

Finger Lakes

Division Meeting Minutes

June 2015 Division Meeting

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JUNE 8th, 2015, 7:00pm-8:30pm

EDDIE O'BRIENS Grille & Bar

Rte 96, Farmington NY

LG Phil Call to Order at 7:04 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jaimie Neuringer and LGD Jordan Neuringer led us in song and opening prayer.

Lt. Gov. Phil recognized all of our dignitaries that were present, as well as presenting the candidates running for NYS Governor: DPLG Stephen Sirgiovanni from the Queens West Division and DPLG Candace Corsaro from the Niagara Frontier North Division.

The secretaries minutes from the April meeting were approved with a motion made by LGD Jordan Neuringer and a second by Past International President Jack Harten.

Roll call of clubs was taken by Division Secretary Jan Gilbert. Attendance was as follows:

Brighton4 members

Canandaigua4 members

Farmington-Victor4 members

Geneva0

Lakeshore-Roch.1 member

Newark2 members

Pal-Mac3 members

Penfield-Perinton6 members

Penn Yan0

Seneca Falls2 members

Webster7 members1 guest

There was no treasurer's report however, Secretary Jan will email the last two reports to all the clubs.

Key Club LGD Andrew Casper, from Webster, gave a brief review of their upcoming events. Circle K LG Terrell Merritt was not able to attend.

The candidates for NYS District Governor were introduced. PLG David Jacobus presented DPLG Stephen Sirgiovanni and DPLG Peg Bobzin had the honor of introducing DPLG Candace Corsaro. Each candidate was given 7 minutes to present their objectives and goals and to answer questions. Below are the questions and answers.

After an 8 minute break the meeting reconvened.

Each club was given "A Minute to Make a Difference".

Our week at Kamp Kiwanis is approaching (7/19 to 7/25). LG Phil will send out more information.

SDPLG John Hanratty gave an update on the Golisano Children's Hospital open house. 25 members toured the new facility and 12 attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. He announced that there will be no CMN Telethon this year. To date, the FL Division has raised \$57,300 of our \$75,000 pledge.

The Formula update was presented by DPLG David Jacobus. He stressed the Bring a Guest to dinner program and announced the start of a new club this summer in Honeoye Falls.

The Monte Carlo Night was again a success as announced by LT Governor Philip Alamond. To date there was a profit of \$1001.70. One half of the money will go to Golisano (11 clubs) and the balance will be distributed to the clubs who sold their allotted number of tickets to be used towards sending campers to Kamp Kiwanis. A motion was made by PIP Jack Harten to approve with a second by Pres. Tom Fortuanto of Penfield Perinton. The motion was voted on and carried..

LG Phil reminded everyone that the Passing of the Banner will be held Monday, August 3 at Kings Catering in Canandaigua and a flyer will be sent out.

The Brighton Club was the meeting sponsor and ran the 50/50 raffle. - \$220 was collected and the winning ticket was drawn by Key Club LGD Andrew Casper. \$110 was shared by members of the Pal-Mac Club.

The benediction was delivered by PG Patrick Cooney and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Gilbert, Secretary

2014-2015 FL Division

Questions and Answers for Candidates

QUESTION: How do you feel about the dues increase which will be voted on at the International Convention:

Sirgiovanni: I don't feel that there should be an increase in dues. An increase will stop members from joining and old members to continue as members.

Corsaro: I am investigating why the last increase was in 1997. I would like to know exactly where the \$10 increase is going and if we will get better service.

QUESTION: How do you feel about charging fees for new members?

Corsaro: I think we should be giving the clubs a break or at least let new members pay on a payment plan. I have no problem with the District charging the clubs an administration fee.

Sirgiovanni: Kiwanis needs revenue. It is not cheap to run Kiwanis.

QUESTION: How do you plan to revitalize clubs and increase membership?

Sirgiovanni: If the Formula Project is used correctly, I think both can be accomplished.

Corsaro: I agree.

QUESTION: What do you see as your role if you are elected Governor:

Corsaro: I will go door to door to with your club, rebuilding the old ones and start new ones.

Sirgiovanni: I will work with the clubs that want to work with me.

QUESTION: How do you feel about reforming the number of divisions to make them all equal?

Corsaro: I wouldn't eliminate any of the divisions but I would definitely like to expand them.

Sirgiovanni: I think this needs some extensive research and a lot of team work. My heart goes out to those members who drive two hours to attend a meeting.

QUESTION: There has been a significant decrease in membership. How do you plan to fix it?

Sirgiovanni: Utilize the Formula.

Corsaro: I think we need to ask why they are leaving. We need to educate the new members. I think there is some animosity within the clubs. There appears to be a lack of mentoring new members.

QUESTION: What will be your Governor's project?

Corsaro: Juvenile Diabetes, my granddaughter is a diabetic. And some type of a child hunger initiative.

Sirgiovanni: Juvenile Diabetes, send kids to camp or bullying. Possibly autism.

QUESTION: Have you read the entire District policies and procedures?

Sirgiovanni: Yes and there are always things to learn from them.

Corsaro: Yes and I carry them with me. I don't know them by heart but I do review them. I think protocol has gotten away from the districts. They haven't been updated since 2012.

End of questions and answers.

Both candidates passed out brochures and believe that Kiwanis needs to get back to basics.

Monday, June 8, 2015