

District 2-S2 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Minutes

January 13, 2024

In Attendance:

DG Neil Lander, FVDG Bill Simpson, PDG Chuck Martin, Appointed Secretary Lion Marla Reynolds, PDG Rick Reynolds, PDG Tony Austin, ZC Suzie Vestal, TLC Director Sheila Thomas, PDG Karl Johnson, Lion Jane Johnson, Lion Ladoris Cates, Lion Paul Hancock, ZC Bill Hogan, ZC Carol Barnett, Lion Nancy Chesbro, Treasurer Rafael Perez, PDG Chris Moorman, ZC Kevin Smith, Book Keeper Heather McConnell, Lion Jerome Teichmiller, PDG Art Drouin, Lion Brian Kelley, Lighthouse Director Mazher Poonawala, GET-D PDG Mark Roth, Lion Scott Perry, IPDG Paul Moore, Lion John Taylor, Lion Leslie Taylor

Guest: Leo Tina Ly

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 by DG Neil Lander.

We were led in prayer by the District Chaplain, Lion Bill Hogan.

Zone Chair, Lion Kevin Smith, led us in the Unites States and Texas pledges.

Filling in for Secretary Minette, Lion Marla Reynolds established that a quorum was present. The minutes of the last cabinet meeting were not approved at this time in Secretary Minette's absence. It will be done at the next meeting.

District Governor Neil shared some Comments and Goals Review:

- Not yet chartered the 2 clubs. Still working on them.
- Concerned about new members – compared to past years, trend is the same – high in July and then slows down.
- Retention looks good.
- Houston Memorial Club may be surrendering their charter.

- Concerned that only 32 out of 52 clubs are reporting service.
- Training “current officers” is a concern – they aren’t taking the training courses they are supposed to complete on their own. He is trying to look ahead to getting next year’s new officers trained at the beginning of the Lions’ year.
- DG Neil has been busy visiting clubs. He has some upcoming visits on his calendar.
- LCI contributions are good.
- Chevron Awards have come. 206 have been received already.
- 4 “50 Years” – PDG Chuck, Bill Kittsman, Jerome Teitchmiller, Joseph Stachulaw
- 4 CNLC “50 Years” – Bob Hataway, Stephen Law, Neil Mims, Dennis W.
- 2 “55 Years” – Walter RF Shoaf, Richard Peebles

Financials Update

Treasurer, Rafael Perez, stated that there were no questions on the financials that were posted. PDG Rick Reynolds made a motion to accept the financials. The motion passed. Bookkeeper, Heather McConnel, stated that a review of our financials is in process by Gov. Woody Matthews of 2-E2. He is reviewing the 20-21 and 21-22 financials free of charge, except for a donation to Texas Lions Camp. He is part of a recognized firm up in Dallas. A CPA review usually costs several thousands of dollars.

Global Team Member Reports

- GLT PDG Lisa Free-Martin not in attendance (MD-2 Training)
- GET PDG Mark Roth Looking at the areas of Lake Houston and New Generation Park
- GMA 1VDG Bill Simpson He stated that 2VDG Mike George is looking at the areas of Porter, Twin Cities, New Caney
- GST Lion Patti Dugan not in attendance (working)
- GMT Coordinator Lion Phyllis Thomas not in attendance (funeral)

Opportunities for Youth

PDG Rick Reynolds stated that he and Lion Marla had almost everything lined up for our District Youth Scholarship Contest being held at our Mid-Winter Conference. Most of the 9 judges were acquired and ready to go. Only a few more judges were needed. Some of the judges come from the medical field, some from education, and a couple of Lions.

Peace Poster Contest

2VDG Mike George was not present. He was in Vancouver at ALLI. It was reported that the District's 1st Place winner was from Klein. DG Neil suggested that we give our only entry a \$250 gift that would be covered under the budget's Peace Poster account. PDG Art Drouin made a motion that we give the winner \$250 as a prize. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution

Past President of CNLC, Scott Perry, presented a resolution to become the Secretary for the TLC Board. PDG Karl Johnson made the motion to accept the resolution. IPDG Paul Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the Cabinet to support Scott Perry for this position.

LEO Tina Ly

LEO Tina from Anahuac, reported that they held a fish fry to raise money for their club. They made handmade Christmas cards to distribute to a local nursing home. They also held a "sock drive" for the nursing home residents. She reported that a very touching service project that they helped with was the Wall that Heals. This is a traveling Three Quarters Wall Replica of the Vietnam Memorial. Their LEO Club helped assemble the wall.

LEO District and New Club Update

Lion Nancy Chesbro reported that the CNLC had turned a *school club* into a *community club*.

A club is being worked on at Moorhead Jr. High School in Conroe ISD.

A club is being worked on at Tompkins in Katy.

HROLC is hosting a meeting in March to get their club back up and going.

Constitutional Revisions

PDG Chuck Martin stated that the proposed District Constitution updates have been posted on our District's website. He made a motion to accept these changes so they can be put on our District Convention ballot for formal approval. This was seconded by FVDG Bill Simpson and approved by the attending cabinet members.

Zone Chair Reports

Kevin Smith – covers 8 club; membership is up 7 for the year, but should be more; service seems stagnant – some clubs not reporting because they don't see the value of it; 3 of the clubs are small and getting smaller; some clubs are not communicating; the District's job is to help the clubs in areas that they need

Bill Hogan – covers 9 clubs; overall in fairly good shape; Willis Club lost 3 members – they have gone from 13 down to 10

Suzie Vestal - recently completed her "President Officer" training; uncertain as to whether she covers 6 or 8 clubs (didn't know about Kingwood & Twin Cities); going to let her clubs know about Opportunities for Youth and Peace Poster Contests for the future

Anthony Price – not in attendance

Valerie James – not in attendance

John Tankersley – out of town

Carol Barnett – covers 7 clubs; 4 of her clubs are basically inactive – 1 club does collect eyeglasses, but their members don't drive at night – 1 club receives BINGO money; the Hempstead and Brookshire- Pattison Clubs are very active

Mid-Winter Conference/District Convention Planning

Convention Chair, PDG Rick Reynolds, reported that the Mid-Winter Conference is being held at the Houston Hilton North Hotel on Saturday, January 27th from 8:00am – 2:00pm. There will be a continental breakfast and a plated lunch. The format this year will be slightly different from the past. Four 30-minute sessions will be held, with these people as the guest speakers – Judge Wayne Mack, Dr. Terry Bensen (principal of Caney Creek HS), Kyle Sheldon (Chamber of Commerce), and the current District Governor for Rotary Club. They will be speaking as to how Lions can help in these areas and how we can work together. The 12:30-2:00 time slot will be the Luncheon and Presentations from the three 1st place winners of the Opportunities for Youth Scholarship Contest.

Bob Dowden Dinner

TLC Camp Director, Sheila Thomas, told us that the Bob Dowden Dinner was being held at the Houston Hilton North Hotel on Friday, January 26th, the night before the Mid-Winter Conference. The time will be 6:00-10:00 pm, with dinner being served at 6:30. The theme is a Valentine's Day theme. The Liberty Lions will be hosting a hospitality room. TLC Director, Stephen Mabry will be the speaker for the evening. There will be a surprise appearance from "Cupid". We will be playing "War of the Roses", with the winner receiving a nice stay at a beach house in Galveston. Check-out with the silent and live auction items will hopefully go smoothly with 4 people checking out and 4 runners retrieving the items.

Mission 1.5 – District Membership Incentives

DG Neil reported that we had 22 clubs that had entries at the PSC Meeting Drawing. He held the drawings even though we hadn't met our 25+ in

membership. We had a club drop 24 members due to nonpayment. The Cy-Fair Lions club won the Plus-Optix machine. DG Neil may do it again in July.

LCIF Update

IPDG Paul Moore reported that we are doing well towards our goals. Thirty-one clubs have made an LCIF donation so far. He presented a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship to PDG Rick Reynolds.

New LCI Platform Update/District Communications

PDG Tony Austin reported that it is uncertain at this time when the new platform will be launched. As of now, they have not given a date when implementation will be. These projects are very expensive and possibly a lot of money has already been spent. No one seems to be accountable.

Under our District Communications, the “Monday Memo” is going out each Monday and the next PAWPRINTS will go out on February 1st.

There were no other resolutions to read.

Misc Reports

1VDG Bill Simpson reported for 2VDG Mike George in his absence, that 2VDG Mike applied for a District Club Grant. The District has \$9,000. His club, Dayton Noon Lions, will put \$2,950 into a vision screener to go 50/50 on the cost. PDG Karl Johnson made the motion to accept and seconded by PDG Art Drouin.

Discussion followed when IPDG Paul Moore spoke up and commented that he felt the grant money should not be spent on one individual club – it should be spent district wide. DG Neil said that the District could also contribute toward a screener

using the \$3,000 from Magnolia LC and match Dayton Noon's contribution. Further discussion resulted in using these two funding sources and grant money to purchase two PlusOptix vision screeners. The screeners would be owned by the district and could be housed as the District East and District West screeners. The District East screener would be housed by the Dayton Noon Club. It was not decided at this time which club would house the District West screener.

PDG Karl Johnson amended the motion to:

Go to LCIF with the proposal to submit for 2 machines. 50% of the cost from Dayton Noon and 50% of the cost from the District. Voted on the amended motion and it passed. The cost basis would be: Total \$11,790 for two PlusOptics vision screeners, Dayton LC cost \$2,948, District cost \$2,948 and LCIF Grant \$2,894.

SWAT Analysis

There will be a possible SWAT Analysis meeting for next year held on March 9th.

State Hall of Fame

PDG Chuck Martin announced that the name will be given out at our District Convention in April.

PDG Karl Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. 1VDG Bill Simpson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Submitted by:

Temporary Secretary

Lion Marla Reynolds