



Kiwanis® CHILDREN'S FUND

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MEETING OF THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 24, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kiwanis Children's Fund was held on June 24, 2025, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S. Those present were:

In-person: Robert S. Maxwell, President; Amy L. Zimmerman, Immediate Past President; Lenora J. Hanna, President-elect; Richard A. Poulton, Vice President; Paul Palazzolo, Executive Director. Trustees: Katrina J. Baranko, Randolph L. Delay, Margo L. Dutton, Markus Lanz, Hope Markes, Cathy Simmons, Francesco Valenti, Koji Yoshida

Guests: Vice President-designate Elizabeth M. Tezza; Trustee-designate Jeffrey M. Wolff.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert S. Maxwell on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. ET. An invocation was given by Amy L. Zimmerman and impact stories were shared by Robert S. Maxwell.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

The following reports were received, as shown in Tabs 1-6:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, Robert S. Maxwell

REPORT OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, Amy L. Zimmerman

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, Lenora J. Hanna

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, Richard A. Poulton

REPORT OF THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, Hope Markes

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Paul Palazzolo

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by President-elect Lenora J. Hanna, and seconded:

MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2025, BOARD MEETING

That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board approves the minutes of the Board meeting held on May 21, 2025, via Zoom, as shown in Tab 07.

Motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Report of the 2024-25 Executive Committee, Robert S. Maxwell, was presented.

No recommendations at this time.

The report of the Executive Committee was accepted.

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The committee did not meet.

REPORT OF THE GLOBAL IMPACT COMMITTEE

The report of the 2024-25 Global Impact Committee, Amy L. Zimmerman, was presented.

No recommendations at this time.

The report of the Global Impact Committee was accepted.

REPORT OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Report of the 2024-25 Grants Committee, Lenora J. Hanna, Chair, was presented.

CLUB GRANT APPROVALS

Motion made by the Grants Committee:

That the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board approves US\$203,310 for June club grants:

- **\$1,120 for Kiwanis Club of Colonial Heights (Capital):** Early Childhood Read Aloud Program; a KCF grant would be used to purchase books and stickers for the read-aloud sessions for 14 classrooms.
- **\$3,000 for Kiwanis Club of Moline (Illinois-Eastern Iowa):** Scholastic News Magazine Project; a KCF grant will support the purchase of Scholastic News magazines for the 2025-2026 school year.
- **\$15,000 for Kiwanis Club of Jacksonville (Texas-Oklahoma):** Healthy Kids, Healthy Adults; a KCF grant would be used to partially cover the cost of the fitness station and installation materials.
- **\$10,000 for Kiwanis Club of Lebanon (Missouri-Arkansas):** Lebanon Kiwanis Kids Christmas Shopping; a KCF grant support the purchase of warm clothing items for up to 300 children.
- **\$23,000 for Kiwanis Club of Waynesboro (Capital):** Waynesboro South River Greenway Kiwanis Nature Playground; a KCF grant will support the purchase of the Poured in Place foundation.
- **\$5,320 for Kiwanis Club of Meridiana (Utah-Idaho):** Student Supplies Project; a KCF grant will support the purchase of school supplies needed to fill the backpacks.
- **\$2,000 for Kiwanis Club of Chambersburg (Pennsylvania):** Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Bag Drive (TDB), a KCF grant would be used to support the purchase of non-perishable food items and a portion of the \$25 gift cards that will be delivered to families in need.
- **\$18,000 for Kiwanis Club of Cortland (New York):** Kiwanis Community Playground; a KCF grant would be used to support the cost of playground equipment.

- **\$20,000 for Kiwanis Club of Nilgiri (Nepal):** Program for Sight Disabled School-aged Children (Phase II Signature Project); a KCF grant will support the purchase of additional medicines and supplies for the expansion of this project.
- **\$13,620 for Kiwanis Club of Klang (Malaysia):** Green Generation Adventure 2025, a KCF grant will support camp materials, transportation, educational resources, and program delivery for 150 children.
- **\$4,250 for Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix (Michigan):** Social Emotional Learning Library at Charlevoix Elementary School, a KCF grant will be used to purchase equipment, materials, sensory tools, durable furniture, lighting, and room enhancements for the SEL Library.
- **\$12,000 for Kiwanis Club of Montville (New Jersey):** Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry – Nourishing Children & Families in Need; a KCF grant will support two primary areas: purchasing high-quality, nutritious groceries and expanding the community garden.
- **\$17,000 for Fundación Club Kiwanis Sultana del Valle (Colombia):** Fortalecimiento de la autosostenibilidad financiera del Jardín Infantil Kiwanis Doña Julia; a KCF grant will support the purchase of furniture, kitchen equipment, and technology for the school.
- **\$26,000 for Kiwanis Club of Panama (Florida):** Panama City Kiwanis 100th Anniversary Playground; a KCF grant will support the purchase of the playset and shade elements.
- **\$19,000 for Kiwanis Club of Madras (Pacific Northwest):** Operation Rudolph 2025; a KCF grant will support the purchase of items that are rarely donated but essential, such as bicycle helmets, sports equipment, arts and crafts supplies, and personal hygiene items.
- **\$7,000 for Kiwanis of Fremont (Nebraska-Iowa):** Mobile Book Trailer, a KCF grant will support the purchase of 1,200 books, Kiwanis signage for the trailer's exterior, and help cover incidentals for assembling the mobile trailer.
- **\$7,000 for Kiwanis Club of East Yonkers (New York):** Project Howling: Embracing AU Wolves, a KCF grant would be used to support some construction costs, as well as the purchase of cabinets, labor, some appliances, and paint.

Motion adopted.

The report of the Grants Committee was accepted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE/INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The committee did not meet.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF 2025-26 KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BUDGET

Motion made by Vice President Richard A. Poulton, and seconded:

That the Kiwanis Children's Fund board approves the proposed budget with the increase of US\$32,156 for travel expense for fiscal year 2025-26 and a corresponding increase in revenue.

Motion adopted as amended.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – November 15, 2025

The next meeting of the Kiwanis Children's Fund Board of Trustees will be November 15, 2025, in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.

The meeting adjourned sine die on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 1:49 p.m. ET.