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## CHILDREN'S FUND

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**MEETING OF THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 21, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kiwanis Children's Fund was held on June 21, 2023, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA (and, via Zoom meeting). Those present were:

In-person: Filip Delanote, President; Robert M. Garretson, Immediate Past President; Amy L. Zimmerman, President-elect; Robert S. Maxwell, Treasurer; Stan D. Soderstrom, Executive Director; Trustees Juanita F. Edwards, Mark G. Esposito, Lenora J. Hanna, Brenda Leigh Johnson, Lee Kuan Yong, Peter J. Mancuso, Richard A. Poulton, Elizabeth M. Tezza, John Tyner II, Koji Yoshida.

Online: Trustee Francesco Valenti,

Absent: Trustee Babukrishna Karki

Guests: Paul G. Palazzolo, Katrina J. Baranko, Kiwanis International President-elect

The meeting was called to order by President Filip Delanote on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. CDT. A welcome was given by President Filip Delanote.

**LEADERSHIP REPORTS**

The following reports were received:

*REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, Filip Delanote*

*REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, Amy L. Zimmerman*

*REPORT OF THE TREASURER, Robert S. Maxwell*

*JOINT REPORT OF THE K.I. REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEES, Peter J. Mancuso, and Lee Kuan Yong*

*REPORT OF THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Stan D. Soderstrom*

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Mark G. Esposito, and seconded, the following recommendation was adopted:

**That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board approves the minutes of the Board meeting held on February 9, 2023, as shown in Tab 06.**

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 29, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Elizabeth M. Tezza, and seconded, the following recommendation was adopted:

**That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board approves the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 29, 2023, as shown in Tab 07.**

## **APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2023, EMAIL BALLOT**

Upon motion duly made by Treasurer Robert S. Maxwell, and seconded, the following recommendation was adopted:

**That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board approves the minutes of the email ballot held on May 19, 2023, as shown in Tab 08.**

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The committee did not meet.

## **REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Report of the 2022-23 Development Committee, Elizabeth M. Tezza, Chair, was presented.

### ***VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENT- DISTRICT CHAIR FOR ILLINOIS-EASTERN IOWA***

Upon recommendation of the Development Committee, it was moved and adopted:

**That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board approves appointment of Herbert Kasube to the position of the Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair for the Illinois-E. Iowa District, effective October 1, 2023**

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE/INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

The Report of the 2022-23 Finance/Investment Committee, Robert S. Maxwell, Chair, was presented.

**No action taken.**

The Finance/Investment Committee report was accepted.

## **REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL AND THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND**

The Report of the 2022-23 Joint Committee of Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund, Filip Delanote, Chair, was presented.

### ***2023-24 KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD OFFICER NOMINATIONS***

Upon recommendation of the Joint Committee of Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund, it was moved and adopted:

**That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board appoints the following persons as officers for the 2023-24 administrative year:**

**President: Amy L. Zimmerman**

**President-elect: Robert S. Maxwell**

**Vice President: Lenora J. Hanna**

The Joint Committee of Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund report was accepted.

## REPORT OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Report of the 2022-23 Grants Committee, Mark G. Esposito, Chair, was presented.

### *APPROVAL OF CLUB GRANTS*

Upon recommendation of the Grants Committee, it was moved and adopted:

**That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board approves US\$139,148 for club grants as shown below.**

- **\$10,000 - Albert Lea Noon Kiwanis (Minnesota-Dakotas):** All-Together Albert Lea Inclusive Playground Kiwanis Play Zone
- **\$2,000 - Campbellsville Kiwanis (Kentucky-Tennessee):** Virtual Children's Community Closet
- **\$6,251 - Club Kiwanis Mariscal Robledo, Cartago, (Colombia):** Programa de becas escolares y formación de comunidad solidaria
- **\$4,000 - Club Kiwanis Quito (Ecuador):** Libro "Kiwanis Sembrando Valores," Segunda Edición
- **\$1,969 - Kiwanis club de Yaoundé (Non-Districted Africa):** School Kits for Vulnerable Children
- **\$6,000 - Kiwanis Club of Broomfield North Metro (Rocky Mountain):** Broomfield North Metro Kiwanis Mobile Resource Trailer
- **\$2,000 - Kiwanis Club of Christchurch (New Zealand-South Pacific):** First aid in Schools
- **\$2,500 - Kiwanis Club of Denton (Texas-Oklahoma):** Denton Kiwanis Children's Clinic Dental Hygiene Kit Program
- **\$5,000 - Kiwanis Club of Fairfield-Villa Rica (Georgia):** Kids In Need
- **\$2,500 - Kiwanis Club of Findlay (Ohio):** Kiwanis Closets - Middle Schools
- **\$4,172 - Kiwanis Club of Glenwood Springs (Rocky Mountain):** Kiwanis Bike Rodeo Safety Fair
- **\$2,356 - Kiwanis Club of Imperial Beach-South Bay (California-Nevada-Hawaii):** 2023-2024 Literacy Program
- **\$4,800 - Kiwanis Club of Jefferson (Georgia):** The Literacy Launch
- **\$2,000 - Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Foothills (California-Nevada-Hawaii):** Lincoln Community Children's Free Health Fair
- **\$4,000 - Kiwanis Club of Matthews (Carolinas):** Matthews Kiwanis School Clothes for Kids
- **\$2,000 - Kiwanis Club of Montego Freeport (Eastern Canada and the Caribbean):** Learning Disabilities Awareness Program (LDAP)
- **\$7,000 - Kiwanis Club of Myrtle Beach (Carolinas):** Reading Book Vending Machines
- **\$5,000 - Kiwanis Club of Ormond Beach (Florida):** Kiwanis READS! Backers-4-Books
- **\$1,500 - Kiwanis Club of Papine (Eastern Canada and the Caribbean):** Reading For The Stars
- **\$4,000 - Kiwanis Club of Perry Township (Indiana):** Connecting with The Community
- **\$1,000 - Kiwanis Club of Plano (Texas-Oklahoma):** Books and Buddies
- **\$1,600 - Kiwanis Club of Southwest Louisiana (Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee):** Kiwanis Community Baby Shower
- **\$10,000 - Kiwanis Club of Sunbury (Pennsylvania):** Upgrading the Bastian/Kiwanis Playground
- **\$7,500 - Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores (New York):** Bellmore Kiwanis & Carroll's Kitchen Thanksgiving Meals for the food insecure.
- **\$4,000 - Kiwanis Club of The Blue Grass (Kentucky-Tennessee):** The Blue Grass Shoe Bank
- **\$10,000 - Kiwanis Club of Topsail Island Area (Carolinas):** Greater Topsail Area Community Garden
- **\$10,000 - Lebanon Kiwanis Club (Indiana):** Lebanon Kiwanis Playground Project
- **\$10,000 - Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club (Wisconsin-Upper Michigan):** All-inclusive playground at Riggs Park
- **\$6,000 - Szu Hai Nu Kiwanis (Taiwan):** After School Tutoring and Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign

The Grants Committee report was accepted.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### ***OPTIONAL AT-LARGE TRUSTEE SEAT***

At its meeting on April 22, 2023, the Kiwanis International Board urged the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board to reconsider the matter of having the optional at-large seat on the Children's Fund Board. The Children's Fund Board considered the matter at this meeting with a great deal of discussion.

The following motion duly made by Trustee Rick Poulton, and seconded, failed.

**That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board agrees with the recommendation of the Kiwanis International Board to eliminate the optional at-large seat from the Children's Fund Board. (Motion FAILED)**

### ***CHILDREN'S FUND OFFICER TITLES***

At its meeting on April 22, 2023, the Kiwanis International Board directed the Kiwanis Children's Fund to reconsider to further amend the Children's Fund bylaws to change the title of its officers from "President" to "Chair" to comply with the Kiwanis International Bylaws regarding subsidiaries. The Children's Fund Board considered the matter at this meeting with a great deal of discussion. The Board particularly noted, due to the important work of the organization, the mission of both entities, and the upcoming Possibility Project, the Children's Fund is willing to explore the matter further.

**That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board refers the matter of the title of Children's Fund officers to the Joint Committee of Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund for consideration and a recommendation to be made to both boards.**

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

The next meeting of the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board of Trustees will be November 18, 2023, in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

The meeting adjourned sine die on Saturday, June 21, 2023, at 3:34 p.m. CDT.