardy, Governor  
Bruce Klair, Governor Elect  
Bill Daugherty, Immediate Past Governor  
Steve Handegaard, District Secretary/Treasurer

Lt. Governors 2008-2009 (voting members)

Darlene Vander Vorst    Region 1  
Mary Sieling            Region 2  
Marwin Bogue            Region 3  
Sharon Scudder        Region 4  
Allen Herrboldt        Region 5  
Judie Rosendahl        Region 6  
Marjorie Frost          Region 7

Lt. Governors Elect 2008-2009

Susie Kapelovitz        Region 1  
Scott Mescher            Region 3  
Lyle Terveen            Region 5  
Denis Cornell            Region 7

Immediate Past Lt. Governors 2008-2009

Cheryl Lane            Region 1  
Lowell Disrud            Region 2  
Beverly Werner        Region 5  
David Fairbrother      Region 6  
Dick Mussell            Region 7

District Directors

Colleen Hyde            Administration  
F. Larry Rittgarn        Education (and District Convention Co-Director)  
Stewart Ross            Membership and New Club Building

Other Guests Present

Stewart Ross            Kiwanis International Trustee Designate

- Call to Order – Following breakfast the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Governor Bill Lardy.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Daugherty, Immediate Past Governor
- Invocation by Bruce Klair, Governor Elect
- Governor Bill introduced Stewart Ross our Kiwanis International Trustee Counselor for 2009-2010.
- Moved and seconded to approve the board meeting agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of the Minutes of the last board meeting. A motion was made by Judie Rosendal to accept the January, 2009 Board Meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Sharon Scudder. Motion carried.
- Secretary/Treasurer's Report –
  - According to KI our beginning membership on October 1, 2008 was 5953 members. As of June 30 membership count is 5793. On September 30, 2009 Kiwanis International will give us an official ending membership total for the Kiwanis year.
  - A Financial Report of the District accounts is sent to all board members and others every month via email. Currently budget is in good shape.
  - Board members were reminded to continue promoting club donations to Outreach. A monthly summary of Outreach donations is sent to all board members.
  - All district expense vouchers for the 08-09 year must be submitted to the district office by no later than September 30.
  - Lt. Governors were encouraged to check the online Kiwanis Portal often. Currently they can view monthly club reports, club election reports and the distinguished club tracker online.
  - The new District Website is working well. The monthly MINNEKOTAN will have a new look and functionality. A demonstration will be given during the 2009 Convention House of Delegates.
- Remarks from Stewart Ross, Kiwanis International Trustee Counselor 2009-2010
  - Extended greetings from Kiwanis International.
  - Thanked all who attended the International Convention and also those that supported his campaign for Trustee.
  - Introduced a new pin that will be his theme for presentations- "Share the Magic".
  - Explained the new membership recruitment pin process.
  - Discussed the theme for next year – "Right Now".
  - Reminded the board that the Kiwanis International Trustees are willing and able to help when needed.

- Kids Against Hunger
  - Governor Bill discussed the Kiwanis International search for a new world wide service project and presented the following proposal to the board:

*ENDORSEMENT OF THE WRITING AND PRESENTATION OF A PROPOSAL TO KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL TO MAKE KIDS AGAINST HUNGER THE NEXT KIWANIS WORLDWIDE SERVICE PROJECT:*

*Whereas Kiwanis International at it's 2009 convention in Nashville, TN asked for proposals for a new worldwide Service project, and*

*Whereas the Kiwanis districts of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana are creating a proposal to alleviate world hunger, and*

*Whereas these districts have asked the Minnesota-Dakotas District to support the writing of such a proposal,*

*Now, therefore, we as the Board of Trustees of Minnesota-Dakotas District at its meeting on July 31, 2009, do endorse the writing and presenting of such a document in support of making Kids Against Hunger our next worldwide service project and direct the District Secretary to forward a copy of this endorsement to Kiwanis International.*

- Cheryl Lane moved to accept the proposal as written. Seconded by Susie Kapelovitz. Motion passed unanimously.

- Governor Approval for SLP Administrator Travel
  - Governor Bill presented the following as a possible addition to our District Policies and Procedures. Board members were asked to review it and possibly take action at a future meeting. No action was taken at this time.

*Proposal for review: Attendance and Reimbursement Policy for Service Leadership Program Administrator Conference sponsored by Kiwanis International. (Builders Club, K-Kids, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, and Key Leader)*

- *Any travel outside the District by any directors, chairs, coordinators or administrators must have prior approval by the Governor and/or the District Secretary/Treasurer. A written request for approval must be submitted in advance of any travel including any request for District reimbursement. All expenses must be approved in advance. Those choosing to attend totally at their own expense also need to request approval in advance.*
- *First time appointees should plan to attend*
- *District will financially support attendance every other year ?? with trip reimbursement not to exceed (a specific amount? or percent?) of their administrator budget for that particular year.*
- *Kiwanis International may reimburse some positions for some conference expenses, however, that can change from year to year, and participants need to familiarize themselves with those policies prior to registration.*

- Strategic Planning- Governor Bill discussed possible review of the current strategic plan, including the region boundaries and budgets.
- Remarks by Chuck Schroder, District Kiwanis International Foundation Chair
  - Currently our district contributions are \$3.82 per member. Our district goal is \$4.00 per member by September 30. Thanked Lt. Governors for encouraging clubs in their regions.
  - A raffle will be conducted during the convention. Donated prizes are a hand made cedar chest, hand carved duck and baby cradle.
- Exchange of Lt. Governor Banners
- Closing remarks by Governor Bill Lardy
- Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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