

Minutes of the First Van Rensselaer Division Council of the 2011-12 Kiwanis Administrative Year
November 17, 2011 hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Rensselaer, NY
at the Rensselaer Senior Center, 50 Herrick Street, Rensselaer, NY

LG Bob Loveridge called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM

Roll Call: Present

Castleton: 5 members

East Greenbush: 6 members including President Lynne Catelotti & Secretary Mike Cronin

Hoosick Falls: 4 members including President Jim Miner & Secretary Gale Leva

North Greenbush: 3 members including President Brad Clowe & Secretary Noreen Barrett

Rensselaer: 9 members including President Bill Lyons, Co-Secretary Jenn Lyon & Co-Secretary Don Bink

Sand Lake: 7 members including President Pat Lane & Secretary Dave Booker

Troy: 4 members including Secretary Cary Lombardo

Lt. Governor Bob Loveridge

IPLG Wendy Prout

Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli

Secretary Dave Booker

CKI Lt. Governor Claire Farnung

Key Club Lt. Governor Sarah Brady

Lt. Governor Francis Bink, Niagara Frontier South Division, NYD Kiwanis

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob distributed copies of the report – the Council accepted the report for filing.

Treasurer Bob noted that the Governor's Visit had resulted in a shortage of \$60.00 which the Sand Lake Club had covered at the time of the visit. The Rensselaer Club made a motion to reimburse the Sand Lake Club the \$60.00 which the Council approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer Bob then distributed a proposed budget for the 2011-12 Administrative Year which the Council adopted by voice vote.

Lt. Governor Bob then reviewed the contents of the Club Packets that he had distributed.

- a) A copy of the Club Report form for this meeting. He explained that the questions on page 2 are intended to be a review of areas suggested to be important as the criteria for "Distinguished Club Status" for 2011-12.
- b) He requested that each club report on a "new idea or strategy" that the club was adopting :
 - Rensselaer: becoming more involved with the SLPs and starting a new SLP;
 - Castleton: starting a "Facebook" page and inviting the public to meetings with programs;
 - Sand Lake: a new fund raiser at the Crooked Lake House and starting a Builders Club;
 - North Greenbush: having a "Breakfast with Santa";
 - East Greenbush: a fund raiser and volunteers to aid the Schoharie area flood victims, assisting with the Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner at a local center & a "Comedy Night" fund raiser for the Division;
 - Troy: starting a K Kids Club and working with the Boy and Girl Scouts;
 - Hoosick Falls: hosting an "Elvis" fund raiser.
- c) A list of the tentative dates for the remaining Division Council Meetings.
- d) A list of NY District Contacts (officers, administrators, committee chairs etc.)
- e) The forms for reporting a Governor's or First Lady's Project and the criteria for NY District Distinguished Kiwanian and the criteria for KI Distinguished Kiwanian, Club, Division and District.
- f) A list of upcoming District and KI events which he reviewed:
 - K Family Weekend – November 19 thru 20 at the Albany Holiday Inn,

NYD Mid-Year Conference – February 24 thru 26 at the Albany Holiday Inn,
March 10 NYD Foundation fund raiser at a NY Islanders hockey game,
Kamp Kiwanis Open House Weekend – May 3 thru 5,
KI Convention June 28 thru July 1 in New Orleans, LA,
NY District Convention August 15 thru 19 in Niagara Falls, NY,

- g) A request for donations for the District Disaster Relief Program,
- h) A request for participation in the Chase Community Giving Facebook Campaign on behalf of Kamp Kiwanis.
- i) A list of the appointed division chairs – as he announced the appointments LG Bob allowed each to say a few words concerning their committee:
 - a. PR/Web Master - Ken Ormiston: LG Bob encouraged all clubs to use PR to “get the word about Kiwanis out.”
 - b. Governor’s Project/ First Lady’s Project/Distinguished Club and Kiwanians - Claire Dalton: the committee will encourage completion of the projects and filling of all necessary paperwork.
 - c. Service Leadership Programs – Dale Hale: Dale mentioned that at this time there are 19 SLPs sponsored by the clubs of the division. He then reviewed the various dues structure and required paperwork.
 - i. CKI Lt. Governor Claire Farnung introduced herself and remarked that she is excited to be a part of the Kiwanis Family, had found NY Speaking to be fun and was looking forward to the K Family Weekend.
 - ii. Key Club Lt. Governor Sarah Brady introduced herself and reviewed the divisions Fall Rally, announced that she was arranging for a Division Craft Project in December, three members of the local Key Clubs had attended the recent Key Leader program, mentioned that she was planning a project at the Equinox Community Services Agency in Albany for the holidays. She concluded by requesting assistance from the sponsoring clubs for those Key Club members that may wish to attend the March Leadership Training Conference (also known as District Convention) in Albany.
 - d. Kiwanis International Foundation/Project Eliminate – Lynne Catelotti: Lynne announced that as a Campaign Coordinator she had attended the October “Train the Trainer” in Indianapolis. She requested that each club president appoint a member to coordinate activities with her. She offered to bring a program on the Eliminate Project if a club were to request one. She concluded by noting that the West Sand Lake Elementary School K Kids had raised \$1254.00 for the project by “Trick or Treating for UNICEF!”
 - e. NY District Foundation/Kamp Kiwanis/YCP#1 – Bob Loveridge: LG Bob reviewed his plans for tours of the AMC KPTC as well as the plans for the Bells of Life Campaign in December. He then explained that he had been requested to assist in the formation of a Key Club at the Tech Valley High School in Rensselaer; the EGKC would like to sponsor the club; a Kiwanis Advisor had been identified and the students had begun selling the K9 Calendars to raise the charter fee.
 - f. Membership Growth/Participation – Joe Behson: in the absence of Joe, LG Bob noted that the division was down five members since the October 1 start of the year and commended the Castleton Club for having added four new members in that time period.
 - g. Social Events – Noreen Barrett and Jean Andrick: they asked for a representative from each club to work with them and suggested that if there were sufficient interest a division outing to a dinner and performance of “Elvis has left the house” in Latham could be arranged for December 3 or 4. The “Theater Tailgate Party” at the Theater Barn in New Lebanon later in the summer is being planned. A survey was passed out to the clubs who were present for their feedback.
 - h. Nomination and Succession Committee – PLGs Wendy Prout, Jim Prout & Gale Leva: LG Bob noted that although he “would like to remain Lt. Governor for the rest of his life...” it would be unfair to the other members of the division. Therefore he had formed the committee to

encourage any past presidents that might wish to serve the Van Rensselare Division and the NY District.

Club Reports: LG Bob explained that page one of the report was intended to be reviewed at the meetings and the second page was intended to provide LG Bob with the information he would need to complete his required reports as well as being a review for the club as to their activities.

Castleton-on-Hudson: current membership of 50, four new members added since October 1, two prospective members, the Board of Directors had not yet approved the club's budgets.

East Greenbush: currently 28 members, one new member, three prospective members and the budgets have not yet been approved.

Hoosick Falls: 34 members, no new members, two prospective members and the budgets were approved 9/27.

North Greenbush: 20 members, one new and two prospective members, the budget is to be approved 12/7.

Rensselaer: 26 members, one new member and no prospective members; the budgets have not been approved.

Sand Lake: current membership is 54, two new members and no other prospective members, budgets approved 10/10.

Troy: currently 33, no new members, two prospective members and the budgets were approved 11/7.

The next Division Council Meeting will be January 23rd at Sand Lake.

The meeting was adjourned by LG Bob at 8:31 PM without any objection.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Booker, Division Secretary