



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 2-S2

2nd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2023

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den



IN ATTENDANCE:

DG Lion Neil Lander
IPDG Lion Paul Moore
PDG Chuck Martin
PDG Art Drouin
Lion Shelia Thomas
Lion Jennifer Applegate
Lion Emee Nisnisan
Lion Jion Taylor

FVDG Lion Bill Simpson
Lion Rafael Perez
PDG Rick Reynolds
Lion Suzie Vestal
Lion Robert Jerome Teichmiller
Lion Patti Dugan
Lion Marla Reynolds
Lion Paul Hancock

FVDG Lion Mike George
Lion Minette Chiu
PDG Tony Austin
Lion Valerie James
Lion Paul Yackley
Lion Phyllis Thomas
Lion Leslie Taylor
Lion Celeste Martin

Guest: Leo Tina Ly

I Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by PDG Chuck Martin at 9:35 am.

The invocation was led by SVDG Lion Mike George.

The Pledge to the Flags was led by FVDG Lion Bill Simpson.

II Quorum There was a quorum.

III DISTRICT GOVERNOR (DG) COMMENTS:

DG Neil welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation for their attendance. He presented the district's website updated by PDG Tony Austin. A password is needed to view important information of the district.

DG Neil presented a PowerPoint of the Lions International President's Dr. Patti's goal., which is "Change the World". Enhance Membership & Service, Mission 1.5, Emphasis on Environment. Let the world know who we are and what we do and to support LCIF.

DG Neil reviewed the district goals: 1) Extension, 2) Membership, 3) Service projects, 4) Leadership trainings. Regarding membership, there will be incentives for the clubs with increased membership. He stated that if the district has 25 positive members by the end of December, we will have a drawing at the first PSC Meeting in January 2024 for clubs who qualify. Lion Marla asked if the Leos can be included in the membership, DG Neil stated that this is only for Lions.

DG Neil showed a list of 54 service projects accomplished by the Houston Unity Lions and commended Lion Tina Nguyen, former president, for an outstanding service. He also mentioned that there are some active clubs that are not reporting their service projects.

Regarding Leadership Training, there are 120 trainings for club presidents, secretaries, and treasurers. We had 14 members who attended the USA-Canada forum which is a good representation.

Club visitation is also one of his goals. He mentioned some clubs have already approached him for the DG visitation.

DG Neil thanked PDG Tony for doing a great job on the website.

DG Neil explained what his logo means and his motto, ACE, which means having fun while providing service and obtaining membership growth.

- IV Approval of Minutes from the 1st Cabinet Meeting – PDG Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes. PDG Tony seconded. All were in favor. The **Motion was carried.**

V FINANCIAL REPORT

Lion Rafael reported no update as of now. PDG Chuck made a motion to approve the Financials as posted on the district's website. Lion Tank seconded. There was some discussion but after every question was answered, all were in favor. No other discussion followed. All were in favor. The **Motion was carried.**

VI. GAT Team

- a. GLT-D - PDG Lisa Free-Martin is in Kerrville providing First Vice District Governor training.
- b. GET-D - PDG Mark Roth is at work. He is creating a team to start a new club at the new Generation Park. DG Neil is looking into developing the Sheldon ISD and the Cinco Ranch LC. He will work on Cold Springs.
- c. GST-D - Lion Patti submitted her report, which is posted on the website. She briefly reported the result of the Susan G Komen Race for a Cure in Houston. She is working on coordinating a food drive in November. She is going to talk to HROL C about some upcoming events they are doing. Lion Emee stated that HROL C is planning a Fall for Lionism Membership Orientation on November 18 and new members will be inducted at that time. She also mentioned about some refugees from Afghanistan and other countries who need help. Lion Patti also reported that the next planned district service project is bed-building at Sleep in Heavenly Peace.
- d. GMT-D – HROL C is hosting a new member orientation this coming Saturday, October 28th, and they are getting ready to induct at least 4 new members. As a result of their last health fair on September 23rd in collaboration with TLC Director Lion Shelia Thomas, Houston Fil-Am Lions Club and Houston Indus Lions Club. Lion Emee asked all the zone chairs to encourage the stronger clubs to share their activities with other clubs who are having difficulty with their membership and service projects. HROL C is also planning to have a symposium on pediatric cancer, and they will share it with other clubs.
- e. GMA-D – FVDG Lion Bill submitted his report. He stated that he sent out emails to the zone chairs to advise him of their zone meetings. He submitted a grant request to LCI for new club development. Another grant that is available is \$9000 from LCIF to be used for district/club service project.

VII OTHER REPORTS:

PDG Chuck mentioned about the Kindness Matters Award from LCI and that he is working on it.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – Lion Marla submitted her report, and nothing has changed since the report. She sent letters to club presidents asking them if they considering having students enter the contest. Information regarding the contest was on the Monday Memo.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST – SVDG Lion Mike sent out an email to all presidents and secretaries and reminded them about the deadline for submission of entries. If anyone has any questions to send him an email.

A discussion about Brookshire Pattison LC and Katy Lions Club followed. DG Neil stated that Lion Paul McDonald transferred to the Katy Lions Club and Lion Tank will be transferring from the Cinco Ranch LC to Katy LC.

VIII DG Neil introduced Leo Tina Ly from Anahuac HS and Anahuac Leo Club. Their club has 72 registered members, and they are very active. Leo Tina talked about growing up in Anahuac, her LEO experience, and their club activities. PDG Rick suggested to have their Leo Club look into the Opportunities for Youth Scholarship. Lion Marla also mentioned about the Lions Camp Workday that maybe their club can be involved in. Leo Tina will bring all these information back to her club. She thanked the district for giving her the opportunity to speak about her Leo experience.

IX DG Neil showed a video of the Seal Beach Lions Club.

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X CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

- PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT 2-S2 REVISIONS – PDG Chuck briefly reviewed the revisions. There is a lot of information to be added (in red) and some revisions (in green). He asked everyone to go to the district website, copy, and read thru, approve or disapprove, before putting on the ballot.
- 12 clubs have not paid their LCI dues and some clubs also have not paid their district dues.
- Zone Chair Lion Suzie Vestal – possibly doing ZOOM with some clubs.
- Zone Chair Lion Valerie James submitted her report and is posted on the website. She thanked DG Neil and Lion Phyllis (Guiding Lion) for their help. She also reported that Montrose Lions are putting in their service projects.
- Zone Chair Lion Tank reported that he has not done anything yet but will do a lot by February.
- CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Rick

Bob Dowden Dinner is scheduled on Friday, January 26, 2024 at the Hilton Houston North. The theme will be Valentine's Day. The cost is \$75 and it is a buffet dinner.

Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled on January 27, 2024 at the same hotel with continental breakfast.

District Convention will be held on April 26th & 27th , 2024 at the Marriott Hotel. Liberty Lions will host the hospitality room. Registration is \$145 for both days.

- DISTRICT HALL OF FAME – PDG Rick announced the deadline for submission is December 31st.
- LCIF – IPDG Paul stated that funds are still needed. He will visit the clubs to give a presentation. and will challenge every club president to donate \$10 towards LCIF.
- LCI PLATFORM – PDG Tony stated that the update is looking “bleak”. District communication is also up and running with PawPrints and Monday Memos.

XI ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lion Sheila reported that Lion Ladoris Cates fell and is in Nacogdoches Hospital.
- Lion Valerie is busing veterans to a ranch in Rosharon. It is a joint effort between Districts 2-S2 and 2-S4.
- Lion Patti thanked DG Neil for our cabinet T-shirts.

XII RESOLUTIONS – There are no resolutions.

XIII ADJOURNMENT

There being no further topics to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.

Submitted by:

Lion Minette Chiu & Lion Marla Reynolds

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