



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, MD-2, DISTRICT 2-S2

1st Cabinet Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2024

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den



IN ATTENDANCE:

DG Bill Simpson (*)	FVDG Mike George (*)	SVDG Kevin Smith (*)
IPDG Neil Lander (*)	Lion Heather McConnell	Lion Minette Chiu (*)
Lion Paul McConnell (*)	Lion Bob Martin (*)	Lion Brian Kelley (*)
Lion Shelia Thomas (*)	Lion Karen Moore (*)	Lion Paul Yackley (*)
Lion Jennifer Applegate (*)	Lion Patti Dugan (*)	PDG Mark Roth
PDG Lisa Free-Martin	Lion Phyllis Thomas	PDG Chuck Martin
PDG Chris Moorman	PDG Rick Reynolds	PDG Tony Austin
Lion Leslie Taylor	Lion John Taylor	Lion Nancy Chesbro
PDG Art Drouin	Lion Carol Barnett	Lion Jo George
Lion Russell McKinney	Lion Joe	Lion Albert Harvey
Lion Anitra Quinn	Lion Thelma Johnson	Lion Ada Garrett
Lion Sahar Khurshad	Lion Ladoris Cates	Lion Igra Mirza
Lion Kashif Khan		

I CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by DG Bill @ 9:10 am

II The invocation was led by FVDG Lion Mike George.

III The Pledge to the Flags was led by SVDG Kevin Smith.

IV QUORUM – Lion Minette – A quorum was established.

V DISTRICT GOVERNOR (DG) COMMENTS AND DISTRICT GOALS REVIEW

- DG Bill expressed his appreciation to everyone for coming to our first cabinet meeting.
- FORMATION OF CABINET. PDG Chris Moorman installed the cabinet officers and district chairpersons. District 2-S2 Cabinet has been officially formed.
- DG Bill stated that the theme for this year is Service-Ship. We will be partnering with other organizations. We need to attract more Gen-X populations. He also discussed membership growth and how to avoid dropping members. There is a plan for membership drive in spring and fall seasons.
- DG Bill presented the result of the SWOT/Risk Analysis held on March 16, 2024. Copies were distributed.
- DG Bill presented his goals for the year. Copies were distributed.
 - Goal 1 Establish new Lions Clubs (PDG Chuck)
 - Goal 2 Membership Goals (Lion Emee & Lion Phyllis)
 - Goal 3 Service Projects (PDG Mark)
 - Goal 4 Leadership Trainings (PDG Lisa)
 - Other Goals
- For district projects: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Sunshine Kits, Bikes for children for Christmas.

- DG Bill talked about LCI President Fabrizio Oliveira. He is a very impressive individual who spoke about leadership. His motto is “Make Your Mark”.

Lion Sahar from the Houston Pakistani-American Lions Club asked how the new clubs can get funding for their service projects. FVDG Mike announced that their club is having their charter night on August 24, 2024. This event can be a fundraiser.

- DISASTER RESPONSE - our district received a grant of \$20K from LCIF due to Hurricane Beryl. Our district ALERT chair Wes Carr purchased some equipment to help those people whose homes were damaged. PDG Rick asked where to store the equipment. Lion Hollywood offered the Magnolia Lions Club’s 20 ft storage for this purpose.
- GRANTS - DG Bill also discussed the different grants that we received from LCIF for the disasters last May and Hurricane Beryl. PDG Chuck clarified that each club can only have one (1) open grant.
- UNIVERSITY – PDG Lisa reported that there were 41 participants at the Lions University training on June 29th. The training scheduled for July 13th was cancelled due to the hurricane and power outage. The next training is tentatively scheduled on August 17th. She said that if the zone chairs need help, Lion Hollywood can help them. The ELLI training will most likely be held at Texas Lions Camp.
- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – DG Bill stated that he saw the membership passport that was being done by District 2-S4 and it would be a good idea to replicate it. Lion Brian stated that he used to be with 2-S4 and this process is very successful. FVDG Mike stated that this passport is a road map to new members.
- DANDELION AWARD – DG Bill stated that this will be announced at the PSC Meeting.
- FIVE-YEAR PLAN – DG Bill said that this was prepared to plan for the service projects that the district would like to engage in year after year, state convention, and membership drive. FVDG Mike enumerated the different projects that the district can engage in such as the bicycle project for next year, district yard signs for those who used our equipment, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, promote the district via TV coverage and social media. SVDG Kevin also said that they have prepared a 60-page five-year plan, and they welcome everyone’s input. This will be posted on the website.

VI BUDGET/FINANCIAL REPORT

Lion Heather presented the banking resolution. There are new signatories, Lion Paul McConnell and SVDG Kevin Smith. Lion Paul made a motion to approve the banking resolution as presented. Lion Shelia seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Lion Heather presented the budget proposal and financial report, which were posted on the website, and was reviewed. PDG Tony made a motion to approve the budget and financial report as presented. PDG Rick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The financial report was discussed in detail. Only 75% of clubs participated in the 100% charity contribution. The first grant received this year is the Leadership Grant of \$500. There are several grants that the district can apply for such as membership grant and marketing grant. DG Bill suggested that selling pins for different global causes could be a fundraiser for our service projects.

For the district convention, we should set the goal of 200 to be registered by the next cabinet meeting on October 19th. PDG Chris stated that the zone chairs need to go to the clubs and inform them about the convention on April 25th & 26th. Lion Dr. Anitra suggested offering incentives to those who sponsors

a table. SVDG Mike also suggested giving discounts for early registration. There was a discussion on the form of payments for the convention. Lion Brian made a motion to accept electronic form of payment. Lion Dr. Anitra seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

The 100% charity contribution part of the budget proposal was discussed in detail. There were some adjustments made. PDG Lisa moved to approve the budget proposal as discussed and amended. PDG Rick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

VII GAT DISCUSSION

- GET - PDG Chuck submitted his report, which is posted on the website. PDG Chuck and FVDG Mike reported that they have been visiting the Crosby area since mid-June and trying to re-establish the club in that area. They are still looking for a sponsor. It will either be Huffman LC or Huntsville LC. SVDG Mike also reported that a lady in New Caney approached him and requested him to help her start a club in the area. Lion Hollywood mentioned that Lion Dr. Anitra and the Houston Lady Lions would like to sponsor a men's club.
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- GST – PDG Mark reported that there are two (2) service projects that he identified. Hunger & homelessness. In Conroe/Pasadena – we will have active services in these areas. In Humble, food service in the area on Thanksgiving. For environmental, tree planting and park clean-up. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is also one of the service projects that he is looking at. They have many locations in Montgomery County. There are still 100 spots available for September 7th with registrations for many different activities. Bunks Across America at Willowbrook is also another service project.
- GLT – PDG Lisa announced the District 2-S2 Lions University to be held on August 17th at Lone Star College, North Harris.
- GMT – Lion Emee is not in attendance. Lion Kevin reported on her behalf. The new lions club Houston Pakistani-American will have their charter night on August 24th and she is asking to support this new club.

VIII PEACE POSTER – Lion Leslie reported that she received some interest during the PSC Meeting. The deadline for submission of entries is November 15th.

IX OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – PDG Rick reported on how the program is carried out. He and Lion Marla will go to clubs and present this opportunity.

X LEO – Lion Nancy reported that there will be a state Leo meeting in Kerrville on August 3rd. The Leos will meet LCI President Fabrizio Oliveira. The District Leo Forum will be held on August 10th. She is working with state Leo advisor Nancy Smith. She stated that it was mentioned during the PSC meeting that the fines collected by the tail twister will go to the Leos.

XI ZONE CHAIR UPDATES

- ZONE 1 – Lion Stedman was not in attendance. No report.
- ZONE 2 - Lion Hollywood submitted his report, which is posted on the website. He wants to support everybody in any way he can.
- ZONE 3 – Lion Gary was not in attendance. No report.
- ZONE 4 - Lion Brian reported that Nassau Bay LC is down two (2) members. There were no answers or return calls from Hardin LC. Barbers Hill has a club dispute and will need conflict resolution. Dayton Noon LC, Liberty LC, Anahuac LC and Baytown LC are healthy and active clubs. Dayton Noon Lions sponsored their first zone meeting.
- ZONE 5 – Lion Valerie was not in attendance. DG Bill stated that she is very busy with her non-profit organization with the veterans and wanted to step down. He asked her to stay for a while.

- ZONE 6 – DG Bill appointed Lion Thelma for this position, which she gladly accepted.
- ZONE 7 – Lion Kari McMurray was not in attendance. No report.

XII CONVENTION COMMITTEE – The committee will meet after the meeting for preliminary discussion. DG Bill welcomed volunteers for this committee.

XIII ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEES

Disaster Preparedness – DG Bill announced that there is a need for this committee and volunteers. PDG Lisa and Lion Hollywood will chair this committee along with Lion Sheila. Lion Thelma volunteered to speak to the seniors because some of them do not know how to answer certain questions to be able to receive assistance.

Membership Retention – DG Bill stated that we need volunteers to call the Lions and perform a survey.

XIV TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION – PDG Chuck submitted his report, which is posted on the website. He mentioned the guidelines on grant approvals.

XV TEXAS LIONS CAMP - Lion Karen and Lion Sheila submitted their reports and they are posted on the website. There is a board meeting for TLC Directors on August 3rd. They will contact the clubs and schedule their presentation. They are working on the Bob Dowden Dinner to be scheduled on the same day as the Mid-Winter Conference to attract more attendees to both events.

XVI LCIF – PDG Paul is not in attendance. On his behalf, PDG Mark presented the board for drawing with a chance for MJF.

XVII LCI PORTAL – Lion Karen asked if anyone needs assistance to contact her.

XVIII RECOGNITION – DG Bill gave pins to those who helped him with the district goals and to those who brought members in.

XIX ADJOURNMENT

There being no further topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lion Minette Chiu
District Secretary

Date: 08/14/24

NOTE: All electronically submitted reports are posted on the district's website