



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 2-S2

4th Cabinet Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2024

Houston Cy-Fair Lions Den



IN ATTENDANCE:

DG Neil Lander (*)	FVDG Bill Simpson (*)	SVDG Mike George (*)
IPDG Paul Moore (*)	Lion Heather McConnell	Lion Minette Chiu (*)
Lion Kevin Smith (*)	Lion Suzie Vestal (*)	Lion Carol Barnett (*)
Lion Kari McMurray (*)	Lion Erin Applegate (*)	Lion Paul Yackley (*)
PDG Lisa Free-Martin	Lion Patti Dugan	Lion Emee Nisnisan
Lion Phyllis Thomas	PDG Mark Roth	PDG Chris Moorman
Lion Marla Reynolds	Lion Leslie Taylor	Lion John Taylor
PDG Tony Austin	Lion Nancy Chesbro	Lion Lucy Gonzales
PDG Art Drouin	Lion Paul McConnell	Lion Karen Moore
Lion Jo George	Lion Bob Martin	

I CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by DG Neil at 9:31 am.

II The invocation was led by FVDG-E Lion Mike George.

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

IV QUORUM – Lion Minette – A quorum was established.

V APPROVAL OF 3RD CABINET MEETING MINUTES – Lion Suzie Vestal made a motion to approve the minutes. FVDG-E Mike George seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

Motion was carried.

VI DISTRICT GOVERNOR (DG) COMMENTS:

- DG Neil appreciated everyone for coming to the meeting.
- He reviewed the district's goals and accomplishments. (see attached)
 - Goal #1 - We are in the process of establishing one (1) Lions Club, the Houston Pakistani American Lions Club. They are just waiting for two (2) more members to join and they are ready to submit their application. DG Neil thanked Lion Emee for all her efforts in organizing this new club. The district is working on forming 2 or 3 Leo Clubs. Lion Nancy stated they are still working on it and will not be until school starts.
 - Goal #2 – (see attached). We have less Lions leaving.
 - Goal #3 – We are doing excellent on the service projects. We have more clubs reporting their service projects. These numbers are from both Lions and Leos combined.
 - Goal #4 - Leadership Trainings – We had two (2) officer training events. Trainings for the club's president, secretary, & treasurer are needed for the club to qualify for the Club Excellence Award. We have far-exceeded the goal for leadership training. This was made possible by the leadership forum in September 2023 organized by PDG Lisa and PDG Mark with three (3) districts. There was a great number of attendees.
 - Other goals were also excellent.

- DG Neil asked everyone to continue to be master's as we finish off this year.
- The state convention in Amarillo was well-attended. Past international president Brian Sheehan and his wife were there. They both expressed their thoughts on our district and gave a presentation promoting lionism. The State Hall of Fame was awarded to PDG Betty Ezell. She was not able to attend the event due to health issues. Her sister, Caroline, accepted the award on her behalf and read her acceptance speech.
- DG Neil visited some places in Amarillo, particularly the Canyon Lions Club. He showed a picture of a playground that was built in honor of Kylie Hiner with the involvement of LCIF. He also showed a picture of a trailer which was purchased through LCIF by the Amarillo Lions Club, which has been used for disaster relief.
- DG Neil announced that Lion Scott Perry is running for Texas Lions Camp secretary, and he is asking all Lions to support Lion Scott.
- DG Neil stated that there are still some clubs that have not reported their officers. Reports must be submitted to LCI by July 1st. The new portal is a little slow in updating.
- DG Neil gave recognition awards to all zone chairs. Unfortunately, Lion Bill Hogan was not able to attend due to his knee replacement surgery. He will receive the highest award for the number of clubs reporting service. He commended all zone chairs for a job well done.

VII DISASTER RELIEF/GRANTS

DG Neil commented on the flood disaster during the month of May, which impacted 6 counties. He stated that he asked some clubs who are familiar in those affected areas and asked them to assess the needs in those areas. PDG Chuck also worked with the Texas Lions Foundation for a \$3000 grant assistance. Conroe Noon Lions Club provided \$4000 worth of undergarments, Cut and Shoot LC assisted six (6) families.

VIII FINANCIAL UPDATES

Lion Heather submitted her Financial Report which was posted on the website. FVDG-Elect Lion Mike moved to approve the financial report as submitted. Lion Suzie seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor. **The motion was carried.**

Lion Heather also asked for the approval of Form 990. FVDG-Elect Lion Mike made a motion to approve Form 990 as posted on the website. Lion Kari McMurray seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor. **The motion passed.**

DG-Elect Bill asked about the status of the financial review. Lion Heather stated that she submitted all the financials to Woody Matthews who is currently the District Governor for 2E2. She has already followed up with him. DG Neil stated that Woody Matthews is a retired CPA, and he promised to do the review for free.

IX GAT-S HIGHLIGHTS IN THE YEAR IN REVIEW

- GLT-D - PDG Lisa Free-Martin submitted her report, and it is posted on the website. She discussed the importance of the club officers training for past, present, and future leaders. DG Lisa presented the District 2-S2 University that was put together by DG-Elect Bill Simpson. She asked for the help of all leaders to encourage their club officers to attend this training. All information is available on the website. PDG Paul asked about the Guiding Lion training. DG-Elect Bill stated that a minimum of seven (7) guiding lions are needed for the training to be added on the same event. DG Neil stated that we have two (2) new guiding lions, Lion Phyllis and PDG Chuck.

- GET-D – PDG Mark asked GMT-D Lion Emee to give the update.
 - Lion Emee stated that she is grateful and proud that she is in District 2S2. She thanked DG Neil and DG-Elect Bill for giving her the opportunity to serve as GMT.
 - Encouraged everyone to bring in at least one member and hopefully, we will be positive by the end of the lion year. She suggested some ways on how to invite people with the same passion to serve.
 - Houston Indus LC is thriving. They have already elected their new officers and are getting ready for their induction. They are also doing service projects. T
 - The Houston Lady Lions are getting enthusiastic. Their club president attended the PSC Meeting. With the help of Lion Phyllis, Lion Emee believes that they will do great this year.
 - A new lions club is being formed. She acknowledged PDG Mark and DG Neil for attending and for their guidance. The informational meeting was held last Sunday, which was attended by 25 people. Of the 25, 18 submitted their application. They need two (2) more members to be chartered and they are working on it.

DG Neil encouraged all the clubs to reach out to their members who have not paid their dues and not to drop members due to nonpayment of dues. Lion Emee suggested that the treasurer send invoices to the members and the other officers should also assist the treasurer in reaching out to them.

- GST-D – Lion Patti Dugan
 - The Sleep in Heavenly Peace project was amazing. She was surprised by the response that she received from volunteers. She asked for 100 bedding sets, but she received 147. It was a success, and it was very well appreciated.
 - She planned a card campaign for pediatric cancer patients at the Texas Children's Hospital. She spoke with their volunteer coordinator who declined the project and said that they do not want them.
 - She also planned an outdoor environmental project, but it did not work because of the continuous rain and flood. The focus was then directed to just helping families. She shared her experience with one of the families that they helped who encountered many challenges. She stated that they fulfilled everything that they could for that family. Overall, she said that it was a very good experience and a good feeling to be of service to the community. Although this was primarily a district project, she thinks it can still be considered as one because of the concerted efforts of multiple clubs doing the same thing at the same time in their respective communities.
- GMT-D Coordinator – Lion Phyllis Thomas
 - Lion Phyllis is happy with the outcome of the Houston Lady Lions. They were having some trouble with transitioning from outgoing to incoming officers. There was no plan for a succession of officers. She will continue working with them and get them back on track.
- GMA-C – FVDG Bill Simpson's report is posted on the website.

DG Neil reported that the Houston Sports LC donated \$12,000 for disaster relief.

- X TEXAS LIONS CAMP DIRECTORS – Lion Shelia Thomas/Lion Kari McMurray
- Bob Dowden Dinner raised around \$37,000.
 - Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament – DG Neil stated that this is another opportunity to support the TLC
- XI HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUND – Chair DGE Bill Simpson
- Three (3) requests have been processed to date for a prosthetic leg, prosthetic eye, and bathroom repair.
- XII OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – PDG Rick & Lion Marla Reynolds
- Report was submitted and posted on the website. The contest was held during the Mid-Winter Conference. A total of eight (8) students participated. First place winners were awarded \$1000, 2nd place was \$600, and 3rd place was awarded \$400. The judges had a wonderful time. PDG Rick & Lion Marla thanked several clubs who participated and sponsored students.: The Woodlands LC, Tomball LC, and Houston Sports LC. Lion Marla explained how the process is done at the district and state level. The state contest was held at a ZOOM meeting as it is difficult for the students to travel that far. Neither of our students placed in the state contest but they were very proud of them for representing our district. PDG Rick and Lion Marla enjoyed this opportunity.
- DG Neil thanked Lion Marla and PDG Rick for doing a great job.
- XIII DG Neil states that Leo Tina Ly was not able to attend today’s meeting to talk about Leos, but she was here at the last meeting. She is an incredible Leo, and we will see some great things for her moving forward.
- XIV DISTRICT LEO CLUBS - LION NANCY CHESBRO
- Report is posted on the website.
 - DG Neil commended Lion Nancy for her outstanding job as Leo Chair.
 - Lion Nancy thanked everybody for being so supportive, especially DG Neil, DGE Bill, and PDG Tony. The Leo webpage has already been started on our district website.
 - The first ZOOM meeting was held in May. There were 11 people who attended. Some of the Leos are still having their exams.
 - Another ZOOM meeting is scheduled for June 13. She is hoping to have more attendees.
 - Lion Nancy met with Lion Christina Harris of Montgomery LC. She is also the advisor of the Montgomery Leo Club. The Montgomery Lions and Leos will host the first District Leo Forum, which will be held on August 10th in Montgomery.
 - There will be 15 clubs to attend this forum. The parents will be invited and will get them involved.
 - She will encourage the Leos to be involved more with the district.
- XV LIGHTHOUSE OF HOUSTON – LION ERIN APPLGATE
- Lion Erin reports that she represented the district at the Lighthouse’s Easter party. PDG Mark was also there.
 - DG Neil also stated that the Lighthouse had their Christmas party.

XVI LIONS EYE BANK OF TEXAS – PDG PAUL MOORE

- Drawing tickets - \$5 per ticket, book of 6 for \$20. Prizes include \$2000 Carnival Cruise; 2nd prize is \$1000 HEB gift certificate.
- PDG Paul will be the president of the Eye Bank next year. He is trying to find extended services, probably scholarships for the UH optometry students, etc. He is asking for suggestions on what kind of service the eye bank can provide. He wants to make the eye bank more relevant.
- White Cane Day materials can be requested and will be sent to the requestor at no cost.

Lion Marla announced that she planned a surprise birthday cake for PDG Rick's 70th birthday but he could not make it today because he is not feeling well.

XVII CONVENTION ELECTION RESULTS – PDG CHUCK MARTIN

XVIII ZONE CHAIRS – THE MASTERS

- a. M-1 – SVDG-E KEVIN SMITH – Report is posted on the website. Three (3) of the clubs in his zone are very active and are pro-active in reporting their service projects. The Montgomery LC received \$3000 grant from the Texas Lions Foundation, of which \$1800 was donated to the Montgomery Houston Food Pantry for disaster relief. Magnolia LC had a very successful pancake supper. DG Neil commended Lion Kevin for an increase of nine (9) in membership and 275 service projects as shown on the LCI portal.

Lion Kevin also mentioned that he has not been active in his zone lately due to his knee replacement and her daughter's medical condition.

- b. A-1 - LION BILL HOGAN – (Not in attendance, Lion Bill had a knee replacement). DG Neil reported that several clubs in Lion Bill's zone is down 18 in membership primarily. Conroe Noon's president Jason Miller made a promise to add 25 members before June ends.
- c. S-1 - LION SUZIE VESTAL – She is having problems with her own club, and she is thinking about resigning but she will still participate in the district. She expressed how much she love being a Lion. DG Neil confirmed that Lion Suzie's membership has been reinstated.
- d. T-1 - LION DR. ANTHONY PRICE – DG Neil states that Lion Anthony is working with several clubs in his zone.
- e. E-1 – LION VALERIE JAMES - DG Neil states that Lion Valerie has started her own veteran's foundation where she spends a lot of time. He has asked her to stay a while.
- f. R-1 – LION JOHN TANKERSLY - DG Neil reports that Lion Tank is +10 in membership in his zone. He is a big help to the Katy Community LC.
- g. S-2 – LION CAROL BARNETT – Two of the clubs in her zone are active and doing great. She states that the zone chairs need to really reach out to the clubs and let them know that they are willing to work with them.

XIX CLUB EXCELLENCE CRITERIA – DG NEIL LANDER

This award must be submitted to LCI in August. The requirements for this award are the following: growth of one (1) member, LCIF contribution of \$5/member, 100% contribution, start a new service

project, club must be in good standing, reporting of officers in LCI, reporting 3 service projects to LCI, and attending officer training.

XX MISSION 1.5 - DG NEIL also talked about Dr. Patty Hill's mission, which is also based on the positive membership and the different incentives for the clubs.

XX1 LCIF – PDG PAUL reports LCIF received over \$100,000 from the district this year. Around 2/3 of the clubs have made donations. The drawback in dropping clubs is the 95% decrease in contributions to LCIF. He hopes that there will be some improvement next year. He will be the LCIF coordinator for next Lion year. He discussed the different LCIF grants and what they cover.

The winner for the drawing of Melvin Jones Fellow is PDG Paul for his donation of \$500.

XXII NEW LCI PORTAL UPDATE AND DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

- PDG Tony reports that the new Lions portal is up and in its early support phase. He is having some trouble logging in. It is still a little slow but there are too many people all over the world and many different languages so there is no surprise to that.
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- He reiterated the deadline for the newsletter. The Monday memo comes out every week. He goes to 2-S2 Lions FB to get materials to include in the newsletter and Monday memo.
- PDG Chris commented that if anyone is having trouble running the report from LCI to use Firefox web browser.

XXIII OTHER MATTERS:

- DG Neil Thanked PDG Rick and PDG Tony for organizing and coordinating a great convention.
- Lion Marla presented a copy of the TLC Brick to DG Neil for his governor's visit
- DG Neil expressed his appreciation to all the leaders for their outstanding job. He stated that we still have a lot to do before the lion year ends.

XXIV DGE Bill gave a brief overview of his goals and plans for his term. He also distributed his calendar for the year. He stated that he will ask the past district governors for support and assistance. Some of the plans that the governor's team came up with are maximizing the grants for the clubs, zone chair meetings, five-year succession planning, partnerships with other organizations to maximize service projects, to name a few. The goals were submitted to LCI. He is asking for everyone's support.

The first cabinet meeting for LY 2024-2025 is July 20th.

XXV ADJOURNMENT

There being no further topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am

Submitted by:
Lion Minette Chiu
District Secretary

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