**Zonta District 4 Meeting**

**January 23, 2016**

**GoTo Meeting Online**

**In Attendance:** Joanne Raymond, Kris Fletcher, Cathie Wheeler, Doreen Myers, Vivian Cody, Connie Deckert, Lucille DiSanto, Judy Labiak, Judy Powers, Irene (Toni) Majchrzak, Brenda Graham, Kathy Smith, Lorene Vinski, Kathleen Douglass, Holly Anderson, Julie Brown, Mary Jane Wajmer, Nancy McCulloch, Edna Silvernail, Karin Eckart, Sandra Cronk, Bonnie Clesse, Kate Wehrmeyer, Laura Corey, Valerie Beyer, Lee Fogarty, Mary Yunker

**Regrets:** Catherine Hardman, Catherine Bobesich, Patty Feroz, Lori Robinson, Shirley Ellison, Linda Orme, Donna Ketchum-Colletta, Rosemary Pell, Barbara Fera, Jill Colburn, Joan Hutcheson, Cairine Coulis-Brown

**Call to Order -** Governor Joanne Raymond 9:30 am

**Instructions for Call**

* Valerie Beyer and Sandra Cronk on how to speak and how to vote on this GoTo Meeting

**Review of Agenda**

* Governor Joanne Raymond, added membership report to the consent agenda
* Motion: to accept the agenda as amended – moved by Cathie Wheeler, Seconded by Laura Corey, Carried

**Roll Call** – Brenda Graham

**Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2015 Business Meeting**

* Motion: to approve the minutes – moved by Julie Brown, Seconded by Cathie Wheeler, Carried

**Governor’s Report**

* Refer to D4 website, board password protected, for Joanne’s full report
* Risk management, as a non-profit Zonta needs to be very aware, ZI emphasis going forward, important for all levels of Zonta and will be discussed at area workshops
* CSW March 14th to 26th, contact Megan Radavich, link for info is [www.unwomen.org/en/csw60](http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw60)
* For Nice convention, you will need your ID number to register, every Zontian has received an email with their ID number, and it can also be found on the label of their Zontian magazine
* Joanne asks that board members promote the ZI convention, early bird is 315 euros if registered by February 27th, then price goes up
* Area Directors, please contact your Presidents and encourage them to register now, Governor’s newsletter that just went out also has information for the convention in it
* July 2nd, district meeting from 9:45 to 10:30, also two workshops on July 2nd, 11 to 11:55 Advocacy and 12 to 12:55 UN and Council, consider attending both
* Joanne is coordinating the D4 display for convention
* Area Directors, please coordinate your delegates, encourage clubs to have delegates, if not arrange a proxy, remember clubs can only carry so many proxies
* Area Directors Key for you – your Presidents will be receiving a mailing in March to register their delegates, your membership numbers as at March 1st will determine your number of votes, so encourage the clubs to get their new member dues to ZI and district prior to March 1st
* Area Directors, all club dues must be at ZI by June 1st at the latest, if clubs don’t have their dues in by that date, they could lose their votes – this past year, D4 had more clubs outstanding as at June 1st then paid, we don’t want a repeat of that this year
* There is a new pilot for membership in the spring with a new toolkit, new brochure, power point and video called “Voices”
* ZI website is currently under construction
* Email Joanne if your committee would like to be in the Governor newsletter, information is due to her by the 15th of the month, PR and Communications are in every month, thank you to Advocacy, Leadership Development and UN for their input for the January newsletter – special thanks to Judy Labiak for all her work with the newsletter

**Treasurer’s Report –** Cathie Wheeler

* As at December 31st, 2015 – 875 paid members in our district, compared to 874 December 31, 2014 – however we are at 877 today which includes two new inductees from Hamilton and she knows that KW inducted four last week, and is just waiting for their dues
* Motion: that the Treasurer’s report dated December 31, 2015 be received for information, Moved by Cathie Wheeler, Seconded by Mary Jane Wajmer, Carried

**Consent Agenda Items**

* Reminder to read all the reports which have been posted on the website
* Motion: to accept the consent agenda items, Moved by Laura Corey, Seconded by Julie Brown, Carried

**Area Workshops**

* Presented by Lorene Vinski on behalf of Lori Robinson and committee
* Area 1 and 2 – April 16, 2016 Hamilton I
* Area 3 and 4 – April 23, 2016 Geneva
* Area 5 and 7 – May 7, 2016 – Oil City/Franklin…still need to confirm location
* Wonderful save the date flyer sent out by Sandra Cronk to board and ECP’s
* This year we will Jump Forward and campaign theme is Add Your Voice for Gender Equality, workshop choices for morning and afternoon

**Committee Reports**

1. **Advocacy –** Lee Fogarty
* Lee will be participating at CSW, and has a pass, let her know if you are interested in attending
1. **United Nations –** Doreen Myers
* encourage your clubs to learn more about United Nations by inviting one of us who attended the UN day to present to your club
* if interested in attending CSW, you can go for a day or two rather than the full session
* more information is in the newsletter and in the UN report
* International Women’s Day is March 8th
1. **Z-Clubs –** Joanne on behalf of Shirley Ellison
* Mini conference being held on Thursday March 10th, flyer will be sent out with information, they will also be chartering new clubs at that time
* Z-club members are the future of Zonta, read the reports, we have great leadership with Shirley, Lucille and Joan
1. **Leadership Development –** Kathleen Douglass
* there have been zero responses on the new mentor program
* Kathleen asked Lori to be on the area workshop agendas
* Asked for feedback from the board as to how to make it successful – Julie said there was some confusion on what the program was, perhaps it needs to be broader and not just work related ie: skill like public speaking vs career based; Cathie asked how it was promoted, it’s on the district website, and in the governor newsletter, AD’s spoke to their Presidents – Cathie suggested AD’s should ask each President to bring up the mentor program at a club meeting
1. **Area Director Reports**

**Julie Brown Area 1** – review report on the website, lots of member drives going on, proud of the many initiatives held by clubs before Christmas

**Linda Orme Area 2 –** not present, report on the website

**Cairine Coulis-Brown Area 3 –** not present, no report on the website, Joanne mentioned many fundraisers coming up

**Mary Jane Wajmer Area 4 –** report on website, biggest number of clubs in this area for the district and all are very active, Joanne mentioned that she will have visited every club in District 4 by the end of the biennium, she has only three left to visit

**Laura Corey Area 5 –** report is on website, poster project is going well for the clubs

**Lorene Vinski Area 6 –** report on website, all clubs very active, Meadville is a small club but want to be involved in birthing kits, feeling that the community will see this as a great initiative and will come out to help, thereby raising Zonta’s profile and attracting new members

All clubs in the district are focusing on membership, which remains a challenge for many.

**10) New Business –** nothing

**11) Unfinished Business**

* **Goals Review –** Joanne has heard from four committees, three were okay and one revamped their goals, committees run to the end of May, and time will be given at the May meeting to review goals, so keep monitoring your committee’s
* when the minutes are circulated, please read carefully, and action what you need to do
* Next reports are due May 6th, in preparation for the May 14th meeting, at the final board meeting there will be an opportunity for new board members to attend along with the current board members
* Thank you to you all, Joanne still has lots to do, as do all of you for this biennium
* Judy Powers mentioned that Hamburg Orchard Park is celebrating their 50th anniversary, and a celebration will be held May 7th, save the date, as well – service submissions are under review

**12) Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by Cathie Wheeler, Seconded by Julie Brown

**Next Meeting – Saturday May 14, 2016 at 9:30 am, Hauptman-Woodward Centre in Buffalo**