

The 2008-2009 K-Family Board Meeting
DFW Airport Marriott Hotel – Irving, TX
October 31, 2008

Nancy Miller, Governor, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the ringing of the bell.

Mark Crouch, Lt Governor, Division 12 gave the invocation. James Vanbebber, Lt Governor, Division 36, led the pledge.

Rick White, District Secretary, called the roll. A quorum was announced.

Before formally starting the meeting Governor Nancy urged everyone to please check their cell phone and asked that everyone please put them on mute. Following this request she officially welcomed the board to K-Family and then she recognized Lt Governor Minnie Martinez, Division 28, to speak to the board and give us an update on the greater Galveston area following Hurricane Ike which had recently devastated the region. Minnie stated that there were still several cities still without electricity, some schools were still not open, the city of Galveston was still in a state of shock and was having a hard time coming to grips with their situation. She asked that all clubs continue to try and raise as much aid for the area as possible. It was discussed that our T-O canteen was down there offering aid and feeding many people.

Governor-elect Bill Bishop was introduced to the board and guests. He thanked everyone for placing their trust in him by electing him as governor-elect at our T-O District Convention in Amarillo. He further thanked Governor Nancy and stated that he would assist her in any way that he could and was looking forward to working with the group and expected great things and that he was here mainly to observe and learn.

District Secretary Rick asked for approval of the Post Convention Board Minutes. Lt Governor, Division 2, moved to approve and Lt Governor, Division 35 seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Gary Hicks, *Ki-Notes* Editor, was introduced and thanked Governor Nancy for the chance to speak. He said that he had a few things this particular meeting that he would like to share. He thanked everyone for their concern and prayers during his recent illness and hospitalization and asked for the continuance of those prayers. He stated that *Ki-Notes* is still on budget and on schedule and he did not expect any delays with the next issue. He then addressed the new 2008-2009 District Directories. He stated that he was sure that he had printed plenty;

however he asked that each lieutenant governor please take only the amount that they were allotted. He stated that each lieutenant governor should take one copy for themselves, one copy for each club president and each club secretary and then to ensure that each club got their two copies when they returned to their divisions. He stated that the directories would be disbursed during the morning break. He ended his presentation by thanking everyone again.

Mike Albright, District Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. A balance sheet was provided for each member of the board to see. He stated that there was a net surplus of \$14,339.28 for the 2007-2008 Broadway Brokerage Fund. He stated that this fund has a dollar for dollar value. He further stated that we are unable to withdraw our funds from this account. A motion was made by Division 24 to approve the report and was seconded by Division 18.

Dennis Mitchell, District Administrator for Key Club, reported that we have lost several Key Clubs; however 3 or 4 have plans to reactivate. He stated that we are continuing to have problems with clubs that have not paid their dues and he asked that each lieutenant governor encourage the Key Clubs in their division to continue to pay their dues in a timely manner. He stated that he looked forward to receiving comments from each lieutenant governor concerning possible issues with each of the Key Clubs in their divisions.

Chuck Rager, Growth-Membership District Chairperson, tried to stress the importance of membership growth by stating that we all forget how important membership growth is. He said that we continue to lose members in spite of all our efforts to grow our clubs and divisions. For the 2007-2008 Kiwanis year we added 1,350 new members and we lost 1,796 members for a net loss of 446. In keeping with our growth in membership goals it has been decided that we need to have a net growth of 2,813 new members as a district and that each club needs to recruit 8 new members. He stated that many clubs are stating that they are not focusing on building new clubs but rather just concentrating on increasing membership in existing clubs. This has proven not to work. We must do both.

Neil Tatom, New Club Building Chairperson, followed Chuck's presentation and stated that Governor Nancy has set a goal of one new club per division and that we need to continue focusing on changing the lives of the children of tomorrow today and that we must increase the ability to help the children not yet born and that these lieutenant governors have to lead the charge in each of their divisions.

Sam Curry asked for a few moments to address the board to announce his intention to run for the office of Governor-elect. He discussed his qualifications and thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak to the board.

Immediate Past Governor Jerry Ward spoke briefly to the board and said that he wanted to personally thank everyone for their assistance and support during his term as governor during 2007-2008.

Randy DeLay, former T-O Governor and now serving as International Trustee, spoke briefly to the board and encouraged them to broaden their Kiwanis horizons and “not stay too close to where they got in” and continually search for new ideas, ways to change Kiwanis, and better their clubs and themselves. He wanted to ensure that we are considering all options such as company-based memberships, club satellites and the Kiwanis Bridge Program.

Alan Penn, also International Trustee, also urged Kiwanians to think outside the box and consider all options and when considering new alternatives don't risk failure by having to wait, “just do it, don't ask permission and you can always apologize later.”

Bill Crump, former governor, and Int'l Convention Liaison reminded all present of the dates for the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville June 25th-28th. He wanted to see everyone there. He stated that our convention hotel rates were going to be \$149 per night. For Nashville this is a very reasonable rate and suggested that all make their reservations prior to April 27th because they will go up to \$169 per night on that date.

Carlene Campbell, Community Service/Disaster Relief Chair, spoke briefly about T-O's response to Hurricane Ike and how T-O Kiwanians were ready to go the minute they were allowed into the disaster area. “Carlene's Kitchen” continues to serve those who need assistance during disasters and represents T-O in such an outstanding manner.

Marellie Robinson, Meetings Coordinator, was introduced. She just thanked everyone for their cooperation in making room reservations and stated that she was glad to help and if there were any problems to please see her.

Curtis Maxey, Aktion Clubs Administrator was introduced. He stated that Aktion Clubs were the fastest growing segment of Kiwanis International and that it is for kids with disabilities. He stated that he would be delighted to explain more about Aktion kids at their forum.

David Ross, K-Kids District Administrator, spoke regarding K-Kids and how more growth is needed and urged all present to get more involved and attend forums to learn more about this very important facet of the K-Family.

Dolores Booth, Builders Club District Administrator, was introduced and stated that currently T-O has 71 Builders Clubs and that they serve kids in Grades 6, 7, and 8. They are working very diligently to spread the growth of Builders Clubs in the T-O District.

Sean Raich, District Administrator for CKI, spoke shortly and said that CKI once again has not lost money in its budget for the fourth consecutive year. Motion

was made by Division 2 to approve the budget for CKI and seconded by Division 19. Motion approved.

Ollie Casteel, Division 37 Lieutenant Governor, was introduced. He spoke briefly about the upcoming T-O District Convention to be held Aug. 6th-9th. He urged everyone to "Come To Rockwall." The convention is to be held at the Hilton Hotel on Lake Ray Hubbard just as you enter the city of Rockwall from Dallas on Interstate 30. He stressed that a good time should be had by all.

Governor Nancy led a general discussion regarding the criminal background investigations, reminding everyone that the policy requires that be done beginning January 1. The question was asked if any of the policy had been "tweaked" and Gov. Nancy said that the only changes made were the completion of the application forms. She said she is sure there would be additional questions brought up the first of the year and we would look at those at Mid-Winter Conference. She reminded everyone that although we are a volunteer organization and cannot force anyone to do anything, the investigations are a liability protection for our clubs.

Rick White made announcements of room changes for forums and thanked the volunteers at the district office booth.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick White
District Secretary