

Zonta District 4 Board Meeting
Sunday September 27th, 2015
Waterloo Inn

In Attendance: Joanne Raymond, Lori Robinson, Cathie Wheeler, Brenda Graham, Julie Brown, Mary Jane Wajmer, Cairine Coulis-Brown, Laura Corey, Lorene Vinski, Linda Orme, Kris Fletcher, Doreen Myers, Patty Feroz, Kate Wehrmeyer, Valerie Beyer, Edna Silvernail, Donna Ketchum-Colletta, Bonnie Clesse, Judy Powers, Lee Fogarty, Irene (Toni) Majchrzak, Nancy McCulloch, Kathleen Douglass, Shirley Ellison, Catherine Hardman, Jill Coburn, Vivian Cody, Kathy Smith, Connie Deckert, Karin Eckart

Guest: Gertrud Ribitsch, Mary Yunker

Regrets: Sandra Cronk, Judy Labiak, Catherine Bobesich, Barbara Fera, Rosemary Pell, Lucille DiSanto, Joan Hutcheson, Holly Anderson

Call to Order: Governor Joanne

Welcome

- Thank you to all for whatever role you played in the conference
- We were a good team...discussed business, interesting sessions, had fun...hopefully everyone left with more enhanced knowledge of Zonta than before they came

Comments from International Director

- Very impressed with participation, all delegates stayed till the end
- The work we are doing is impressive, and we have a good district project
- Important to be connected within the clubs, district and Zonta International
- Suggestion - have written reports from committee chairs and area directors, then people speak to the highlights only, sometimes too much for people to absorb, the time we save can be used exchanging ideas
- Kate Wehrmeyer – ask ahead of time who will be using electronic devices, and then print for the rest of people – concern with bandwidth in the room, charging devices
- Kris Fletcher – once we decide our path, what electronic devices we need, then we can decide how to proceed

Conference Feedback

- Lee Fogarty – delegate training was a great idea, continue for the future, great interaction with delegates speaking up
- Doreen Myers – have less committee reports, more workshops (Governor Joanne reminded, there is still an agenda that needs to be followed for district conferences)
- Valerie Beyer – if reports were received ahead of time, people could read and be prepared, then ultimately more time for workshops
- Cathie Wheeler – presenters could give two highlights from reports, then ask if people have any questions on the rest of the report

- Nancy McCulloch – put committee reports up on the screen, so everyone can see them
- Edna Silvernail – audience couldn't read the screens, some were so small eg. financial with it's numbers
- Cairine Coulis-Brown – the CCC buttons, comment on courage – commend utilizing a male speaker, sometimes there is resentment if there is a male speaker at a women's conference, it took courage and was an excellent idea
- Connie Deckert – highlighting committee reports, ask people to speak up works well similar to what Lee did during the Advocacy presentation
- Donna Ketchum Colletta – conference food was terrific, great comments, delicious – reception on Thursday evening – small numbers, structure different, always seemed to be fighting for the good – Cathie Wheeler responded that it was difficult to move people from the door
- Karin Eckart – for Thursday reception, suggested water and glasses in room instead of at bar, have veggies and cheese at end of room, which would cut down on swarming as the wait staff entered – Joanne responded that Waterloo Inn was supposed to take orders in the room, however that didn't happen
- Kathleen Douglass – memorial service was wonderful, tastefully done, Valerie Beyer did a great job with technical, protocol was very well followed, nomination from floor professionally handled
- Linda Orme – this was first conference that her dietary needs were met, agreed with Karin that water available at Thursday night's reception would have been beneficial
- Toni Majchrzak – loved the conference, first year as Ambassador was great, asked if the table could have more visible in the future (was across from Credentials) – Cathie Wheeler responded that no request for a table for Ambassadors was made ahead of time, so she was not aware they needed one
- Kate Wehrmeyer – phenomenal conference, a member of their club had passed away but was not included in the memorial service
- Valerie Beyer – honoured to be asked, appreciated that as the tech person she was able to walk thru and get links ahead of time so they could be buffered, especially with more people bringing electronic devices in future, could have implications with bandwidth
- Lee Fogarty – Foundation, good way of asking, showing where their money is going
- Kathleen Douglass – historical presentation was amazing, great Marian DeForest story
- Mary Yunker – historical reports need to be submitted on time, have northern NAD and a southern SAD story, head tables could not see screen – Joanne responded that they were aware of that, but little choice given the set-up of the room
- Julie Brown – timekeepers for the speeches, have them front and centre

Governor Joanne

- Overall thrilled with conference
- Recommended for next conference and all board meetings that deadline dates for reports be kept, said that she tries to be generous with due dates, but they were getting reports a day or two before the conference, difficult to get them in line for the presentation deck
- Great comment about Valerie, she did a super job, under pressure with a number of late reports being added at the last minute to the presentation deck

- Joan did a great job with resetting the room twice, the second time because of a last minute adjustment
- Doreen Myers agreed, important to have the reports well ahead of time as there are 20 or so to coordinate, some have different software and they need to ensure they work on the conference computer
- It was definitely an engaged group, they watched the screens, better to have visual presentation to keep them engaged and offset the length
- Kudos to Cathie Wheeler, who had 24 people with dietary restrictions, deserve a round of applause
- Wonderful Z Clubbers, very involved and participated well
- Cairine Coulis-Brown, gentleman was so proud that daughter was receiving an award
- Valerie Beyer – for the lobby and Zumba class, have Zonta information available for when other people or guests ask what Zonta is
- Lori Robinson will be in charge of organizing the three area workshops in the spring
- Cathie Wheeler – reminder of expense reimbursement

Next Meeting

- Saturday November 7th, Hauptman Woodward Buffalo, New York, 9:30 am
- All reports due Friday October 30th to Governor Joanne, she will resend the format, Area Directors – new format Joanne is sending, please use with your club presidents

Meeting Adjourned