



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4 BOARD and  
COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING  
MAY 11, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Bonnie Clesse, Janice Durmis, Marcia Bliss, Marianne Chiumento, Diane Balaban, Julie Brown, Vivian Cody, Jill Colburn, Connie Deckert, Kris Fletcher, Lee Fogarty, Margaret Geare, Brenda Graham, Kary Grant, Jenny Johnston, Kat Bunyan-McClendon, Nita McCown, Nancy McCulloch, Gina Orsini, Kyle Patterson, Nancy Peacock, Sheena Poole, Judy Powers, Alyce Van Patten, Ann Marie West, Mary Yunker

At 9:15 AM Governor Bonnie Clesse called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and thanked everyone for coming. She asked all attendees to check out the facilities and share opinions/thoughts with Bonnie as to the possibility of holding future meetings at the D'Youville College Center.

MINUTES: Ann Marie West moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2019 online meeting. Diane Balaban seconded and the motion passed.

Gov. Bonnie reminded attendees that all Board Members and Committee Chairs need to sign the Conflict of Interest form. No Conflict of Interest was declared for today's meeting.

Consent Agenda Reports on the D4 website: Approved.

At 9:25 AM several Committee Members left to attend their meetings. Elected Board Members remained.

"Free The Girls": Judy and Sheena would like to pursue this as a District 4 project if there is enough interest. At this point, 2700 bras have been collected by involved clubs, with 22 clubs throughout Canada participating so far. A club can always choose not to participate. Sheena asked the ADs to talk to their clubs to see how many are interested in pursuing this project, and how many clubs have participated thus far. The ADs then need to get back to Gov. Bonnie by June 15th so a motion to make this a D4 Biennium Service Project can be made at the Centennial Conference. Gov. Bonnie reminded members of the need to get recognition for Zonta on this project. Depending on interest, it might be possible for Zonta to form a partnership with "Free the Girls".

Ann Marie West, AD Director 6, announced that the Meadville Club will disband at the end of May. The process of disbanding was reviewed.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE: Gov. Bonnie asked Nancy Peacock to review the finances for the Conference as the 2019 Conference budget was distributed. Nancy reported on the give-and-take, and how everyone worked together on this budget. Everything that could be taken out had been taken out, and people have been generous with donations. The registration cost is \$225, and a minimum of 100 people need to register in order to break even, but the committee is aiming for 150 registrants. Nancy discussed some of the ways costs had been reduced. They need to know the number of attendees and quickly. Sheena will be posting the registration information on the website, and Gov. Bonnie will highlight the Centennial Conference and attach the registration form when she sends out her Governor's letter. There are many questions that need to be answered by the committee, so they are planning to include a list of FAQs on the D4 website.

Many thanks go to the Centennial Committee for all of their hard work, especially their efforts to bring down the cost of the Conference.

CENTENNIAL AWARDS: D4 has three award winners. A template for the certificates is now available. A discussion took place regarding ways of honoring these three special women. Gina Orsini moved to invite the three Centennial Award recipients to the Centennial Conference, and to provide them with certificates, a yellow rose, lunch, and \$100 each to be given to an organization with whom they work. Nita McCown seconded. The vote passed with 8 pro and 1 con.

At 10:40 committee members returned to the meeting.

AWARDS COMMITTEE - Alyce Van Patten: How can we get clubs to participate in the Awards Program? These are some issues that were brought up:

- budget issue with some clubs
- “too much work for too little money” so not getting applications
- Is there a college/university in the area appropriate for the award, e.g. Klausman?
- applications in general are down
- some clubs do respond, but do not follow directions
- breakdown at high school level - students may not be getting the info. (need teacher/principal to be the advocate)
- have to hope that students will take responsibility to find out about these scholarships
- make applications easier to fill out/be more proactive regarding these applications
- perhaps connect at a “college night”

BY LAWS - Kris Fletcher: 2 proposals presented by the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo: The first proposal is: “Election shall be by ballot vote unless there is but one nominee for the office. If there is only one nominee, the nominee shall be acclaimed to office and the presiding officer shall announce this to the conference voting members.” This is for Districts and Clubs only. Brenda Graham moved to forward the proposal, as presented, to the Centennial Conference for voting. Diane Balaban seconded. There was discussion and then the vote. The motion was passed unanimously.

The second proposal presented by the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo is in regards to Zonta International’s Reproductive Health Policy. The Proposed Policy Statement: “Zonta International is an organization pledged to improve the health status of women and believes every woman has the intrinsic right to safe reproductive health.” Jenny Johnston moved to place this proposal regarding Zonta International’s Health Policy on the D4 Centennial Conference agenda for voting. Brenda Graham seconded. There was discussion and then the vote. The motion was passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - Sheena Poole: Sheena reported that the D4 website is only as good as we make it. She reminded everyone that we have “go to meeting” and it needs to be used. Please contact Kat Bunyan McClendon with any questions regarding social media.

WORKSHOP REPORTS: AD Diane Balaban reported for Areas 5 and 6 and gave kudos to Jamestown for the great job. They planned on 40 and had 60 in attendance. They made a \$1600 profit. The comments included: more time needed for table topics; presenters and others need to stick to time allotment/directions. Ann Marie reported that Meadville is scheduled to host next year, but will not be doing it because they are disbanding.

AD Brenda Graham reported a profit of \$85.50 for Areas 1 and 2. Fifty-four registered, 52 paid, and 49 attended. There were positive comments for the accommodations, table topics, and networking. Some felt that more time is needed for the table topics, and more space is needed if the Workshop is held only in one room. The comments provided a great list of topics for the Conference.

AD Jenny Johnston reported for Areas 3 and 4. This Workshop was held recently and all the financial information is not yet available. Sixty-four Zontians attended and the comments showed how much they liked the sharing of ideas. They liked the technology and social media sessions, and want to spend time sharing projects and fundraising ideas. The D4 Presidents would like to meet with all the Presidents at least once a year.

### GOVERNOR'S REPORT:

- Gov. Bonnie presented the 95 Anniversary certificate of ZC Niagara Falls, NY to member "Kat" Bunyan McClendon.
- Everyone present attended at least one Workshop so we won't repeat that here.
- We're proud that Thirteen Clubs applied for ZI Centennial Grants.
- On May 8, ZI President Susanne reported that there will be No Common Action Event on Nov. 8, 2019. ADs, please tell your clubs to do something their own way and publicize it.
- D4 Centennial Awardees were chosen by our members' votes our 3 Workshops: Areas 1 & 2: Time Nagy for Canada/Areas 3 & 4: Mary Travers Murphy for New York/Areas 5 & 6: Susan Evans for Pennsylvania.
- ZI told us to invite our Centennial Awardees to speak at Conference.
- A6D Ann Marie West reported that ZC Meadville is disbanding. With ZC Fort Erie already disbanding, that makes two clubs we're losing this biennium. She will secure a new Host for the Areas 5 & 6 2020 Workshop. We'll now have 33 clubs.
- Our D4 Workshop Schedule for 2020 is: Areas 1 & 2: ZC Brampton-Caledon/Areas 3 & 4: Hamburg-Orchard Park/Areas 5 & 6: To be decided.
- Although there is a List of the respective responsibilities for Club & Governor in the D4 Manual, the Presidents of 2019 Host Clubs-Rosie Papalia, Brenda Graham, and Jenny Johnston, & I are planning a more detailed timeline plan of what needs to be done in planning Workshops.
- We had a high attendance of 177 at our 3 Workshops. Due to speaker's overtime at Areas 5 & 6, we had timers at the next 2 Workshops.
- At the June 7-9, 2019 NAIDM (N. American Interdistrict Meeting), Connie Deckert & Past Governors Kathleen Douglass & Lori Robinson will be presenters. Many D4 Zontians are attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marcia distributed copies of the report and reviewed it. The budget for the next Biennium will be similar to this Biennium's budget.

### CENTENNIAL EVENTS:

Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, New York just celebrated 95 years.

Janice reported on the Travelling Flag. Clubs should contact their ADs to get the Flag scheduled.

Jenny reported on the Time Capsule. It will be buried under the "Spirit of Womanhood" in Delaware Park. Clubs should bring their Preservation Bags to the Conference.

Sheena is working on a new program and will have the Centennial Conference online registration information on the website soon.

Hotel rooms have to be booked by August 24th and must be booked under "Zonta".

Bonnie will include information about the hotel rooms in her Newsletter.

Please send any table top, etc. ideas to Bonnie.

AMELIA EARHART: Nancy McCulloch reported that Donna is asking for basket donations or \$100 cash. Individuals can also donate small items. 100% of clubs responded last year, and over \$3000.00 was raised. Donna will be sending a letter regarding these donations.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVOCACY: Connie contacted all 22 Canadian Clubs and asked for (non-Zontian) nominations for the Centennial Award. Lee reported on the USA Caucus, and asked that each Club send their Advocacy Chair's contact information to her. She also reported that "supermajority.com" is a new political group we should look at.

AREA DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Area 1 - Brenda Graham's report is online.

Area 2 - Nita McCown's report is coming after her meeting with her Area Presidents on the 25th.

Area 3 - Jenny Johnston's report is online.

Area 4 - Gina Orsini's report is coming after her June 14th Presidents' Meeting.

Area 5 - Diane Balaban's report is coming.

Area 6 - Ann Marie West reported on her Clubs.

OLD BUSINESS: Gov. Bonnie reminded everyone to review the goals they set in September, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Today's attendees are in favor of returning to the same room (on November 23rd) at D'Youville College, if available. Gov. Bonnie asked that the other Board Room be checked out.

Marcia reported that Friday, August 16th is Jamestown's "Day at Chautauqua". The speaker is Tarana Burke, founder of the "Me Too" movement. Go to [Clweb.org](http://Clweb.org) for more information.

Vivian reported on the June 1st reading of Little Women at Kavinoky. This event is co-sponsored by the Buffalo and Grand Island Clubs.

Jenny is selling "100 Years" bags. Kenmore's "Salad Fest" is August 14th.

Ann Marie West moved to adjourn at 2:30 PM. Gina Orsini seconded. Passed!

Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne Chiumento  
Secretary, District 4