

Minutes of the Fourth Division Council Meeting
of the 2019-2020 Kiwanis Administrative Year
May 21, 2020
Via Zoom Conference

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelloti at 7:05 PM

Welcome and Introductions: Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelloti welcomed all the clubs that were present on the Zoom conference.

Roll Call: Jim Prout, Secretary

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Members Present</u>
Castleton-Schodack	6
East Greenbush	2
Hoosick Falls	1
Rensselaer	2
Sand Lake	7
Troy	3

Division officers present:

Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti
Lt. Gov. Designate – Wendy Prout
Division Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli
Division Secretary Jim Prout
Immediate Past Lt. Gov. Marie Malsch
Past District Governor David Booker

Service Leadership Programs District Officers:

NY District Key Club Committee Member for Division 18 Wendy Prout

Secretary's Report: Upon motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the Annual Meeting held March 3, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed by the council, a copy of which is attached hereto. Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli reviewed report highlights

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Treasurer's Report was accepted for filing.

Old Business:

Bells of Life Report – Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti reported that while she did not have an updated figure for our Division, the 2 Division pledge of \$50,000.00 to the Pediatric Emergency Room at Albany Med was completed as of March 12, 2020.

Update on Ronald McDonald House pull tab project – Past Lt. Gov. Pat Lane is still collecting pull tabs. Please continue to collect and we can deliver them to Pat as some time in the future.

New Business:

Club Elections - the following is a report of the Clubs as to the status of election of officers and reporting results to Kiwanis International:

Castleton: Elections held, results reported to International

East Greenbush: Elections held, not sure about reporting of results

Hoosick Falls – Elections held, not sure about reporting of results

Rensselaer – Elections held, results not reported

Sand Lake – Elections held, results reported to International

Troy – Elections not held.

Kamp Kiwanis – Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti reported that the Kamp will be closed this summer due to the COVID 19 situation. The Kamp is still seeking donations to cover their fixed operating costs. Lt. Gov. Lynne thanked the Clubs which have already made donations. Lt. Gov. Lynne reported that the Kamp is putting together a Cookbook to use as a fundraiser. She encouraged all Clubs to submit a recipe. Lt. Gov. Designate Wendy will send out the link to submit the recipes. Lt. Gov. Lynne also discussed the new COVID Award – there are 35 available on a first come first served basis. Visit the Kamp website for more information.

Waiver of New Member Fee – Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti reported that there will be no Kiwanis International new member add fee for new members recruited prior to September 30th, and the NY District is waiving its new member add fee also. She encouraged us to continue recruiting new members, even though we are unable to meeting due to the COVID crisis.

New Protocols for Kiwanis Events - Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti reported that there will be new protocols for Kiwanis meetings and events going forward, to help reduce the spread of COVID 19. More on this to come.

International Convention – June 18-21, Indianapolis – Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti reported that the International Convention has been cancelled for this year.

New York District Convention – August 13 – 16, 2020, Desmond (Albany) – Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti reported that as of this date, the convention is still going to be held as planned. She will keep us updated as more information comes out.

Club Reports: A representative of each club present announced upcoming events.

Castleton: The Club has held a virtual board meeting and a virtual club meeting. The Club participated in a roadside clean-up. They prepared and mailed 150 cards for Teachers' Appreciation Week. The Club participated in a shift at the Regional Food Bank. The Club sent postcards to its chicken BBQ mailing list, just to update the individuals on the list about the status of the BBQ and to check in on them. The Club is continuing its work on the food back pack program.

East Greenbush: The Club made a donation to the high school food back pack program. The Club donated material to an organization which is making face coverings for donation to individuals to reduce the spread of COVID. The Club printed post cards to be sent to essential workers.

Hoosick Falls: The Club held a socially distanced outdoor meeting in the town park. The Club is currently discussing ways to provide funds and assistance to a local family with a child with health issues. The Club will continue to award its annual scholarships.

Rensselaer: The Club made donations to Concerns Us back pack program. The Club assisted with birthday parades. The Club will award its scholarships via video presentation, with the video being shown at the Jericho Drive-In graduation ceremony. The summer concert series has been cancelled, but there is the possibility that a concert will be sponsored in October – maybe live, or maybe virtual.

Sand Lake: The Club will be awarding scholarships to four Averill Park seniors. Summerfest has been postponed to August 28th. The Club made donations to the school and presented a wreath on Memorial Day at the Veterans Park

Troy: The Club held a virtual board meeting and two virtual happy hours. The Club provided a meal to the workers at the Regional Food Bank. The Club is participating in a can drive for the Salvation Army. The Club made a donation to Kamp Kiwanis in the amount of tuition for 2 Kampers, in lieu of sending Kampers this year. The Club will be hosting a virtual meeting with a speaker from the Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area, all members of the Division Council will be invited.

Closing remarks: In her closing remarks, Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti discussed how there is \$600.00 being held at Germantown High School (southern Columbia County) and Lt. Gov. Lynne was contacted about what should be done with the money. It was decided that \$100 would be awarded each year for the next 6 years to a student who takes part in community service. The Division suggested finding a club near Germantown which could possibly continue this support.

Lt. Gov. Lynne also suggested that if we know of any graduating seniors, try to look at the positives going on this year – instead of dwelling on what didn't happen, concentrate on all the new things they are experiencing - car parades, virtual proms, special graduations...

Lt. Gov. Designate Wendy Prout reported that Key Club Lt. Gov. Madison Mattice is not getting any feedback from any of her clubs to her weekly emails. She suggested that the Clubs put their Kiwanis Advisors on the email list, in hopes of getting feedback.

Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti reported that the next Division Council Meeting will be virtual instead of the usual June meeting at East Greenbush. Candidate for District Governor Elect, Jim Mancuso, will be invited to speak.

Kevin Sarsfield, member of Sand Lake, suggested that Clubs look into ways they can do service for our senior citizens, a population which is most at risk during the COVID 19 crisis. Discussion continued with many suggestions on service senior citizens may need now. It was suggested to go back to your Clubs and see if there is anything each Club could do.

Lt. Gov. Designate Wendy Prout asked the Clubs to send her invitations to virtual meetings and board meetings over the summer so she can complete her pre-installation round of club visitations.

Adjournment: Lt. Gov. Lynne Catelotti requested a motion, which was duly seconded, adjourning the meeting at 8.02 PM.

The next Division Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on June 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Division Secretary