

FINGER LAKES DIVISION

Minutes for meeting on December 14,2020 via ZOOM

Lt. Governor John opened the meeting at 6:47pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation by President Tom David.

LG John introduced IPG Joe Ruggiero and First Lady Deb Rought and PG Doreen Pellittieri as well as Finger Lakes PLG Peter Pellittieri, Jordan Neuringer, Marty Toombs, Roger Awe and Phil Alamond.

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS:

Brighton	2
Canandaigua	3
Farmington-Victor	1
Geneva	1
Honeoye Falls-Mendon	0
Lakeshore Rochester	2
Newark	1
Palmyra Macedon	1
Penfield Perinton	3
Seneca Falls Waterloo	3
Webster	4

Trivia Question:

LG John asked how many meters in a kilometer? PLG Jordan gave the correct answer of 1,000.

Secretary Report:

The secretary's notes from the October meeting were misplaced resulting in no minutes to be reported.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Joyce reported an account balance of \$6,509.68. With a motion from PLG Phil and a second by President Lou Joy the Treasurer Report was accepted.

There was discussion regarding any donations that were made to the Division for the retirement of Kamp Kiwanis Director and staff. There was a motion by president Tom David to make a donation from the Finger Lakes Division for \$1,000 for this retirement and seconded by Kip Goodman and approved by the members. Clubs that will donate should send checks made out to Kiwanis Finger Lakes Division and send to Joyce Marble at 2151 Black Brook Road, Seneca Falls, NY 13148 and she will forward the donation from our division. Here are the clubs that said they would be sending money; Lakeshore

Rochester \$50, Newark \$50 and Webster \$100. Canandaigua has already donated and the other clubs were not sure and Brighton said they are making their own donation.

LG John introduced IPG Joe Ruggiero for A Year in Review. IPG Joe had to shut down his Kiwanis year but, stayed connected via Zoom meetings and fund raising and donated what would have been spent on travel and meals to front line workers. He felt that his Governor's Project of Mental Health Awareness was timely especially during this Pandemic. He is grateful that we have made it through and for the promise of vaccines and that with our leadership we will hold things together.

Former First Lady Deb said they had a strong start to the year until the Pandemic hit. Her First lady's Project was well received and they were welcomed via Zoom meetings and club fundraising projects.

Recognition of Club Members:

LG John thanks Canandaigua Kiwanis Club member Kim Begley who led a focus group of Club Treasurers. There were 5 clubs represented and there was good discussion regarding best practices, completing tasks and club audits. LG also congratulated the Seneca-Falls Waterloo Club for adding 7 new members!

PLG Jordan acknowledges the SLP Clubs-Key Clubs at Brighton and Harley, Circle K and Aktion Club.

The Aktion Club won the Division Single Service award and came in 2nd at International with the guidance of their Advisor Jaimie Neuringer.

President Gerianne from Penfield-Perinton recognized her club members for the Governor Bob Raffle this year exceeding their number of tickets sold and money raised for their charitable efforts. Governor Bob himself sold 535 tickets!

President Roger from Webster recognizes new member Victoria Syracuse for her enthusiasm and chairmanship of the New Doll Project.

Canandaigua President Lou Joy recognizes Secretary Pam Metting for all her work for him and the club as the Secretary.

Geneva President Kip thanks the Farmington-Victor Kiwanis Club for their \$1,000 donation so they could support Safe Harbor which is a domestic shelter.

LG Comments:

LG John said the Circle K Speaking Out Conference was held virtually this year via Zoom.

NYD Governor Brenda asks that we focus on member recruitment and retention this year. I have a plan for the Finger Lakes Division with financial incentives for bringing in new members which is endorsed by PLG Trish Hook. We are +19 so far this year with Seneca Falls-Waterloo adding 7 new members. I ask club secretaries to please make sure that the sponsor section is completed for all new members.

Let's have fun getting new members!

NEW BUSINESS:

Career Exploration Project; LG John called on PLG Marty Toombs for an update on this project. Marty said that he sent an email to the division clubs asking for their involvement in providing a variety of

careers to offer the schools and did not get any response. John is behind this project 100% and asked Marty to resend this information for club participation.

Holiday Project for next year; President Tom David wants to begin to organize a project so the clubs in the division can make Christmas wonderful for the children, He volunteered to chair the committee and will present thoughts to the LG and get volunteers to serve on the committee.

One Minute Club Reports:

Brighton:

Holding meetings virtually via Zoom. We built a ramp for a student from Brighton HS and donated baskets at Thanksgiving to the Brighton Food Bank. We adopted and purchased gifts for a family for Christmas and Santa at your Service was done via Zoom. We will be selling squares for Super Bowl at \$25 each.

Canandaigua:

We are meeting virtually and next Tuesday at 6pm the sunshine committee has arranged a virtual holiday gathering. We sent Holiday cards to all club members in the name of the Board of Directors and we also sent cards to a senior living facility and to the veterans. Our Election Day Dinner was a drive through at the American Legion and we raised \$7,300. They staffed the kitchen and we gave them a donation. No Chef Challenge this year and we are trying to think outside the box and considering a pie sale.

Farmington-Victor:

We are meeting Friday mornings virtually and in person. Our Spirit of Giving this year was a breakfast and we will plan the same for next year. We are hoping to have our Evening of Great Taste in the fall. Our usual Breakfast with Santa was a drive through instead for 115 children.

Geneva:

We made donations to the Glove House, Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army. We are giving a bike adapted for special needs to a boy with health issues and this is with the help of other clubs in the Finger Lakes Division. Our membership focus is to increase by 5-6 members this year.

Lakeshore Rochester:

We built desks for the Rochester City School District and have developed a relationship with Edison Tech and as a result we hope to start a Key Club there. We also have donated Holiday Food Baskets.

Newark:

Palmyra-Macedon:

We are meeting virtually via Zoom. We are sponsoring a family for Christmas and sending cards to the Bickford Home.

Penfield-Perinton:

We are meeting virtually. We donated turkeys to the Penfield Ecumenical Food Cupboard and will for Christmas. We raised \$6,800 for our charitable endeavors as a result of the Governor Bob Raffle.

Seneca Falls-Waterloo:

We will be meeting virtually in December. We are planning to participate in the Career Program sponsored by the Division. We continue to add members to our Club.

Webster:

Our newest member Victoria has taken the chairmanship for the Doll Project to benefit the children and their families at Compassion Net. We had a drive through welcome home for our member Peter Pellittieri and we want to thank the members of other clubs that participated. We participated in the Webster Parade of Lights which was attended by over 5,000 cars. Several of our members reached out to previous donors to our charitable foundation and raised over \$5,000.

DIVISION CHAIR REPORTS:

Aktion: NR

Child Protection: NR

Kamp Kiwanis:

PLG Jordan announced the NYD Foundation Raffle is 12/15/2020 and tickets are still available. Please consider Kamp Kiwanis cookbook as a Christmas gift for the price of \$20.

Membership: NR

Pediatric Lyme Disease: NR

Protocol: NR

Webmaster: NR

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm with a closing prayer by IPG Joe Ruggiero.

Next Division Meeting will be February 08,2021 virtually at 6:45pm.