

**ZONTA DISTRICT 4 BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 29, 2013**

Governor Lee called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Present: Lee Fogarty, Joanne Raymond, Cathie Wheeler, Carma Horner, Catherine Hardman, Lori Robinson, Kathleen Kanaley, Mary Yunker, Charlene Huber, Nancy McCollough, Connie Deckert, Toni Majchrzak, Bonnie Clesse, Kathy Smith, Dr. Vivian Cody, Gail Willsky, Karin Eckert, Gabriella Sciolino, Edna Silvernail, Sandra Cronk, Donna Ketchum-Colletta, Rosemary Pell, Kathleen Douglass, Katharine Hewko, Joan Westcott, Atiya Ahsan, Mary Jo Sonntag and Shirley Ellison

Guest: Joy Orlich, International Board Representative

International Representative shared her thoughts about the conference. She thought the walk for Zonta Says No and the videos of the award recipients were very positive.

She had some thoughts for consideration. She thought it was important to work out technical difficulties before the conference begins. She suggested a specific delegate training so that delegates knew their role. She suggested having the tellers give the vote count and make it public. She thought having a board meeting before the conference to vet the script and reports and technology may have made things look a bit more professional.

The Board shared some thoughts about the conference. There was some concern about wine at dinner. It was noted that the wine was served due to owing the hotel money. The registration did not reach the 150 threshold the hotel needed. It was thought to add some extras rather than just throwing the money to the hotel.

The board also suggested having the motions available to the board previous to the votes. It was also suggested putting suggestions for future conferences on a flash drive. It was suggested that it might be helpful to have the previous chair on the next conference committee.

A thank you gift was given to Joy Orlich. She was thanked for her attendance.

Motion:           Moved by Mary Yunker  
                      Seconded by Catherine Hardman  
                      To accept the minutes of the May meeting as distributed.           Carried.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy – The committee is happy with the work in the District. Most clubs have an advocacy chair. It is thought that getting video meetings going to share information electronically will be a helpful tool. Asking Zonta International to extend Zonta Says NO into the future would be a good decision. The committee would like to encourage clubs to think about doing things for the 16 Days of Activism campaign. A question was raised about the “Behind Closed Doors” program – whether or not this was a brand from another organization and did they have a copyright. It was noted that the membership

voted on the Behind Closed Doors campaign and if we change programs we need to take it to the membership. The committee will continue to check the copyright for the program.

Membership – results of the membership survey were sent out in the eNewsletter from ZI and will also be sent out by Joanne to the ECPs.

Z/Golden Z clubs – there is a contest to rename/rebrand Golden Z clubs. It is a REFRESH contest. There is no money awarded. Any club can participate, not just those with a Golden Z club. Joanne will send the names of clubs that need renewal of Z clubs to Lori and Shirley.

Service/UN liaison – Bonnie reported on the importance of going to clubs to educate about advocacy, UN and CEDAW connection. She is willing to come to clubs and educate about this connection.

Area Directors – Area Directors shared concerns about membership. Shared concerns about Area 5. Governor Lee will do what is needed to get direction for the area. Governor Lee and Lt. Governor Joanne will visit clubs if asked.

Old Business -

1. It was suggested that if you receive an email to let the sender know you received the email so the sender will know that the issue will be taken care of.
2. Vice Area Directors – this will not be explored at this point in time. Governor Lee did ask that current ADs reach out to the new ADs to help with transition and orientation.
3. Treasurer Cathie Wheeler asked that expense reports get in ASAP. We will visit reimbursement guidelines in November. We want to approve what is actually happening.

New Business –

1. Spring workshops – Area 3 and 4 in Rochester set the date for April 5<sup>th</sup>. Need to avoid April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter.  
Area 1 and 2 in Mississauga is looking at April 26. Area 5 and 6 is being held in Three Rivers Pittsburgh North. Area 6 Director will work with the club to look at a date avoiding those already chosen or being considered.
2. May board meeting will be May 10<sup>th</sup>. The November meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup>. The January meeting will be a cyber meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. November meeting will focus on topics for Spring workshops and forming a committee to plan the workshops.
4. The issue was raised about increasing the advocacy committee budget to allow Go-to-Meeting as a meeting option. Kathleen, Toni and Sandra will investigate other options and report at November meeting.
5. It was asked what format to use for ADs report. The ADs would like to use the new template.

6. Governor Lee reported that the seating at the head table that was used at this conference was very helpful – having the Parliamentarian next to the Governor and the Secretary next to the Parliamentarian.

7. Suggested that a topic for Spring Workshops would be what is advocacy and service and how to they overlap.

It was moved by Catherine Hardman to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.