

Minutes of the Second meeting
of the
Van Rensselaer Division Council
for the 2009-10 administrative year.
Hosted by the
Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake, NY
at the Lakeview Inn
on Monday, January 18, 2010

Welcome and Report by Lt. Gov. Noreen Barrett:

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Lt. Gov. Noreen. She announced the evening's service project, the "White Sale" for Kamp Kiwanis.

Lt. Gov. Noreen reminded the clubs of the new policy adopted at the last Division Council Meeting that if a club makes reservations for a member to attend a Division Council Meeting, and the member does not show up, the club is responsible for the cost of the dinner.

Lt. Gov. Noreen made several announcements of events, including a bowling social event, the location of the next Division Council Meeting, and Mid-Year Conference (March 5-7). She requested that each club donate \$25 towards the cost of the Division basket for the Mid-Year silent auction. Motion approving the \$25 donation made, seconded and carried.

Lt. Gov. Noreen requested a motion for a \$90 division expenditure for an ad in the program for Mid Year Conference. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Lt. Gov. Noreen announced the dates of the Key Club Convention (April 16-18), Circle K Convention (March 19-21), and the Governor's visit (June 5).

Lt. Gov. Noreen discussed a division donation response to the earthquake victims in Haiti. There was a motion, and second that each club in the division make a donation to a relief organization of its choice. Motion passed.

Lt. Gov. Noreen called on Jim Prout, who made an announcement of the upcoming International Convention in Las Vegas. A preliminary count of delegates for the division is as follows: Castleton - 0, North Greenbush - 2, Sand Lake - 2 (plus possible past Lt. Govs. to represent other clubs), Hoosick Falls -3, Rensselaer - 0, and Troy - 0.

Roll Call of Clubs:

Castleton - 8, Hoosick Falls - 4, North Greenbush - 7, Rensselaer - 8, Sand Lake - 24, Troy - 4

Approval of the minutes:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the First Division Council were accepted as published on the Division's website.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli presented the report, and encouraged clubs to pay their dues. Discussion of a possible division social event/fundraiser to add funds to the division account. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and carried on a voice vote the Treasurer's Report was accepted for filing.

Division Committee Reports:

Governor's Project: Chong Bates and Harleen Hilton of the Castleton Club gave a presentation on the effects and treatment of diabetes, and Chong's personal story of living with diabetes. Other members of the council added their own personal stories of living with diabetes.

Membership: Joe Behson encouraged clubs to "try something new" and invite friends and family members to participate in a Kiwanis service project as a way to introduce them to Kiwanis.

New Club Building: Ken Ormiston and Bob Loveridge reported that the proposed East Greenbush Club now has 9 paid members, and that the club building team would be making 30 visits to community leaders and business persons in the coming weeks. There would be a club building training meeting Tuesday morning at the East Greenbush Town Hall to prepare the team for the membership calls. The team was sending out an additional 50 letters to businesses located in the East Greenbush area. 25 paid members are required to charter a new club.

Partner's Project: Wendy Prout reported about the partner's project and gave suggestions as to how to fulfill the requirements for the banner patch.

Public Relations: Gale Leva reported about the advertising contest. She asked how many clubs were advertising every week. She discussed the scrapbook contest which should include at least 8 samples of the following categories Local Advertising, Signage, Photos and Kiwanis Advertising.

Sponsored Leadership Services: Circle K Lt. Gov. Jacquie Fable reported on December events. The events enjoyed full participation of all Circle K Clubs in the division. Events included the making of baby blankets for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at Albany Medical Center, the Key to College program for high school students, and selling Bells of Life (\$275 raised). She also announced that the NY District Circle K convention would be in Albany at the Crowne Plaza in March.

Young Child Priority One: Jerry Tysiak gave report of the division clubs' December projects. Announced that the total raised for Bells of Life this year was \$3,991.

Club Reports:

Lt. Gov. Noreen dispensed with recitation of club reports. They are attached hereto for your reference.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Formal Meeting was adjourned, and we were treated to a performance by Elvis (see, he really is alive!)

The next Van Rensselaer Division Council meeting will be hosted by the North Greenbush Club on the March 3, 2010 at Nichi's Restaurant on Main Avenue in Wynantskill.

Respectfully submitted,

James Prout, Secretary