

**Zonta District 4 Meeting**  
**May 14, 2016**  
**Hauptman Woodward Institute, Buffalo New York**

**In Attendance:** Joanne Raymond, Lori Robinson, Cathie Wheeler, Brenda Graham, Julie Brown, Mary Jane Wajmer, Cairine Coulis Brown, Linda Orme, Laura Corey, Lorene Vinski, Sandra Cronk, Vivian Cody, Karin Eckart, Nancy McCulloch, Joan Hutcheson, Valerie Beyer, Edna Silvernail, Lucille DiSanto, Mary Yunker, Donna Ketchum-Colletta, Judy Labiak, Doreen Myers, Judy Powers, Connie Deckert, Shirley Ellison, Sheena Poole, Janice Durmis, Karen Fritsch, Kathi Scanlon, Roxy Rapedius, Haydee Kocchio

**Regrets:** Catherine Hardman, Barbara Fera, Jill Colburn, Kathleen Douglass, Bonnie Clesse, Lee Fogarty, Irene (Toni) Majchrzak, Kris Fletcher, Catherine Bobesich, Kate Wehrmeyer, Holly Anderson, Rosemary Pell, Patty Feroz, Kathy Smith, Beth Zak, Claire Wallace

**Call to Order: Governor Joanne**

- Introduction of new board members for 2016-2018

**Move to Committee Meetings**

**Approval of Agenda**

- Request to amend agenda, as noted below
- Add Historian/Archivist to agenda, as l) and change Area Directors to m)
- Motion: Approve amended agenda, moved by: Cathie Wheeler, seconded by: Cairine Coulis Brown, carried

**Approval of Minutes of Saturday January 23, 2015**

- Motion, moved by: Lorene Vinski, seconded by: Laura Corey, carried

Added to the official minutes, decisions by the board by email.

1. February 17, 2016 – Motion: Moved by: Laura Corey, seconded by: Lori Robinson, that Zing Funds of \$250 be approved to give to the Zonta Club of Guelph, carried.

Motion: To receive this information, moved by: Cathie Wheeler, seconded by Julie Brown, carried.

**Items Added for Consent Agenda**

- Ambassadors report and Nominations report

**Governor's Report**

- **Goals**, D4 has been a strong advocate with presence at events and in the Say No To Violence video

- 36 of 38 clubs have been visited by Governor Joanne, several clubs multiple times, and the two who have not seen her this biennium, have seen her previously
- Communication continues to be a challenge, between board and committees and club members, everyone has busy lives, therefore having to re-communicate messages to get a response has been a continual challenge
- D4 fall conference was led successfully
- No D4 video was produced this biennium
- A district evaluation may still be forthcoming to members
- Last governor report due June 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Convention** – 32 current attendees for the Nice convention
- District meeting has been changed to 9:00 am July 2nd
- Security will be very tight, so be early for your sessions
- Edna will be speaking on bylaws today, and this summary can be shared with the clubs
- All delegates must be aware of campaign policy, question on facts only
- Joanne is putting up a D4 display on advocacy, service and fundraising, if you have something to add to it, please contact Joanne
- Area workshops were excellent
- Be patient with ZI website, it is still a work in progress, be aware your password must be more than six digits in length
- **Disbandment of Hamilton 2 Club as of May 31, 2016** – has been in existence for 43 years and was the first '2' club in Zonta, five members are moving over to Hamilton 1 club, Mary Yunker/ Vivian Cody to talk to Linda Orme about club archives
- Joanne shared the district website password, if new members did not capture it, please contact your AD and she will share it, not secure to put in the minutes

#### **Treasurer Report – Cathie Wheeler**

- Goal was to ensure all records are in pdf format, and stored on a memory stick – completed
- Full report is on the website, as of today May 14<sup>th</sup> 886 members in the district

#### **Committee Reports (all are on the D4 website)**

##### **a) Bylaws – Edna Silvernail**

- **Share the summary on the website with your clubs**
- Recommend decline for 3 proposal utilizing autonomous, instead use word independent
- Proposed two new standing committees Leadership Development and Z and Golden Z Clubs
- Area Directors proposed to stand again after six years
- Renew Zonta Says No for another biennium
- Z and Golden Z, pay half international dues, but full club and district till age 30 as members of a club

- 2 proposals by D4 – we recommended that members need to be on D4 board previously to be on the district nominating committee...ZI came back with require district level experience instead of being on D4 board/ our second proposal that an incoming governor have district board experience came back not recommended by ZI, and said proposal was too limiting

**b) Service – Judy Powers**

- still a challenge finding out who contacts are in clubs, some clubs have never reported in who their service chairs were
- ask to share best practices and projects with D4 Service so they can be posted on the website
- birthing kits have been transported successfully to their end destination, a number of kits were being made on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and with a quick update from the board looks like another 5,000 approximately were made in the last two weeks
- service projects please continue to raise awareness, eight clubs submitted projects, and we encourage you to continue to raise and nominate going forward
- Toronto White Ribbon is being nominated by district

**c) Advocacy – Connie Deckert**

- Again, a challenge getting club chair contact names
- Put best practices on D4 website

**d) Advocacy/Service Project – Judy Powers and Connie Deckert**

- Posters vary between clubs
- Canadian clubs not as active as US
- Big focus on cities for CEDAW in US

**e) United Nations – Doreen Myers**

- Again a challenge communicating as no contacts in clubs
- Success in promoting awareness of UN and encourage clubs to plan a UN day
- 16 days of activism successful, but challenge to measure
- UN sponsored days – first had 15 members from 7 clubs, second had 8 members from 4 clubs
- Set future goals for increasing attendance at these events and complete survey monkey so district and ZI know who are attending

**f) Awards – Karin Eckart**

- Focus on promoting awareness of two awards
- Inquiries from public, similar number of applications submitted and clubs participating
- D4 YWPA winner is Karen Hakim from Kitchener Waterloo club
- Four short bios submitted to convention for consideration for International winner
- Challenge continues in getting young people to apply
- Forward award info to Status of Women faculty member, if the school has one

**g) Membership – Lori Robinson**

- Goal to increase net membership, increase clubs by 2 and provide support on recruitment and retention
- We are short of our goal of net increase, and were unable to charter two new clubs
- Zings have been held in Woodstock, Cambridge, Owen Sound and Guelph recently
- Area workshops covered recruitment and retention and is on both the D4 website and ZI website for clubs to reference

**h) Area Workshops – Lori Robinson**

- all three workshops well attended, only one report in from area 1-2 which had 60 attendees and had a profit of \$520.00, hosted by Hamilton 1 and Hamilton 2
- Geneva which hosted area 3-4 had a small deficit
- Oil City had just been held and believed to have a small profit
- Improvements from surveys – food, one workshop had entertainment at lunch and comment was to let members talk
- Lori asked that all reports outstanding been submitted ASAP and the treasurer needs financial statements and cheques if there was a profit made

**i) Communications – Valerie Beyer**

- Goal was to increase awareness of Zonta
- Facebook presence has greatly increased, and D4 branding has been aligned on websites
- Communications contributed to the governor newsletter monthly
- 5 webinars were held, a calendar of upcoming events is on the D4 website as well as postings
- Recommend that new committees focus on facebook rather than a website and ensure there is a hot link from D4 to your website and facebook of clubs
- They too require communication chair leads from clubs
- Suggest a spreadsheet that every club can use to submit to D4 for posting, so the format is the same
- Follow protocol when submitting to members, copy presidents, AD's and governor so everyone is in the loop for asks

**j) Z Clubs/Golden Z Clubs – Shirley Ellison**

- Canada has 19 Z clubs and 3 Golden Z for a total of 22
- US has 3 Z Clubs
- Opportunity to increase clubs, and move Z Clubs to Golden Z
- Mini conference had 160 attendees and 11 clubs present, Shirley has been doing this for 30 years
- This year 4 clubs were chartered – 3 Z and 1 Golden
- US is working on several clubs, and have good activities
- Recommend redoing McConnell application – Lori working on this
- Glad to see ZI bringing back Z and Golden Z standing committees

#### **h) Amelia Earhart – Nancy McCulloch and Donna Ketchum-Colletta**

- D4 funded one scholarship
- Raised \$3400 from raffles and baskets, trip to Portugal was cancelled
- Encourage members to donate to Amelia Earhart
- Need more PR to get more bidders for baskets at conference
- Past winner Tanya Harrison spoke at conference

#### **i) Historian/Archivist**

- Wonderful historical display
- Looking at producing a book for District 4
- In 2019 it will be Zonta's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, founded in Buffalo, big celebration

#### **Area Director Reports (reports posted on website)**

##### **Julie Brown – Area 1**

- Clubs busy with International Women's Day events, bridge walks, golf tournaments and lots of birthing kits being made

##### **Laura Corey – Area 5**

- two clubs have five new members
- clubs using the new power point from ZI site

##### **Mary Jane Wajmer – Area 4**

- all clubs producing newsletters
- new male inductee at one of her clubs

##### **Linda Orme – Area 2**

- Todd Minerson and White Ribbon campaign recognized at area 1 and 2 workshop
- Hamilton 2 disbanding, ended with a celebration and five transferring to Hamilton 1

##### **Lorene Vinski – Area 6**

- Successful area workshop in Oil City
- Cities for CEDAW focus

##### **Cairine Coulis-Brown – Area 3**

- exit surveys utilized for 7 area clubs for members resigning

- celebrate a new baby, and that they have members young enough to have children
- challenge with their clubs wanting to donate their fundraising money to ZI international projects, especially in small communities
- publicize more at club levels what is happening at ZI level, utilize ambassadors at meetings

#### **Governor Joanne – Final Comments**

- presentation by Lori Robinson to Governor Joanne of card and Past Governor pin
- Joanne said she learned a lot, something new every day, and has gained patience over the biennium
- All clubs are covered for convention with delegates or proxies – feels very proud and well represented that we won't lose any votes
- Thank you for making these two years a happy time
- Encouraged board to convene at Anchor Bar

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

- Moved by: Linda Orme, Seconded by: Julie Brown