

BOARD MINUTES
Kiwanis Club of Ames
August 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson in the community room of Y.S.S. An invocation was offered by Currie. Board members attending: Anderson, Converse, Bridges, Derner, Currie, Brammer, Olson, Kaltenheuser, Shierholz, MacDonald and Wade. Also attending: Don Erickson.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Don Erickson, visitor, to talk about an AKTION Club shared endowment (see New Business). August 25 & 26th, Downtown Summit taking place in Ames. It's about economic revitalization of Ames Main Street area. We were asked to participate. Mike Miller, as an officer of the group, should be attending and represent us.

October 1st deadline for Kiwanis International suggestions for a Worldwide Service project.

Tuesday August 11th and 12th, the Volunteer Surge. Any volunteers? Volunteer Center of Story County and United Way and others.

Paul Domoto as our Lt. Governor wants something for the silent auction held annually at the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Annual Convention (August 14th & 15th) in Omaha. Last year, we sent one of Mike Miller's cool Kiwanis picture frames. A Shierholz/Kaltenheuser motion to again secure and provide a Mike Miller picture frame for the Convention auction passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Resignations for Jeff Johnson (schedule); Georganna Hinrichsen (meeting time); E. James Peake (financial); Sandy Hanson (job change); Troy Strother (job site change); Bruce Bjorklund (time conflict) were accepted on a Shierholz/Kaltenheuser motion. He said the Treasurer had communicated about well overdue dues from three members. He recommended the Board consider a letter indicating that we didn't want to lose their memberships and since they hadn't actually eaten any meals, we'd accept them making up for past dues. The Board agreed with the suggestion and that we carefully communicate to options to the three. The Board also concurred that it was a fair option for the Treasurer to consider payment plans for members who are behind but wish to stay in the club.

The Secretary noted that his goal is to e-mail weekly bulletins on Wednesdays. He said that since he was paid meals for serving as bulletin editor, he would not accept the free 'Lunch on Me' awards. He also noted that he was working a gift certificate for Steve Sapp for the many times he'd filled in taking minutes and putting together some bulletins.

He noted that after a couple of requests, he's making Kiwanis lapel pins available again!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike missing the next couple of board meetings due to a new play he's in. He included a two-page summary of what's in the monthly report this time. Corn sales coming in to help the income for projects. Dues statement are out, so the next administrative account should shine. I.S.U. Circle K not paid yet, until school restarts. (We're double-checking the timing on this annual charge). Kiwanis International donation was suggested to be paid last time. (Does he need the address?) Ed Gillott support for 5K for Life, \$100, from the club—should have been in the budget. It does support a Kiwanis club team entry. They'll can also seek pledges. An Olson/Derner motion to authorize the \$100 passed.

Audit committee hasn't met, but is in the process of organizing a catch-up audit.

The balance in the Administrative Account is \$14,350. Project Account balance is \$11,768.

A Kaltenheuser/Shierholz motion to approve the Treasurer's Report passed.

Programs: August 8—United Way, Kristen Burkey; 14—Tom McGee “Our Last Reunion,” a World War II program; 21—Club picnic/social; 28—cancellation, working on a replacement. September 1st: Board review; 2nd: Belinda Mies, Lutheran Social Services overview; 3rd—Kaylee Siebrecht on ‘Maintain Your Brain’ (Alzheimers); 4th: 2009-2010 Officer Installation.

Committees:

Ada Hayden work project: About 10 people attacked grass & weeds about 10 feet high. Denny Jones had a big, motorized weed-eater. Other clubs had a few representatives attending.

A lot to do and it is tremendously improved. Some AKTION club members helped out also.

AKTION club: Met this afternoon (Kaltenheuser, Anderson, Craig, Gillott and Chase attended). Treats by Jerry and Sally Chase. Mayor Ann Campbell gave the program. Five members are headed to Omaha for the District Convention. They're still trying for an Iowa Cubs game on August 23rd. They need 25 people to get \$2 tickets.

Social: Picnic coming up on the 21st. Had 14 members at a Prairie Moon fun outing. October 30th may be the next Heartland Trivia competition. Working on a fall visit to Snus winery.

Membership: We're considering a mentoring program for new members. In the past, the sponsor had been expected to serve as the mentor. Kiwanis 101 is progressing. Need more communication of planning procedures, including committee reports in advance.

Fundraising: 52 responses returned: #1-Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre; #2-North Grand Mall gift wrap; #3.-Jazz party; #4.-Soup night; #5-(distant) CHAIRity fundraiser. #6-Bakeless Bake Sale. But we need volunteers to step up to organize each event. They're thinking of a Jazz party for November. Perhaps, the Murder Mystery Theatre in March?

Food at First: Next date is August 31st. Popken will likely organize it again.

Food Shelf: John Middents checks for purchased bags weekly. We appear to be caught up.

NEW BUSINESS: Don Erickson of Town & Country club approached us about a shared sponsorship of an Endowment account for the Cyclone Country AKTION club. There's concern about a third partner, suggesting United Way. We suggested Story County Foundation (our Foundation financial partner) or The Ark. They're hoping to raise \$10,000 in the next year to seed the fund. T & C is putting in \$1,000 and hope we'd match that. We passed an Olson/Converse motion to endorse the concept and indicate our intent to help market and fundraise. They need our commitment now, not the funds yet. We can't commit the next board, but the Board (several of whom will return next year), indicated a strong interest in the concept.

OLD BUSINESS: Audit Committee has begun to organize and Troy has some files, will get them to Nathan. The Board appoints the Audit Committee, so a Shierhz/Kaltenheuser motion passed, officially enacting the Audit committee that President Anderson had appointed.

Family Life Center with Y.S.S. was a recent program. They're desperate to reach the final \$200,000 of a nearly \$2-million campaign. They asked us to consider a club donation. We all know and love Y.S.S. We have given large gifts before, including pledged multi-year ones. But it had to be very carefully laid out with membership approval beforehand. Again, we

cannot commit for the next year's Board. An Olson/Derner motion to donate \$2000 to the Y.S.S. campaign passed (with 3 abstentions). We want the money to go to the building fund.

The regular Board meeting ended at 9 p.m. on a motion by Kaltenheuser/Shierholz.

Foundation Meeting

Treasurer's Report: As the stock market recovers, the account also does, plus a gift of \$1500 from Dale Grosvenor and another \$50 from Ronnie Lindeman this month.

Balances show a total of \$46,829 in the Foundation with interest of \$7.50 this month.

The Club Foundation's Treasurer's Report was accepted on an Olson/Kaltenheuser motion.

The Foundation meeting concluded at 9:30 p.m. on a Shierholz/Bridges motion.

Respectfully submitted!

Gary I. Wade, Secretary