

**Minutes of the First meeting
of the
Van Rensselaer Division Council
for the 2010-11 administrative year.
Hosted by the
Kiwanis Club of North Greenbush, NY
at the Nichi's Restaurant
on Wednesday, November 17, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:17 PM by Lt. Governor Wendy Prout.

Roll Call:

Clubs: Castleton - 6.5, East Greenbush - 5.5, Hoosick Falls - 4, North Greenbush - 6, Rensselaer - 3, Sand Lake - 9, Troy - 4.

District Officer present: Governor Dave Booker

Division Officers present: Secretary Jim Prout and Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli

SLP Guests: Circle K Lt. Gov. Jacquie Fable, Key Club Lt. Gov. Emily Gicewiez

Approval of the minutes: Upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the Seventh Division Council were accepted as presented.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Upon a motion duly made and seconded and carried on a voice vote the Treasurer's Report was accepted for filing.

The budget was moved for approval as presented. Discussion to remove the Mid Year Conference basket line item (\$150.00) from budget, with the request that each club donate to the cost. Amendment accepted by person making the motion. Motion to approve budget, as amended, carried.

Division Committee Reports:

Governor's Project: membership growth. Past Gov. David Booker gave a power point presentation of membership growth. This year's goal is to increase division membership by 25. Ten minutes of each division council meeting will be devoted to a membership development training session. Membership chair of each club should attend division council meetings. Joe Behson discussed topics relevant to club membership growth.

Members of the Division Membership Growth Committee are: Wendy Prout, Joe Behson, Dave Booker, Noreen Barrett, Elliot Schwebel, and Doe Warland.

Sponsored Leadership Services: Circle K Lt. Gov. Jacquie Fable announced Circle K's current activities, and reported on NY Speaking.

Key Club Lt. Gov. Emily Gicewiez reported on the Kiwanis Family Conference in Asheville, NC, and presented a video of the event. She announced the Key Club current activities, and announced Lt. Governor elections which will take place in January. She discussed the new club building activities for the Tech Valley High School club.

Dale Hall encouraged club advisors, officers and members to attend training. He announced that the District Administrator, the Vails, and he were retiring at end of year. Need replacements for these positions.

Public Relations: Pat Lane announced that the division would be holding a scrapbook contest for this administrative year.

Young Children Priority One: Karl Cote suggested that clubs check the Kiwanis website for project ideas. Each club should try to complete two projects this year.

Social Activities: Mary Lou Kulpa and Doe Warland asked members to give them ideas about social activities which they would like to see planned for the coming year.

Report of Webmaster: Ken Ormiston encouraged Kiwanians to email him information about upcoming club events. He said if clubs sent in pictures of events, he would include them in the division home page slide show. He discussed the weekly inspiration which appears on the home page.

Club Reports: See attached.

Old Business: Discussion on the public relations billboard project. The committee is chaired by Past Lt. Gov. Noreen Barrett. Questions were raised about the content of the billboard, and if a billboard is the best use of \$2,000 for public relations. This item was referred to the Public Relations committee to determine the most beneficial use of the \$2,000.

New Business: Bob Loveridge was nominated to the position of division Lt. Governor Elect. The nomination was seconded, and Bob accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed, and the secretary cast one ballot for the election of Bob.

Announcements:

Bob Loveridge (Sand Lake) announced the creation of a calendar for 2011 which will include all division clubs' mailing and contact information. It will be sold throughout Rensselaer County. The first calendar will feature the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit, and all proceeds will benefit the K-9 unit.

Bob Loveridge (Sand Lake) announced a division field trip to the Rensselaer County Jail scheduled for November 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Pat Lane (Sand Lake) announced that her club was in the process of holding its annual citrus fruit sale, and asked that orders be placed with her.

Bryce Cutler (East Greenbush) announced his club's installation dinner, to be held December 8, 2010 at the Comfort Suites in East Greenbush.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

The next Van Rensselaer Division Council meeting will be hosted by the Rensselaer Club on January 27, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
James Prout