



SWIS District (09)
General Session Minutes
October 22, 2011
Baraboo, WI



The First Quarter SWIS District Conference was called to order by Governor Bonnie Spindler at 8:15 AM. She welcomed all Optimists, JOOI members and guests.

Governor Spindler conducted the Parade of Banners, with UW Band Music playing in the background.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cory Ann St. Marie-Carls, Immediate Past Governor.

The Invocation was given by Steve Bailey, Past Governor. There was a moment of silence in remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist incident on 9/11. The song "The Sounds of Silence" was played in the background.

Introductions were conducted by Governor Bonnie Spindler. She introduced the JOOI members, Head Table, Past-Governor's, and First Timers. The Past-Governors presented Immediate Past Governor Cory Ann St. Marie-Carls with the ceremonial green jacket. Governor Spindler presented the 4 First-Timers with District pins.

The Business Session began at 8:45 AM

Governor Bonnie Spindler introduced Great Plains Vice President, Judy Boyd and her husband, OI Foundation Planned Giving representative Jim Boyd

Judy Boyd, VP Great Plains Region installed the SWIS District Board of Directors and JOOI Lt. Governor Carole Klopp

Consent Agenda:

SWIS 4th Quarter 2010-2011 Convention Minutes were presented. Motion by Jeremy Cairy, Monroe morning Optimist Club President and Second by Gary Engelke, Lt. Governor - Zone 6 to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

SWIS 4th Quarter 2010-2011 Year End Budget Report was presented. Motion by Kevin Austin, Lt. Governor - Zone 3 and Second by Marissa Rodriguez, Brodhead Optimist Club President to approve the unaudited year end budget report as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Old Business:

Governor Bonnie Spindler reminded the Board of Directors of the decisions at the 4th Quarter Convention to confirm Howard Crofoot as the SWIS District Secretary -

Treasurer and to approve the Platteville branch of Anchor Bank as the SWIS District depository.

Fred Dorn, SWIS OI Representative, presented OI Foundation Awards to clubs and individuals.

Dennis and Karen Skonecki informed the Conference attendees that there will be a 50/25/25 raffle. 50% of the proceeds will go to the OI Foundation. There will be 2 winners drawn - each winning 25% of the proceeds.

Jim Boyd, OI Foundation Planned Giving Committee member, spoke about giving to the OI Foundation. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the OI Foundation. There is a special promotion for a \$40 donation. He likes giving to the OI Foundation as a way to further the efforts of OI. He briefly mentioned the work of the Planned Giving Committee, Scholarship sponsors and the work of Past Governor Sue Kranz with the Women's Philanthropy Council.

New Business:

Governor Bonnie Spindler presented changes to SWIS District Policies as recommended by the Executive Committee. No Motion or Second necessary when presented by the Executive Committee. Recommended policy changes were approved by voice vote.

SWIS District Secretary - Treasurer Howard Crofoot presented the 2011-2012 Budget as recommended by the Executive Committee. No Motion or Second necessary when presented by the Executive Committee. Recommended budget was approved by voice vote.

The next Conference will be held on February 10-11, 2012 at the Hilton Gardens Inn, Middleton, WI

Governor - Elect Larry Barbera led the attendees in reciting the Optimist Creed

Motion to Adjourn was made by Joe Mundweiler, President of the Mukwonago Optimist Club. Second by Harry Robbins, President of the Janesville Tuesday Breakfast Optimist Club. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The 1st Quarter SWIS District Conference was adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Crofoot
SWIS Secretary-Treasurer 2011 - 2012