

## Kansas City Metro Council of Kiwanis International



June 11, 2011

A regular meeting of the Kansas City Metro Council of Kiwanis International was held Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at 4050 Pennsylvania Avenue #215, Kansas City, Missouri. The following members were present: Steve Russell, Dick Sneddon, Gary Goebel and Debbie Jones. Guest speaker Jerry Nunn also attended the meeting.

Steve Russell called the regular meeting to order.

The minutes of the meetings held on April 16 and May 21, 2011 were presented to the members in written form prior to the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as written.

There was no Treasurer's report this month, as Sue Ridings was unable to attend the meeting.

Jerry Nunn was introduced as the meeting's guest speaker from the Downtown Kansas City Kiwanis Club, and he gave a report on the Kiwanis Student Assistance Program. It began as Kiwanis Boysville of Greater Kansas City in the 1940's, modeled after Boys Town in Nebraska, to assist wayward boys. This program takes children who can't live at home and provides funds for housing and counseling so they can graduate from high school. Jerry stated that the program's success rate is 95%. Past fundraisers have included Pancake Day and gumball machines. Other Kiwanis clubs' participation in the program has decreased, and the Downtown Kansas City Kiwanis Club now runs this program. This year there were 29 students and costs per child were \$3,000. Jerry asked if other Kiwanis clubs in the Metro KC area would be interested in assisting with this program, and President Steve Russell suggested that the Council follow up on this project and advocate support from area Kiwanis clubs next fall.

It was reported that information is still coming in from area Kiwanis clubs regarding the Mom's Day Baby Shower results from this year's event.

It was reported that a new site has been approved for Victory Junction in our area.

Gary Goebel updated members on Growth Summit work in MO-ARK's Divisions 2, 3 and 4. Earl Forbes will be leading an Achieving Club Excellence workshop on Saturday, July 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Summit Ridge Academy, 2620 SW Ward Rd, Lees Summit, MO.

It was reported that the Rotarians won the Service Club Challenge at the T-Bones game this year.

Information was presented as to how Kiwanis clubs can assist with disaster relief in the Joplin, MO and Reading, KS areas. The President of the Joplin Kiwanis Club is Scott Pennington, and his club has its own foundation. Donations can be mailed to Larry Grueber, PO Box 1017, Joplin, MO 64802; put 'Joplin Tornado' on the memo line. Donations can be sent to the Topeka Red Cross, Attention: Joanne, 1221 SW 17<sup>th</sup>, Topeka KS 66604 for the Reading, Kansas disaster; note that the gift is from a Kiwanis club when you send in your donation. You can also send a contribution to the United Way of the Flint Hills, 702 Commercial Street, Suite 2-E, Emporia, KS 66801 with 'United Way Tornado Relief' on the memo line.

There are 2 new members in the Smithville Kiwanis Club and Blue Valley and North Kansas City each reported one new member.

The Raytown Three-Trails Kiwanis Club is having its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 17 at Teetering Rocks Golf Course, 12040 E 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

Club Leadership Training for incoming club officers in MO-ARK Divisions 3 and 4 is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the North Kansas City Library, 2251 Howell Street. Cost is \$25 for one or \$50 for two or more from the same club- RSVP to your Lt. Governor by June 13.

The Kiwanis International Convention is being held from July 7-10, 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Independence Trivia Night is on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at the Old Mexico Restaurant, 1032 E 23<sup>rd</sup> Street S at 6:00 p.m. Cost includes food and soda- RSVP Tawna Noftzger at [tawnanoft@gmail.com](mailto:tawnanoft@gmail.com).

The MO-ARK District Convention will be from August 4-7, 2011 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Online registration must be reserved prior to July 4 to guarantee a room at the Kiwanis rate listed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, September 17 at 8:30 a.m.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.



Deborah A. Jones, Secretary