

Minutes of the September, 27, 2016
Van Rensselaer Division Council Meeting
Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of North Greenbush, NY

Call to order – Lt. Governor Pat Lane called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Roll Call – Secretary David Booker called the roll which showed the following were present:

Clubs present:

Kiwanis Club of Castleton-Schodack, NY: six members present including President Mary Lou Kulpa and Secretary Marty Ray;

Kiwanis Club of East Greenbush, NY: five members present including President Lynne Catelotti;

Kiwanis Club of Hoosick Falls, NY: four members present including President Wendy Larson;

Kiwanis Club of North Greenbush, NY: two members present including President Samantha Morris and Secretary Brad Clowe;

Kiwanis Club of Rensselaer, NY: six members present including President Don Bink, Secretary Donna Baxter & Chairman of the Board Mollie Shook;

Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake, NY: six members present including President Stuart Nippes and Secretary David Booker;

Kiwanis Club of Troy, NY: four members present;

Division Officers present:

Lt. Governor Patricia A. Lane;

Lt. Governor Designate Stephen Vadney;

Immediate Past Lt. Governor James E. Prout;

Division Treasurer PDLG Robert S. Pasquarelli;

Division Secretary PG David E. Booker;

Service Leadership Programs District Officers present:

Key Club Division XVII Lt. Governor Jordan Scott;

NY District Key Club Committee Member for Division XVIII Wendy Prout

Division Chairs present:

Formula Club Councilor James Prout;

KI Foundation/Eliminate Project Lynne Catelotti.

Opening remarks of the Lt. Governor – Lt. Governor Pat Lane welcomed all and thanked them for a great year.

She enjoyed each and every visit to the clubs whether to meetings or to events/projects – particularly the *Baby Showers!*

She then reported on a fund raiser that Kamp Kiwanis® had asked the Lt. Governors to undertake. There are two buildings at the Kamp that are in dire need of having the roofs replaced. She then recounted three events that took place at the Kamp this year.

1) a young boy had been sent to the Kamp by a club downstate. On a Tuesday the Kamp received a call from his foster mother in which she informed them that they could keep the boy she was not going to take him back. The director put in a call to the governor asking if it would be alright to use the money for a kamper that had just cancelled for the next week to keep the child for another week and find a new family for him to live with.

2) another young kamper was a pure joy and the staff had fallen in love with him. At the end of the week at the award ceremony at the carnival day, he was chosen as the kamper of the week. He remarked that if he had parents he knew that they would be very proud.

3) a young girl was a true neat freak, always picking things up and putting them away. She was chosen as being responsible for having the cleanest cabin which earned her and her cabin mates a pizza and sodas party. She told the staff that “this is the best day of my life!”

Pat told the attendees that we can touch the lives of children through the Kamp and urged the clubs to do whatever they can. She placed her “orange bucket” (from Home Depot with *You Can* printed on the side) out for any donations.

Approval of the previous minutes (August 10, 2016) – Secretary David remarked that there were copies of the minutes in the attendees' packets, that they had been available for review on the division's web site. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made and seconded. On a voice vote the minutes were accepted without any revisions.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Bob Pasquarelli reported that the division was ending the year in very good financial shape. The \$1500 for the Backpack Weekend Food program had been paid as had \$600.00 in reimbursements to the clubs for members attending the KICon. Although the report did not reflect it \$4082.00 final revenue from the 2016 Golf Outing had been transferred from the Sand Lake club's account to the division's. A motion to accept the report for filing was made, seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Remarks of the Lt. Governor Designate – Lt. Governor Designate Stephen Vadney informed the clubs that NYD Governor Stephen Sirgiovanni would be attending the Division Club Officers/Directors Installation Saturday. Because of the short notice this would not be considered the Official Governor's Visit (this is yet to be scheduled.) He told the clubs that if any members who had not planned to attend but now wished to meet the governor – they could but please call Wendy Prout. He asked the clubs to schedule a date for a division council to be hosted by their club with either himself or Secretary David. The currently scheduled meetings are: October 1, hosted by the Troy Club; November 14, hosted by the Sand Lake Club and May 9, hosted by the Hoosick Falls Club. Please try to allow for 4 to 6 weeks between meetings. He also urged the clubs to help find a past president who would be interested in serving as Lt. Governor-elect.

Remarks of the Key Club Lt. Governor – Lt. Governor Jordan Scott briefly noted that she had already met with two of the eight Key Clubs in the division and that all the clubs were in good standing with Kiwanis International. She is looking forward to a great year.

Old Business: None

New Business –

Support of 18th Rensselaer County Veterans Breakfast with purchase of program booklet ad. Lt. Governor Pat asked Secretary David to present this and the next item of business. Secretary David reminded the members that last year the VRD had purchased a full page ad for this annual event. He showed the members the program book from last year and the ad. A motion was made to purchase a full page ad for \$100.00 was made, seconded and carried on a voice vote.

Donation to the Church of the Covenant, UMC for use of facilities for CLE Training: Secretary David reported that the Church of the Covenant had allowed the division to hold the Club Leadership Training for presidents and secretaries in their common room. The church was opened early Saturday specifically for the training. They had asked for no fee or donation, but he and Lt. Gov. Pat felt that it would be appropriate for the division to make a donation. A motion to approve a \$100.00 donation was made, seconded and carried on a voice vote.

Donation to Kamp Kiwanis® Roof Fund: A motion was made to make a \$500.00 donation to the fund. The motion was seconded. After a very short discussion a motion to amend the amount to \$1000.00 was made, seconded and carried on a voice vote. The amended motion was approved on a voice vote.

Club Reports:

Castleton/Schodack: the annual Cove Run was just completed and the funds donated to the local food pantry. The club's first chicken bar-b-que will be held on October 30 at the firehouse from 12 to 5 pm.

East Greenbush: the club has donated baby and school supplies to St. Paul's Center. The club will be holding a shoe drive – anyone wishing to donate gently used shoes may do so at Gettysburg Flag or the Good Buy Bookstore.

Hoosick Falls: the club held a golf outing (a fund raiser that had not been held for a number of years) and raised \$3200.00. There are plans to hold an outing next summer. Jean Andrick showed the clubs some snacks that she had seen at the Toronto KICon and she offered to help any club wishing to contact the company to arrange for a fund raiser. President Wendy Larson told of the recently rebuilt Town Playground and said that she was amazed by the hard work that the whole community put in on this. They are now in the process of raising \$20,000 for a slide for the pool.

North Greenbush: the club is undertaking a membership drive and the town has replaced the Kiwanis maintained information sign at the town offices with an electric one.

Rensselaer: the club is planning for its annual Sunday before election day Pancake Breakfast on November 6. President Don Bink reported that he had attended meetings of both the Key Club and the Builders Club. Both are in very good shape with over 20 members each.

Sand Lake: the club's Summerfest went very well with large crowds each day. Upcoming events include our annual citrus sales around the holidays. The club sponsors SLP clubs at all the schools in the Averill Park Central School District

Troy: the club's 100th Anniversary celebration will be held over the weekend of October 28-30. Immediate Past Lt. Governor Jim Prout passed out commemorative pins for the event and mentioned that the flyer for the events was included in the attendees' packets.

Next Division Council meeting – Kiwanis Club of Troy – Noon, Saturday, October 1, 2016 – Franklin Terrace. If attending respond to PDLG Wendy Prout ASAP. NYD Governor Stephen Sirgiovanni will be attending. Also this will be the installation for all 2016-17 Club Officers and Directors.

Adjournment – Lt. Governor Pat Lane adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Booker, Division Secretary