

MINUTES
1st Qtr. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT #44
October 15, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Asheville, NC

The following members of the 2010-2011 Executive Committee were in attendance for the Friday, October 15, 2010 meeting:

Lawrence Kelley	Governor	Lenoir, NC
Odell Witherspoon	Immediate Past Governor	Charlotte, NC
Kathy Howard	Governor-Elect	Albemarle, NC
Dianne Mallard	Assistant Governor	Charlotte, NC
Sandy Middleton	Secretary-Treasurer	Charlotte, NC
Anita Silver	Lt. Governor – Zone 1	Asheville, NC
Larry Foster	Lt. Governor – Zone 2	Boone, NC
Jerry Brown	Lt. Governor – Zone 3	Lenoir, NC
Anita Mapes	Lt. Governor – Zone 4	Hickory, NC
Roger Wuest	Lt. Governor – Zone 5	Shelby, NC
Bill Helms	Lt. Governor – Zone 6	Gastonia, NC
Alan Amery	Lt. Governor – Zone 7	Charlotte, NC
Mary Martin-Jones	Lt. Governor – Zone 8	Charlotte, NC
Gerenda Davis	Lt. Governor – Zone 9	Charlotte, NC
Gene Swift	Lt. Governor – Zone 11	Boone, NC

Guests:

Also present were: Past International President, Bill Teague, Asheville, NC; Past International President, J. C. Boone, Albemarle, NC; Past International VP & Parliamentarian, Keith Middleton, Charlotte, NC; Howard Bridges, Past Governor & Sgt.-at-Arms, Asheville, NC; Gwynn Campbell, Membership West Chair, W. Jefferson, NC; Ginny Fowler, Past Governor & L & D Chair, Charlotte, NC; Bill Fowler, Past International VP & New Club Building Chair, Charlotte, NC; Wayne Higgins, Past Governor & Public Relations Chair, Weaverville, NC; Ron Jones, Past Governor & Boys & Girls Home Chair, Pinehurst, NC; Tom Lamont, Boys & Girls Home Rep, Lake Waccamaw, NC and Stewart Mallard, Membership East Chair, Charlotte, NC.

Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

Invocation was given by Gene Swift, Lt. Governor, Zone 11; Dianne Mallard, Assistant Governor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statements. Dianne also recognized the Past International Presidents, International Vice Presidents, and Governors, as well as the members of the Executive Committee present.

Past International Vice President, Keith Middleton was appointed parliamentarian for the meeting and proceeded to present the Rules of Voting and Motions of the Executive Committee stating that only members of the Executive Committee are permitted to vote or make motions.

Minutes of 4th Quarter Executive Committee Meeting:

- Motion to approve the Minutes of the 4th Quarter Executive Committee with corrections was made by Alan Amery, Lt. Governor, seconded by Anita Mapes, Lt. Governor. Approved.

4th Quarter and Year End Financials:

- Motion to accept 4th Quarter and Year End Financials, subject to CPA review, in accordance with Optimist International Policies was made by Gene Swift, Lt. Governor, seconded by Larry Foster, Lt. Governor. Motion carried.

Bill Teague, Finance Chair, Past International President, asked that Odell Witherspoon, Immediate Past Governor, and Mary Martin-Jones, Past District Secretary-Treasurer, have the official review completed no later than the February, 2011 District Meeting in Winston Salem. (Note: OI may require that this be completed at an earlier date).

2010-2011 Budget:

Bill Teague, Finance Chair, Past International President, presented the 2010-2011 Budget for approval. Bill also recommended: Due to the financial condition of the District, that NCW District get approval from Optimist International for a district dues increase. Mary Martin-Jones, Past District Secretary-Treasurer presented a report showing clubs that owe NCW District and/or Optimist International dues.

- Motion to approve the 2010-2011 Budget made by Gerenda Davis, Lt Governor, seconded by Mary Martin-Jones, Lt. Governor. Approved.

Request to O.I. For Special Called Convention:

- Motion made to request permission of the Optimist International board to have a special called Convention at our February District Meeting, for the purpose of petitioning for a district dues increase made by Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect, seconded by Mary Martin-Jones, Lt. Governor. Motion carried.

Proposed District Dues Increase:

- Motion made that after receiving permission from Optimist International for a called Convention at our February District meeting, the Executive Committee recommend a dues increase of \$5.00 per member, per year, effective April 1, 2011. Made by Dianne Mallard, Assistant Governor, seconded by Jerry Brown, Lt. Governor. Motion carried.

Approval of District Policies:

Keith Middleton, Past International VP & Parliamentarian reported:

District Policies have been reviewed by the Executive Committee. One change has taken place during the 2009-2010 year. This change affects discontinuing collecting District dues from College Clubs and was effective October 1, 2009.

- Motion made to approve the District Policies, after the necessary changes are made, regarding College Clubs dues. Made by Larry Foster, Lt. Governor, seconded by Anita Mapes, Lt. Governor. Approved.

Power Point Activities Report:

Dianne Mallard, Assistant Governor, presented a Power Point report of information to be shared, including Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, YES Program, When and Where District Meetings will take place, as well as other information submitted by District Chairs.

Optimist International Foundation:

Bill Teague, acting as OIF Rep, reported for H. B. Stroup, who is recovering from surgery. H.B. was commended for his outstanding work with the Foundation over the past year. H. B. was the leading OIF representative in Optimist International, as well as NCW District in donations received during 2009-2010. Asheville-Erwin club won the ‘free trip’ raffle that H. B. offered to participating clubs.

Membership:

Lawrence Kelley, Governor, assisted by Stewart Mallard, Membership Chair East, discussed membership incentives. Anyone bringing in one new member will receive the Governor’s One Member award pin; 5 new members will receive the Governor’s Five Member Star award pin; and 6+ new members will receive the Governor’s Logo shirt. Governor Kelley gave awards to those members who have sponsored new members since October 1.

Governor Kelley presented the Friend of Optimist District Plaque Program, and explained that FOOs are Optimist International members with an annual membership fee of \$100 each. Of this fee, \$60 of this stays at OI and \$40 is returned to the club sponsoring the member. If a District FOO plaque is requested by sponsor or club, there will be a cost of \$20 to provide this special plaque (\$10 will go to the District and \$10 will go towards the cost of the plaque).

New Club Building:

Bill Fowler, New Club Building East Chair, asked Lt. Governors to stand and state the location of their new club building efforts. Bill made note of these and their locations and will work with the Lt. Governors to make this a success.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Optimist Creed was led by Kathy Howard, Governor-Elect

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Middleton, District Secretary-Treasurer