

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4 BOARD and COMMITTEE
CHAIRS "Go To Meeting" online Meeting
January 12, 2019



MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Bonnie Clesse, Janice Durmis, Marcia Bliss, Marianne Chiumento, Holly Anderson, Diane Balaban, Julie Brown, Vivian Cody, Sandra Cronk, Kris Fletcher, Lee Fogarty, Margaret Geare, Brenda Graham, Kary Grant, Carma Horner, Jenny Johnston, Kat Bunyan-McClendon, Gina Orsini, Nancy Peacock, Sheena Poole, Judy Powers, Lori Robinson, Kathy Smith, Carol Spedding, Ann Marie West, Nancy Zilvytis

At 9:00 AM Governor Bonnie Clesse called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance, and thanked the tech women, especially Sandra Cronk and Sheena Poole, who were responsible for coordinating this online meeting.

MINUTES: The Minutes from the November 17, 2018 meeting were approved.

CONFLICT of INTEREST: Gov. Bonnie quickly reviewed the form and mentioned that she was still missing 2 forms.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT ON ZI NEWS: Gov. Bonnie reported that Judy Gorton, our ZI liaison from Australia, is planning to join us at the Conference in September. She also reported:

1. Judy cautioned Bonnie not to burn herself out, and that applies to the whole District, especially because there is so much going on in the District. A few examples include: a new website, Free the Girls, Clubs also celebrating 100 years, a new Club being started by Lori Robinson, and so on. Judy is very impressed with the Travelling Flag and wants to submit it to ZI.

2. Borderless District: This is to encourage members to visit other clubs and members of other clubs. The purpose of the Travelling Flag is to reach out to other clubs. Sheena and others are putting together a booklet to go with the Travelling Flag. We need to get the word out to the media, to local businesses, to the towns and cities.

MEMBERSHIP: Lt. Gov. Janice's report is on the website. She reminded the group that ADs and Club Presidents need to send her information regarding new members so she can send out a welcome letter. She also needs to know about struggling clubs.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marcia's report was displayed on the screen. D4 has a balance of \$47,352. She has already taken in half of the dues budgeted.

Area Director Reports are on the website.

AREA UPDATES:

Area 1 - Brenda Graham reported that Kitchener-Waterloo is planning a Centennial event, and that all clubs are very active on social media.

Area 2 - Kary Grant reported that clubs in her Area have completed 1000 birthing kits, with more to come.

Area 3 - Jenny Johnston reported that Niagara Falls hosted a very well-attended Candle Light Vigil on November 24th to kick off 16 Day of Activism.

Area 4 - Gina Orsini reported that her clubs have hosted a variety of fundraising activities, and that various anniversaries are coming up.

Area 5 - Diane Balaban reported that Jamestown is working hard on their Spring Workshop.

Area 6 - Ann Marie West reported that she is still gathering information from her Presidents.

AMELIA EARHART: Holly Anderson reported the Amelia Earhart Day was January 11th. She is asking that clubs report on their Amelia Earhart activities.



HISTORIAN: Vivian Cody reported that 9 ZI clubs, including District 4's Rochester, NY, Buffalo, NY & Erie, PA are celebrating Centennials.

UN: Margaret Geare and Nancy Peacock reported that messages have gone out to those attending CSW (Commission on the Status of Women), and that they will continue to work on updating UN information on the website.

Z CLUB/GOLDEN Z: Nancy Zilvytis reported that various Boards (school districts, colleges) are saying that outside clubs (like Zonta) can no longer run the meetings.

ARCHIVES: Jenny Johnston reported that the application to have the 2020 Time Capsule buried under the "Spirit of Womanhood" has been submitted for review. The cylinder will be donated and on display at the Conference. Each of the 5 Clubs will be submitting something for the Time Capsule, and bags for these submissions will be given out to ADs at the Spring Workshops.

TRAVELLING FLAG: Lt. Gov. Janice Durmis reported that on Jan. 15th a letter will be sent to all Club Presidents with an explanation of the flag and the schedule. In early February final information/directions regarding the flag will be sent in a letter. The Flag will start in Area 1 in March 2019. The Flag will go from Toronto to Buffalo, and then to the Conference.

2019 D4 CONFERENCE MEETING on January 5, 2019: Jenny Johnston reported that AD's were reminded of a donation of an Amelia Earhart basket with a value of \$100. ADs need to check with their clubs about table rentals. There is also a reminder about memorials and the info. clubs need to include.

2019 D4 CONFERENCE UPDATES: Gov. Bonnie reported for Chair Toni Majchrjak. The Committee has greatly reduced expenses, as their main objective is to have people attend. It was very hard for them, but they did cancel the Statler. Everything will now take place at the Hyatt. Gov. Bonnie then reviewed various events that are being planned.

2020 CONVENTION : ZC Buffalo is planning an event to have attendees from the 2020 Convention come to Buffalo.

NEW D4 WEBSITE: Sheena Poole reported that she is planning for a soft launch sometime between February and March. At the Workshops there will be "hands on" tutorials/break-out sessions on how to access the website, so attendees will be encouraged to bring whatever device they use the most. Board Members need to go to the website now, check their own site, and get back to Sheena regarding changes, approval, etc.

ADVOCACY in CANADA: Julie Brown reported that Connie Deckert has been trying to set up a Canadian Caucus with Club Presidents. She has also contacted one of the MP's to address child marriage.

ADVOCACY in US: Lee Fogarty reported that the US Caucus has joined a national group on child marriage. There are 2 bills coming up that we need to be aware of so we can take action. One is a bill that deals with many issues, including voting rights and ethics. The other, "Hands Off Title IX" will see voting on January 28th. We need to back-up the issues we believe in. The League of Women Voters has developed easy ways to contact legislators. Lee also reported that the US has just raised the ban on female genital mutilation.

SERVICE: Judy Powers reported that all of Area 4's birthing kits are scheduled to go out. The Service Committee would like to know how many clubs are doing the Poster Project's "It's Not Your Fault" card so that information can be shared. The Committee would like to send out a letter to clubs asking about their service projects. Perhaps they can work with ADs regarding this. Sheena would like to see documentation on the "Free the Girls" Project, so it can be fully reported before it's taken to Conference as a possible District Project. A voting Board member will need to put it forth. ADs are asked to send all information about this project to Judy and Sheena.



COMMUNICATION: Sheena Poole reported that the Committee is proposing to have “Go To Meeting” available in the future. Funds are available to support this for 1 year at a cost of \$208 US. It would be used with a generic email address and a generic password which can be obtained by contacting Sheena or Sandra. Several Board members agreed that they would like to use this, so the Committee will sign up for it.

WORKSHOPS UPDATE: Jamestown - 4/15 for Areas 5 & 6, Kitchener-Waterloo - 4/27 for Areas 1 & 2 , and Kenmore - 5/4 for Areas 3 & 4. The focus of these Workshops is to make it worthwhile to attend. First, a letter from the Governor will go out with information about the Workshops. A “Save the Date” will follow, and then the updated registration form will go out. ADs want the registration enhanced to give it the “Wow” factor and encourage people to come. Suggestion: Include a hotel with its contact information.

QUILT INITIATIVE: Lt. Gov. Janice reported that Workshops’ attendees will use fabric markers to indicate why they are Zontians. The fabric squares will then be put together into a quilt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS of EVENTS AND DATES:

Vivian Cody reported that the Buffalo Club will host a session at the Philharmonic on March 3rd, and will present a yellow rose to Joanne Falletta to celebrate Marian DeForest’s connection to Zonta and the Symphony.

On Saturday, March 9th there will be a Hawaiian theme to the Lucky Ladies Luncheon at Batavia Downs.

Lee Fogarty reported that the CSW (Commission on the Status of Women) begins March 10th. Zonta has joined the US Women’s Caucus.

Marcia Bliss reported that Lunafest (to benefit scholarships) will be held in Jamestown on March 7th at 6:00PM.

Jenny Johnston reported that Niagara Falls USA will be hosting an event on March 8th at Four Points Sheraton.

Sheena Poole asked that everyone get their events to Communications ASAP, so they can be sent out in a timely fashion.

Governor Bonnie thanked the organizers and those present for attending this online meeting.

Lt. Governor Janice Durmis moved to adjourn at 10:55 AM. Brenda Graham seconded. Carried!

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Chiumento
Secretary, District 4