

INDIANA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Minutes of the Regular Virtual Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the 2020-21 Indiana District Board was called to order February 24, 2021 at 7:02PM (EST) by Governor Martyn Furnish. The following Kiwanis district board members were in virtual attendance.

- Martyn Furnish, Governor
- Sharon Canaday, Governor-Elect
- Kevin Rowland, Immediate Past Governor
- Michael Shurn, Lt. Governor, Arrowhead Division
- Rob Peters, Lt. Governor, Collegiate Division
- Paul Sciarra, Lt. Governor, Duneland Division
- Mike Perez, Lt. Governor, Explorer Division
- Sadie Gonzales, Lt. Governor, Heartland Division
- Deanna Gardner, Lt. Governor, Hoosier Division
- Tina Siddle, Lt. Governor, Indy Metro Division
- Mike Siebern, Lt. Governor, Johnny Appleseed Division
- John Huber, Lt. Governor, Land of Lakes Division
- Tom Luke, Lt. Governor, Potawatomi Division
- Andrew Muffett, Lt. Governor, Sagamore Division
- JoAnn Laugel, Lt. Governor, Southwind Division
- Ted Mahnensmith, Lt. Governor, Sycamore South Division
- John Lightle, Lt. Governor, Wabash Valley Division
- Charles Payne, Lt. Governor, Wapahani Division
- David Cox, District Treasurer
- Tammy Minor, District Secretary

The following Kiwanis district board members were absent.

- Keith Doades, Lt. Governor, Buffalo Trace Division
- Michael Halstead, Lt. Governor, Capitol Division
- Dee Oliphant, Lt. Governor, Circle City Division
- John Spencer, Lt. Governor, Scenic Hills Division
- James Cole, Lt. Governor, Sycamore North Division

The following guest were in attendance:

- Nicole Zellers, Circle K Governor
- Cheyenne Stewart, Key Club Governor
- Vanessa McClary, Past Governor
- Terry White, Past Governor
- Brad Boyd, Central Area Director, Global Operations
- Taka Ogata, Membership Chair

Governor Martyn Furnish asked for the approval of the last board meeting minutes.

Motion was made by John Huber, Lt. Governor, Land of Lakes Division, and seconded by Paul Sciarra, Lt. Governor, Duneland Division to approve the November Indiana District board meeting minutes.

Governor Furnish called for a voice vote and following voting declared the motion adopted.

Governor Furnish let the board know we are not having a Mid-Year Conference. He is planning a video to send to every member that includes speeches from himself, Governor Zellers, Governor Stewart, Governor-Elect Canaday, Immediate Past Governor Rowland and Governor-Elect Candidate Davis. It will highlight Riley and the upcoming District Convention. The video should be out late March.

Governor Furnish highlighted the fact that Past Governor Kris Bowers will be the Chair of District Convention and Past Governor Terry White will be the Chair of Elections.

Governor Furnish introduced Key Club Governor Cheyenne Stewart. Governor Cheyenne discussed the District Leadership Conference that will be conducted virtually next weekend. The board will meet in person. Her last day as Governor will be March 31. She enjoyed her year and gave many thanks to all the Kiwanians for the support.

Governor Furnish announced that the winner of the Indiana Tier I Signature Project was Perry Township, and the winner of the Indiana Tier II Signature Project was Valparaiso. Those two winners advance to the Kiwanis International contest that is announced in June.

Governor Furnish urged the board to watch the Indiana District website for many updates that are happening. It includes an update calendar of events, updated directory without email addresses and a welcome page for new members. Past Governor McClary suggested we add the feature of accepting credit cards on our website. Governor Furnish suggested we visit the specifics after the details are gathered at the next board meeting.

Governor Furnish introduced Circle K Governor Nicole Zellers. She gave an overview of the upcoming District Leadership Conference coming up this weekend also. The conference will be virtual, but the board will meet in person. She assured everyone that the Key Club and Circle K conference will not overlap very much. They are continuing to raise money for Riley Hospital. Governor Zellers announced that the Kiwanis Family Love event will be March 27 and online.

Governor Furnish outlined Governor Holcomb's COVID waiver for non-profit organizations.

Governor Furnish announced we have increased our membership by 260 since the beginning of the Kiwanis year. He thanked the Indiana District members and Membership Chair Taka Ogata for all their efforts. Governor Furnish has personally called each club with an increase in membership and reminded them of the \$75 rebate for any net gain in membership. Governor-Elect Canaday called any clubs with a membership decrease and reached out to let them know we are here if they need anything.

Governor Furnish let the board know that next year's Kiwanis International dues will be graduated and will decrease by 1/12 each month. They are asking the District to follow the same dues graduation schedule. We need to discuss this at the next meeting to see if we have the authority to follow their schedule or if it needs to go to the House of Delegates. Governor Furnish also mentioned \$35 does not divide evenly by 12 but \$36 does. Do we need to consider raising the Indiana District dues by \$1? This is also being discussed by the board at the next meeting.

Brad Boyd, Central Area Director, Global Operations discussed the new club web portal being offered by Kiwanis International and it is free. If anyone has questions, they can contact Tom Castonzo at Kiwanis International for more information

Governor Furnish announced the new Indiana District Chair of the International Committee for Young Children (formally Children Priority One) will be Robert Szoke from the Merrillville-Breakfast Club. It is a committee that focuses on children under 5 years old. He proceeded with a great initiative that ties in with this project from the new Indiana 25+ Kiwanians Who Care Club. They donated \$5000 to VIPS (Visionally Impaired Pre-School).

Governor Furnish asked the board about their succession plan. He asked which board members are repeating.

Governor Furnish brought up the Distinguished Criteria for 2020-21. It was determined at the beginning of the Kiwanis year and a board member brought up the criteria of \$10 per member donated to the Kiwanis International Children's Fund. She asked about revisiting it as a board. A discussion was made. Governor Furnish asked if anyone wants to make a motion. There was no motion made, so the distinguished criteria remained the same for 2020-21.

Governor Furnish discussed the new Amplify leadership program offered by Kiwanis International. Brad Boyd, Central Area Director, Global Operations talked about how it also addresses soft skills (conflict resolution, event planning and many others). It adds to your leadership skills that you already have. The classes will be offered online and concluded at the International Convention. The District will be refunded \$200 for every 5 registrations we receive.

Governor Furnish reminded everyone to have Division Council Meetings. April 1 is the half-way mark and a great time to get everyone together. Brad Boyd, Central Area Director, Global Operations designed a 21-idea worksheet that helps with Division Council Meetings.

Treasurer David Cox gave us a financial update and let everyone know that our investments have gained \$231,000 since the beginning of our investments.

Governor Furnish announced that thanks to the board, we raised \$250 for our Lt. Governor and friend that passed away last month. We will be presenting an Indiana Foundation Eagle Award to his family.

The next board meeting should be in late April. Our final board meeting for 2020-21 will be at the Indiana District Convention.

Governor Furnish reminded everyone to have the clubs send in their Riley checks so they can be celebrated on the Mid-Year video.

Having completed all items on the agenda, the virtual meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM(EST) by Governor Martyn Furnish.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Minor
District Secretary