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ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4
BOARD and COMMITTEE CHAIRS CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Bonnie Clesse, Janice Durmis, Marcia Bliss, Marianne Chiumento, Brenda Graham, Nita McCown, Kary Grant, Jenny Johnston, Diane Balaban, Holly Anderson, Julie Brown, Sandra Cronk, Connie Deckert, Kris Fletcher, Margaret Geare, Carma Horner, Kat Bunyan-McClendon, Nancy Peacock, Sheena Poole, Judy Powers, Kathy Smith, Carol Spedding, Beth Zak, Nancy Zilvitis

At 9:35 a.m., Governor Bonnie Clesse called the meeting to order and thanked those available for the Conference Call. Secretary Marianne Chiumento determined there were 24 in attendance, including 7 voting Board Members.

MINUTES: Marcia Bliss moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of Saturday, November 23, 2019. Governor-Elect Janice Durmis seconded. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Diane Balaban moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Nita McCown seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marcia reported that as of December 31, 2019 the total cash assets were \$55,849. The PML report shows revenues: \$41,302; expenditures: \$21,835 out of a \$38,050 budget for the biennium. D4 has increased net assets by \$19,467, and ending unrestricted net assets of \$46,849.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS: Governor Bonnie reported that, according to Zonta International (ZI), more than 5000 Zonta members attended District Conferences in 2019.

2020 ZI Convention: 748 Zontians have registered as of Dec. 26th, with 65% of rooms booked at the Zonta rate. The registration rate increases from \$410 to \$470 on February 12th. Members need to be reminded that if they plan to go to the Convention, they must register; and must register before booking rooms. Nellie Brown (ZC Buffalo) will play her harp at the Memorial Service. Our D4 Centennial Flag will be displayed at the Convention. Each Club can have one delegate, or two delegates if they have 31-60 members. If a club doesn't have a delegate attending they should ask another club to carry their proxy, and then report back to their club.

Climate Change and Investing: Nita McCown reported on a UN Briefing she attended regarding climate change. It was suggested that individuals and groups talk to their portfolio managers and find out where their money is going. Then they should invest in companies that are leaders in renewable energy. ZI has already been looking at their investments regarding this topic. It was suggested that we might want to spend a few minutes on this topic at the Spring Workshops. It was further suggested that we look at this as an advocacy issue.

Service: Judy Powers reported that the ZI Service Recognition Awards given at Convention will be chosen from the Centennial Award winners. If a club is sending in a report, please copy to service@D4.org so the Service Committee has a complete list of all the projects. Some clubs are scheduling dates to put together birthing kits, but we need to be sure the kits can be sent out before we do this.

Communication: Sandra Cronk reported that her committee is \$84 over budget due to the upcoming renewal of 2 programs. "Go To Meeting" can be renewed (1 year) for \$133 US instead of \$210. This program is used 2 or 3 times a month by Clubs and Committees. The other program "Event Expresso" is a part of the website that is used to register Zontians for various events (Conference, Reading Club, etc.). It can be renewed for \$55 per year. The Committee feels that we need to embrace technology in order to attract new members. A discussion ensued regarding the amount of time to renew. Marcia Bliss moved to do a budget transfer of \$280 from "Other Committees" line to Public Relations, noting that the transfer is such that we can do renewals of the 2 software programs for 1 year each. Diane Balaban seconded. Carried.

Membership: Governor-Elect Janice Durmis reported that the Reading Group registration is online. She asked the Area Directors to remind all clubs to have their updated membership information sent to ZI by April 30th. Webinars regarding membership are coming up. 170 D4 Zontians completed the D4 membership survey, with many saying they were unlikely to take on a leadership role. 60 of those members filled in their names and so are eligible for \$10 (2 will be picked) off on their Spring Workshop registration. Cheryl Gruber of the Warren Club and Marnie Piggot from the Oakville Club won the draw. Janice wants information regarding new members as she sends a welcoming letter. Sandra does not get new member information, so rosters (at least first and last name and email addresses) need to be sent to Sandra also.

D4 Travelling Flag: Governor-Elect Janice reported that the Flag is currently in Area 6. It will travel to Area 4, and will be at the Workshops and at the Convention. The Book travelling with the Flag needs to be updated.

Time Capsule: Jenny Johnston reported that Area Directors have been informed as to which clubs still need to add their archival bag material. These clubs can bring their bags to the Workshops.

WORKSHOPS INTRODUCTION: Governor Bonnie stated that it is a recent D4 tradition to ask the Lt. Governor/Governor-Elect to plan the second Workshops of the Biennium. Governor Bonnie asked Janice Durmis and she is planning the Workshops agenda.

WORKSHOPS REPORT: Governor-Elect Janice reported that the title of the Workshops will be: "Building for Our Future". Topics include Generational Diversity, as well as training for Presidents, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs. There are 4 Presenters. Registration forms are almost complete. Information will be on the website, and a letter will be going out to members. A question came up concerning who pays the first timers fee (\$5 off the registration). The host clubs are in charge of this as they are in charge of the Workshop budget. The host clubs are: Brampton-Caledon on April 4th, Oil City Franklin on April 25th, and Hamburg-Orchard Park on May 9th.

2020 ZI CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: A question came up regarding group travel. Diane Balaban reported that a bus would take 12-13 hours and the bus would need to be filled to keep the price reasonable. Some are driving to Port Huron and taking the train from there. And, everyone is on their own from the airports, train and bus stations.

UPCOMING DATES FOR CLUB EVENTS:

Buffalo Club: The Premiere of the "Marian de Forest: The Spirit of Zonta" film will take place at the North Park Theatre, 1428 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. on Thurs., Feb. 27, 2020 from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Admission is free. Reception to follow at Mac's, 1435 Hertel Ave..

Conference on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place at the UN March 9-20, 2020.

Area 1: International Women's Day Lunch will be held in Guelph on March 5th.

Kitchener-Waterloo will host speaker Samra Safar on March 10th.

Stratford will host an International Women's Day Breakfast on March 6th.

Birthing Kits assembly will take place on May 9th.

Area 2: Oakville will celebrate International Women's Day on March 3rd.

Area 3: Kenmore will host their Lucky Number Dinner on April 22nd at Classics V Banquet and Conference Center. Their Salad Fest will be on August 12th.

Grand Island will present an Amelia Earhart Program on February 5th.

Area 4: Rochester's Kentucky Derby Day is May 2nd.

Area 6: Three Rivers-Pittsburgh North will have a fund-raising Lunch on April 19, 2020.

Next Meeting: Governor Bonnie reminded all that the next D4 Board and Committee Chairs Meeting will be the last meeting of the 2018 – 2020 Board. It is a Double Board Meeting. Governor-Elect Janice Durmis has said that she will invite only the new 2020-2022 elected Board. The meeting is on Saturday, May 30th in Room 201 of the D’Youville College Center, 329 Porter Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14201 It will be a chance to “meet, mentor, and be mentored.” Board members and Committee Chairs should review the 2018-2020 goals they made in September, 2018. They have four months to accomplish them before they will report on them at the May 30, 2020 meeting.

At 11:10 a.m., Diane Balaban moved to adjourn the meeting. Marcia Bliss seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Chiumento, Secretary, D4