



### Board of Directors' Report

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### Summary of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of District 21 on November 20, 2024



On Wednesday November 20, 2024 there was a special meeting of the Board of Directors of District 21 that lasted under 40 minutes, a new record in efficiency. As a special meeting there was a limited agenda without officer and committee reports.

President Anne Hollingsworth called the meeting to order shortly after 6:30 PM. Secretary Ray Yuenger **called the roll**. 14 of the District's 21 units were represented.

The **minutes** of the regular meeting of September 11, 2024 were approved as circulated without correction.

Jackie Ortiz, chair of the nominating committee, announced that there will be **elections** for the District offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee Officer at our next regular board meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should email her. Ray said he'd solicit candidate statements to distribute to the board.

The meeting was turned over to Treasurer Lynn Bartz, who had distributed to the board a 12-page **General Budget** for 2025 and an 11-page **Tournament Budget** for 2025.

Lynn reported that the Sparks-Reno regional was well attended and D21 netted over \$8,000. Jefri Donovan said that the locals would prefer having regional events face-to-face on Sunday. Lynn supported the idea for working people. Ray reminded the group that special meetings are supposed to stick to the announced agenda, which did not include tournament planning.

Lynn invited questions on either of the budgets, as the Tournament Budget is part of the General Budget. In answer to a question, Lynn explained that the Goodwill Committee is included in General and Administrative and doesn't have its own line item. One meal is budgeted for a goodwill dinner and another meal is budgeted for a volunteer appreciation dinner.

Lynn pointed out the statement on the highlights page that "Net tournament profit of about \$71.5K more than covers the net total non-tournament budget expenses of about \$55.5K."

Lynn suggested that we do more in the area of member development, where money has been budgeted and not spent. Jackie O. asked what happened to the speaker program we used to have. Ray answered that the Growth Committee had discussed updating the speaker program, since the list of approved speakers was 10 years old, but little progress has been made. Lynn explained that the expenses for 2024 were youth grants and a teaching program in February. Ray said that the Growth Committee is looking for volunteers.

There was discussion of the Pianola/Marketing Services proposal that had been circulated to the board. The proposal is that D21 enter a new contract with Pianola for 2025 that would not only allow D21 to promote its regionals but allow all the D21 Units unlimited email credits to promote their tournaments and events with Pianola for a flat price. The new contract allows everyone to use rich text format templates at no extra cost. Not only would D21 provide email credits to units, it would reimburse 12 units already using Pianola to the extent of their unused credits.

Lynn said that Art Mirin would like D21 to immediately enter the new contract so his unit could start publicizing an upcoming sectional. Lynn explained that these costs were not in the 2024 budget, so it will



require the Executive Committee to authorize the expense for 2024. She wanted the board to be aware of this impending action by the Executive Committee.

Jim Coke moved to approve the budget. Ray seconded the motion. Ray counted 17 votes in favor by a show of hands and no nays.

Anne mentioned that the next Board meeting is scheduled for January 29. (That date has been changed subsequently to February 5.)