

## **KIWANIS FINGER LAKES DIVISION**

### **MINUTES October 02, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by LG Christine Mitchell. PLG Peg Bobzin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Lt. Gov. Christine Mitchell gave the invocation.

LG Christine recognized Past Governors of the NYD and PLG from the FL Division in attendance.

Secretary Doreen did the roll call of clubs:

Brighton	0
Bushnell's Basin-Pittsford	2
Canandaigua	5
Farmington Victor	1
Geneva	0
Honeoye Falls-Lima-Mendon	3
Lakeshore Rochester	0
Newark	1
Palmyra Macedon	0
Penfield-Perinton	1
Seneca Falls-Waterloo	1
Webster	3

The Secretary Report from the meeting on April 03,2023 was reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Joyce Marble was not in attendance to give the report.

### **MESSAGE FROM LT. GOVERNOR**

Christine reviewed the goals she has set for the coming year.

- 1.** Bring the FL Division Clubs to charter strength
- 2.** Build a team of those who are gifted in membership to help us with new club openings as well as with clubs that need some guidance. Please contact Membership Chair Deb Rought or myself to become a member of the team.
- 3.** Encourage club members to engage with other clubs by coming to Division meetings and doing interclubs.
- 4.** I am challenging all clubs to increase their Kampers for Kamp Kiwanis by 2 this year to help Governor Lucien fulfill his project's goal of sending 1,000 kids to Kamp Kiwanis this year. If

you do not have Kampers to send there is a waiting list of kids that want to go and your club can help to fund that opportunity.

### **NY DISTRICT PROJECT**

The first family project is to give each Kamper a backpack filled with items from a wish list. Donations will be accepted throughout the year and our LG will plan a division event to collect donations.

### **CLUB REPORTS**

Send your sharing reports to Secretary Doreen or LG Chris. At each meeting we will have a topic to discuss and this month I want to know your club's most successful membership drive- how did you gain new members, how did you sell your club to those who came and how have you retained those same members.

**BUSHNELL'S BASIN-PITTSFORD** had their first mixer on Sept. 28th. Three people submitted applications and five more are interested and want to join. It was done as a round table with refreshments at the Pittsford Community Center. Look for prospects among the people you interact with on a daily basis.

**CANANDAIGUA** had Spring and Fall Mixers. President Kim has set a goal to brand Kiwanis and all members need to understand that everyone needs to participate. Social media has been a great resource as well as Tik Tok and she encourages clubs to ask their speakers to join.

**FARMINGTON-VICTOR** has not had a membership drive.

### **GENEVA**

**HONEOYE FALLS-LIMA-MENDON** gained a new member through their participation in MMOD fund raiser. They have a mixer scheduled on October 18th and they are participating in the Scarecrow contest in Lima.

**NEWARK** had a mixer two years ago with no success. There is another scheduled on November 9th.

### **PALMYRA MACEDON**

**PENFIELD-PERINTON** have not had any mixers lately.

**SENECA FALLS-WATERLOO** has not had success with mixers but, membership has increased to 30. It is important to always look for new members.

**WEBSTER** held an event at the Field House with no success and have not had a drive or mixer within the past two years.

### **DIVISION CHAIR REPORTS**

#### **CHILD PROTECTION**

**CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS** PLG Peg would like more participation at conventions and conferences. The Tri-K Family conference is November 3-5 in Albany at the Desmond Hotel. More information will be out soon regarding future events and you can always check the

District website.

**MMOD** Kennedy Mitchell reported that Childrens Heart Center will be the recipient this year.

MEMBERSHIP clubs shared how important it is to have club information at all events and Kiwanis business cards to hand out with meeting times and locations on the back. Remember to seek corporate memberships and emphasize what our clubs do in their communities.

#### **PEDIATRIC LYME DISEASE**

**PROTOCOL** review the guidelines

**SPONSORED LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS** Alison reached out to the Division LG of Key Club to attend a Division Meeting. She encouraged clubs to reach out to her and LG Chris with any problems or concerns.

**WEBSITE** PLG Marty said he will be making some changes on the Division website and adding new features. Each Club needs to check their listing on the site and report any changes that need to be made. He has stepped down as the NY District webmaster.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

LG Christine is working with Treasurer Joyce to have all club treasurers on a common platform such as Quick Books which may be at a cost for each Club. There was no training for Treasurers on the Division level.

LG Chris wants to increase communication at Division meetings by having Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers etc. break off into small groups at each meeting and have conversations about their goals, initiatives planned and anything else that will be helpful to share .

LG Chris said a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm

Next meeting at Flaherty's on December 4th at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted

Doreen Pellittieri

Division Secretary