



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4
DOUBLE BOARD MEETING - ONLINE "GO TO MEETING"
MAY 30, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Bonnie Clesse, Janice Durmis, Marcia Bliss, Marianne Chiumento, Brenda Graham, Nita McCown, Kary Grant, Jenny Johnston, Diane Balaban, Holly Anderson, Elaine Barkowski, Julie Brown, Vivian Cody, Sandra Cronk, Connie Deckert, Janet Dell, Kris Fletcher, Lee Fogarty, Margaret Geare, Carma Horner, Nikki Inch, Kat Bunyan-McClendon, Jane Newman, Kyle Paterson, Nancy Peacock, Sheena Poole, Judy Powers, Marion Reeves, Lori Robinson, Kathy Smith, Mary Vacanti, Alyce Van Patten, Mary Yunker, Beth Zak, Nancy Zilvytis

At 9:15 a.m. Governor Bonnie Clesse called the meeting to order, and thanked all in attendance. She welcomed both Boards, 2018-2020 and 2020-2022, and stated that one of the objectives of today's meeting was to acquaint the new Board members with their predecessors. Secretary Marianne Chiumento determined there were 35 in attendance, including 8 voting Board Members.

Governor Elect Janice Durmis introduced members of the 2020-2022 District 4 Board.

MINUTES: Diane Balaban moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2020. Jenny Johnston seconded. Carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST declaration: No stated conflict of interest by members present.

AGENDA REVIEW: Governor Bonnie added a review of the Bylaws by Carma Horner.

CONSENT AGENDA of the Reports posted on the D4 website: Nita McCown moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Brenda Graham seconded. Carried.

SERVICE: Judy Powers reported that a survey was sent out, and 46 Zontians responded. The results showed that many Zontians liked hands-on projects and working together on projects. One fourth felt that they needed more local service projects, with many wanting more ideas. All Zontians are encouraged to continue sharing their projects and ideas.

Z CLUBS: Governor Bonnie reported for Nancy Zilvytis on the concern regarding copyright infringement. Most of the Z Clubs in Canada are aware of this issue. (See Risk Issues.)

ADVOCACY: Lee Fogarty reported on the WOMEN'S LAW PROJECT and their concern regarding violence on campus. Some of the protections are gone and women's rights are being taken away. Some schools are not supporting/protecting women who have been abused on campus. This group is fighting for rights for women and girls on campus.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marcia Bliss reviewed the report: total liabilities and net assets: \$55,452. total expenses to date: \$22,527, and total revenues to date: \$41,597

BYLAWS: Carma Horner presented a document she designed that simplified and supplemented the 37 page ZI document, and reviewed the information it contained. Some of the proposals may be eliminated and some may be moved to Rules and Procedures. ZI did not approve of the changes District 4 submitted, so "our Delegates need to vote 'YES' on these as we voted to put them forward". The document contains voting suggestions recommended by the D4 Bylaws Committee. ZI wants clubs to be flexible to come up with a committee structure that works for them, and they are beginning to build that into the Bylaws /Rules and Procedures. Governor Bonnie will send this document to the full Board.

ZONTA CENTENNIAL BIENNIUM: Governor Bonnie reported that there were many Centennial projects and mentioned that many clubs supported other clubs with their events. She reported on 3 projects in particular:

1. film: “Marian deForest: The Spirit of Zonta” from the Zonta Club of Buffalo, with congratulations and thanks to Vivian Cody for her work on this film
2. Canada’s Centennial Honoree, Dr. Beverly Jacobs, with congratulations and thanks to Connie Deckert and Julie Brown for their work on this project
3. D4 received 3 Centennial grants from ZI - Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, Zonta Club of Niagara Falls, NY, and Zonta Club of Rochester. Governor Bonnie congratulated these Clubs and thanked all the Clubs that applied for these grants.

TIME CAPSULE: Jenny Johnston reported that the Time Capsule is in storage in Kenmore, New York. She is still waiting for a few more clubs to send in their information. They can bring it to the Training Meeting in September or mail the information to her. However, the Time Capsule isn’t going to be buried any time soon due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

RISK ISSUES: Governor Bonnie reported:

Copyright Infringement Responsibility for Z Clubs: Adult Z Club leaders must be aware and vigilant to ensure that students only use photos, pictures, music, writings, etc. that are their originals or for which they have obtained written permission.

Insurance for Officers: This is not the same as Insurance for Event Venues, for which each member - in the USA and Canada - pays \$3. The Insurance for Officers Policy was renewed for this Biennium, and Janice and Nancy have until September to decide what to do for the upcoming Biennium. The policy is with a Canadian company so the decision has a number of factors to consider.

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL DISSOLUTION: Governor Bonnie reported that Zonta has a shared history with Quota, with both having started 100 years ago. She suggested that Zonta Clubs might want to reach out to nearby Quota Club members and invite them to a meeting. Sheena requested that all welcoming ideas are brought for discussion to District 4 first, to be sure we are going out with a unified and consistent message.

GOVERNOR’S REPORT: Governor Bonnie reported that this has been a unique Biennium with many challenges. The choices for her report are:

1. Parliamentarian: Governor Bonnie thanked Kris Fletcher for her guidance.
2. Committee Chairs: Governor Bonnie explained why 2 Chairs were needed for some Committees, and why 4 Chairs were needed for Advocacy. Advocacy included the work done on finding Canada’s Centennial Honoree, and the work on the new USA Caucus. Governor Bonnie thanked all Committee Chairs.

GOALS: Governor Bonnie reported on 2 of her goals for this Biennium:

1. to expand members’ Zonta experience by enjoying their own clubs, attending events, attending other meetings, UN, NAIDM, workshops, etc.
2. Simplify:
 - A. Analyze what is a reasonable amount of time it would take a Zontian to accomplish a task/project. Zonta needs to fit into an already busy life.
 - B. Use technology, or other means, to be more efficient.
 - C. Examine the rules and find ways to simplify.
 - D. Research and utilize the technical skill level of others.

NEW BUSINESS: Governor Bonnie asked to be informed of any clubs having trouble with the deadline for dues. She reviewed the ZI dates on the agenda, and added that July 17th, along with Installation and the beginning of the 2020-2022 Biennium, will also be the giving of gratitude gifts. She described the gifts and said they are a thank you for all the hard work done during this Biennium.

GOVERNOR ELECT JANICE DURMIS: Governor Elect Janice reported that the New Board Retreat will be held September 18-20 at the Center for Renewal in Lewiston, NY. This will take place at the Center only if we are able to meet face-to-face. She also thanked Governor Bonnie and her Board for their service and leadership.

At 10:30 a.m. Diane Balaban moved to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Graham seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Chiumento, Secretary, D4