



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

2<sup>ND</sup> Cabinet Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2024

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den



### IN ATTENDANCE:

#### (\*) Quorum

FVDG Mike George (*)	IPDG Neil Lander (*)	Lion Heather McConnell
Lion Minette Chiu (*)	Lion Paul McConnell (*)	Lion Carol Barnett (*)
Lion Stedman Douglas (*)	Lion Bob Martin (*)	Lion Brian Kelley (*)
Lion Phyllis Thomas (*)	Lion Marla Reynolds (*)	Lion Robert Jerome Teichmiller (*)
Lion Paul Yackley (*)	Lion Jennifer Applegate (*)	Lion Patti Dugan (*)
PDG Chuck Martin	PDG Tony Austin	PDG Rick Reynolds
PDG Art Drouin	PDG Paul Moore	PCC Joe Bocklage
Lion Jo George	Lion Leslie Taylor	Lion John Taylor
Lion Nancy Chesbro	Lion Dr. Sherell Harrell	Lion Albert Harvey

I CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by FVDG Mike George 9:05 am. @ 9:10 am

II The invocation was led by FVDG Lion Mike George.

III The Pledge to the Flags was led by PDG Chuck Martin.

#### IV DISTRICT GOVERNOR (DG) COMMENTS

- FVDG Mike announced that PDG Mark Roth has informed him that he does not think that he can fulfill his position at this time. Lion Patti volunteered to temporarily assume PDG Mark's position
- FVDG Mike stated that we have a zone chair whose club is in the neighboring zone. He said that SVDG Kevin did a thorough study of the zones and proposed moving the Houston Lady Lions to Zone 6 where Lion Thelma is the zone chair and move Houston Royal Oaks to Zone 5. Lion Phyllis volunteered to be the chairperson for Zone 5.
- FVDG Mike gave an update on DG Bill's health condition. DG Bill sounded like his usual self. He has a pacemaker and is on the list for heart transplant. FVDG Mike is asking for continued prayers for DG Bill.

V. QUORUM – Lion Minette – With the appointment of Lion Phyllis as Zone Chair for Zone 6, A quorum has been established.

VI Review and Approval of Minutes from July meeting. PDG Chuck made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting in July. PDG Rick seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor. **The motion was passed.**

## VII DISTRICT GOALS REVIEW

- a. Disaster Response – not discussed
- b. Grants – FVDG Mike stated that he sent the email out yesterday for the Leo grant.
- c. University – not discussed
- d. Extension – PDG Chuck submitted his report online.
- e. Membership Drive – FVDG Mike asked how many are utilizing the blue booklet and how many have asked someone to be a Lion? He stated that there will be a drawing later today for the three (3) cards that were submitted for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. He is hoping that there will be more cards in the future. He stressed the importance of getting more members.
- f. Dandelion Award – District Convention registration is extended until November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those who register by this deadline is eligible for the Dandelion Award.
- g. Five-Year Plan – The DG Team has been working on this plan. They need more people to step up into the leadership role.

## VIII GAT DISCUSSIONS:

- a. Global Extension Team (GET) – PDG Chuck already reported earlier, and his report is on the website.
- b. Global Service Team (GST) – No report.
- c. Global Leadership Team (GLT) – PDG Lisa Free-Martin is in San Angelo to give a seminar for the Vice District Governors.
- d. Global Membership Team (GMT) – Lion Emea is out of state, but she sent her report to Lion Phyllis. She reported +17 in membership growth. We need to invite more people to join our service projects and have more informational meetings. Membership challenge continues. Lion Emea received two (2) cards to be included in the drawing for the membership drive contest for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The LCI Campaign 's Mission 1.5 needs to start at the district leadership level. Tools and resources can be found on the LCI website. We have three (3) more quarters to work on membership. Contact Lion Emea for entry forms and the blue book. The plan for the generational membership and recruitment strategies has been rescheduled. Lion Emea encourages everyone's participation and input.

Membership Drive Contest winner for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is Houston Lady Lions Club.

- IX PEACE POSTER CONTEST - Lion Leslie Taylor announced that the contest entry must be postmarked by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Judging of posters will be held at the P&S Council Meeting. A sticker must be placed on the back of the winning poster. PDG Tony Austin stated that the sticker is very critical based on their previous experience.
- X OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH - PDG Rick Reynolds reported that their goal was to have five (5) clubs involved. At present, they have three (3) clubs. They have given presentations to Liberty LC, Montgomery LC, Cy Fair LC, and Dayton Noon LC, two of those clubs are interested. For many years, Conroe Noon LC and Cut and Shoot Family LC have always participated in this youth contest. Lion Minette stated that Houston Royal Oaks is also participating. PDG Rick & Lion Marla are excited to get more clubs involved.

XI LEO CLUBS – Lion Nancy Chesbro's report is on the website.

XII ZONE CHAIR UPDATES:

ZONE 1 - Lion Stedman Douglas – He had visited 3 clubs. On membership growth, his zone has added two (2) new members but has not yet been inducted. He also attended two (2) community service projects. His plan is to implement and execute membership growth and retention. He will collaborate with other zone chairs.

ZONE 2 – Lion Bob Hollywood Martin submitted his report.

- Conroe Noon LC - Lion Hollywood visited Conroe Noon LC on Wednesday. He described how they conducted their membership drive. They're currently doing an ask me to ROAR membership drive. They also had a challenge between the men and women. Everyone had a blast. They have Service Saturday and have scheduled 7 Saturdays throughout the whole year.
- The Woodlands LC – He visited the club on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Their club is a small group, but he was impressed because each member was involved. They had a vision screening. Their Wildflower Festival is on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Cut & Shoot Family LC – He visited the club on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Lion Brian Kelly was their speaker that evening. He did an amazing job as he talked about the opioid crisis. The club is extremely busy with multiple projects. They have the Dictionary Project for the school kids. They rebuilt a porch for a family. They are preparing for their Hoe Down next year.
- Huntsville LC – He visited the club on Oct 10 with FVDG Mike & SVDG Kevin. They are working on a Coat Drive for school kids. They received a grant and should have over 500 coats. They also installed a new member on that day.
- Panorama LC – He is scheduled to visit their club on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Lake Conroe Centennial LC – They had a car show October 12<sup>th</sup>, and he assisted with judging. They had about 35 cars. They had a good turnout.
- Magnolia LC – They gave a sponsorship to SOS for their Pumpkin and Purses Bingo on October 24<sup>th</sup>. They are also starting a Coat Drive.
- Magnolia Tri-County – They have senior citizens bingo on the second Tuesday of every month.
- Willis LC – No contact.

Conroe Noon LC is hosting the next Zone Meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

ZONE 3 – Lion Gary Fritz – Not present. No report submitted

ZONE 4 – Lion Brian Kelly reported that there are few problematic clubs in his zone.

- Nassau Bay LC is down to very few members left. He tried to contact
- Hardin LC – He is having difficulty contacting them. He was able to contact some of the members on the list, but they said that they had not been involved with the Lions for several years.
- Barbers Hills LC – They have a conflict that needs to be resolved but they have members.
- Dayton Noon LC, Liberty LC, Anahuac LC, and Baytown LC are healthy clubs. They are actively reporting on LCI.

- Anahuac LC – He has not visited their club because their location is quite far, but he will visit them in the next month or two. They only have one meeting per month.
- Dayton Noon LC is sponsoring a Zone Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

ZONE 5 - Lion Phyllis Thomas was just appointed.

ZONE 6 – Lion Thelma was not present. No report submitted.

ZONE 7 - Lion Kari McMurray was not present. FVDG Mike asked everyone to continue praying for Lion Kari's father and her family.

FVDG Mike stated that these reports are very important. If any zone chair is having problems, reach out to the regional chairs and the district governor's team.

### XIII FINANCIAL REPORT

Lion Heather reported that she is working on the N-990. It is not due until May. She thanked PDG Chuck for his guidance.

Lion Paul reported that he found a CPA named Matthew Gerdin has agreed to conduct our audit of 2023. He believes he can conduct it within our budget of \$4000 but wants to see how complicated it is first. To that end, he has connected him with Lion Heather so she can provide him with the documents he needs. Matt says that once he has reviewed everything, he'll be able to solidify his quote and generate an engagement letter.

PDG Chuck asked where do we stand with the accountant who was working on it before he became IPDG.. Lion Heather said that she has not spoken with him this fiscal year but that she will follow up.

FVDG Mike announced that there are pins for childhood cancer and diabetes available for purchase. Lion Heather reported the total amount sold for childhood cancer pins is \$170 and for diabetes pins is \$140.

### XIV MID-WINTER CONFERENCE/CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Zoom call is set up next Thursday. Lion Heather reported that the committee has been having periodic meetings for the Mid-Winter Conference and Bob Dowden. Items for silent auctions are needed. As of today, there are only 20 people who have registered. District Convention deadline is November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mid-Winter Conference deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Table sponsorships are available for Bob Dowden Dinner and District Convention. Sponsoring a Leo is encouraged. Discounts available for hotel stay. If there is anyone who cannot attend, you can still make a contribution.

### XV ASSIGN COMMITTEES (DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, GENERATIONAL FOCUS GROUPS, RETENTION, MEMBERSHIP EVENTS)

The Generational Focus Group meeting was scheduled for Saturday after DG Bill was admitted into the hospital, so it was cancelled. Lion Emee is out of the country but will be back on October 23. The meeting will be rescheduled. FVDG Mike encouraged everyone to invite potential members to meetings or service projects.. He said that a Phone Committee will be organized to call members recently dropped and ask only two questions: (1) Why they left and (2) What would it take for them to reinstate their membership.

XVI RECOGNITIONS

FVDG Mike has LCI Mission 1.5 pins for those who have sponsored members since July 1<sup>st</sup>.

XVII TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION – PDG Chuck Martin

There are two (2) types of grants: (1) Emergency Grant for natural disaster. The request for this grant needs to be submitted to PDG Chuck no later than 10 days after the event. (2) Humanitarian Grant request needs to be submitted to PDG Chuck 45 days prior to the board meeting, which is usually the day before the Council of Governors Meeting.

XVIII OTHER MATTERS

- PDG Rick reported tail twisting collection of \$50.
- PDG Art requested that the next cabinet meeting be scheduled at 9:30 am. FVDG Mike said that he will take it into consideration.

XIX ADJOURNMENT

There being no further topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Lion Minette Chiu*  
*District Secretary*

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