

MINUTES
OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13-C
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010
Clarion Inn Hudson – Hudson, Ohio

CALL TO ORDER: District Governor PDG Lion Grant Frazier
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: District Governor PDG Lion Grant Frazier
INVOCATION: PDG Lion Maggie Dellmore
PROTOCOL: PDG Lion Ken Marshall
INTRODUCTIONS: District Governor PDG Lion Grant Frazier introduced the head table and our guest Council Chair IPDG Lion Stan Kopp

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Cabinet Secretary Lion Jean Sheeley reminded all that minutes of the previous Cabinet Meeting are available on the District website, as well as at the meeting. Reports of Parade of Checks recipients are included in the meeting package. Lion Jean also asked that convention reports be submitted to her by March 15 in order to be included in the convention book.

PDG Lion Carol Lester moved, PDG Lion Ken Marshall seconded, that the minutes of the November 12, 2009 Cabinet Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Neil Sheeley reported a January 31, 2010 balance of \$19,526. Eleven clubs are delinquent in paying the second half 2009/2010 dues. Of the \$2,451 dues receivable, \$364 may not be collectible, and the club has not communicated with the District. Consideration may have to be given to writing off the amount.

PDG Lion Neil Bevere moved, Lion Jim Klages seconded, that the Treasurer's report be approved, subject to audit. Motion carried.

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

Second Vice District Governor Lion Mary Chentnik encouraged all to attend the USA/Canada forum to be held in Milwaukee from September 23 through 25. She also reminded everyone that club PU-101 forms should be submitted to LCI by May 15.

1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

First Vice District Governor Lion Marty Dennis reported that Lion Dick Dennis has raffle tickets that District H is selling for the May 21-23 State Convention. First VDG Lion Marty also asked Zone Chairs to check with clubs that do not submit monthly reports to LCI. She continues to make visits to the clubs.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

- The State dues increase will be discussed at the State Convention in May.
- This year's January Winter Retreat was very successful and will be presented again next year.

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- Billboards featuring the Lions are appearing around the District. LCI has contracted to place 1,000 billboards throughout the country.
- District membership totaled 1,070 at the end of January, which represents a decrease of 33 for the year. Retention efforts are still very important.
- LCIF donations from the District amounted to \$248,564 from 1974 through 2009. Since 1974, \$37,555 in grants have been awarded to the District, which represents a 15.1% return.

COUNCIL CHAIR COMMENTS:

- Council Chair IPDG Lion Stan Kopp thanked "GFL DG2" Grant and the District for inviting him to this evening's meeting.
- Donations to the LCIF Haiti Relief Fund are not yet eligible to qualify for a Melvin Jones award, but it is likely that the LCIF Trustees will vote to make such donations eligible for a Melvin Jones.
- Ohio is in competition to host the 2015 International Convention in Cincinnati. The Ohio and Kentucky Lions cooperated by jointly hosting the site search committee this past week. CC IPDG Lion Stan believes the site search committee was impressed with the presentation of the Ohio/Kentucky Lions, and he feels the odds are good for Ohio. Other cities being considered are Tampa, Boston, Manchester, England and Honolulu.
- The Winter Retreat conference was successful and enjoyable.
- All were encouraged to attend the State Convention in May. The speaker at the Sunday banquet will be First International Vice President Sid Scruggs, III of South Carolina. The state dues increase will be voted upon at the Convention. There has been no increase in state dues in 19 years, and the proposed increase breaks down to 25¢ per month per member. Without the increase, state funds may be in the red in another year.
- The Council of Governors endorsed the candidacy of PID Lion Steve Sherer for 2nd International Vice President. PID Lion Steve will be raising funds for his campaign.

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS:

Zone 1 - No report

Zone 2 - Zone Chair Lion Ray Dellmore had a written report at the check-in table. His report stands as printed.

Zone 3 - Zone Chair Lion Jim Klages reported that all the clubs are busy. Cleveland Southeast Lions is planning a Night at the Races, and Twinsburg will be hosting a teen dance. A Zone Meeting hosted by the Mayfield Heights Lions is scheduled for March 9.

Zone 4 - No report due to Zone Chair Lion Dick Abrams being in Florida.

Zone 5 - Zone Chair Lion Shirley Frazier had a written report at the check-in table, and her report stands as printed.

Zone 6 - Zone Chair PDG Lion Tommy Thompson's report stands as printed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Constitution and By-Laws: PDG Lion Ken Marshall presented information about the proposed \$3.00 state dues increase that will be voted upon at the State Convention.

District Convention: PDG Lion Maggie Dellmore reported on plans for the April 30—May 2 District Convention at the Clarion Inn, and a "convention overview" was distributed. Hotel reservations (at a total

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of \$79 per night) may be made directly with Lion Bill Hixon, who is handling all convention reservations. Information sessions will take place after the Saturday luncheon, along with Wii games and a game room. In addition to the Governor's and 1st and 2nd VDG hospitality rooms, a "general hospitality room" will be set up with various stations manned by clubs and organizations, with seating in the center of the area. Convention packets will be sent to all the clubs in the near future.

LCIF: PDG Lion Tommy Thompson would like to see each club give a Melvin Jones award this year. He has the necessary applications.

St. Vincent Lions Eye Clinic: Lion Neil Sheeley indicated that the number of applications for eye care is increasing in the bad economy. The Eye Clinic will participate again in the Nautica charitable gambling festival the weekend of May 13—16. Because of the change in Ohio gambling laws, this will probably be the last year the gambling festival will be held. Various local "social clubs" have been conducting gambling weekends, which has resulted in a loss of net proceeds for the charities.

Sunshine: Lion Rebecca Dobos read a letter from the family of Virginia Mann (of the North Coast Lions) thanking us for our sympathy.

PD Lion Carol Lester reported that Billie Gulyassey, widow of the late PDG Lion Vic Gulyassy, passed away in December after sustaining injuries in an auto accident.

PDG Lion Carol also announced that she has tickets for the pin collection raffle being conducted for PID Lion Steve Sherer's 2nd International Vice President campaign. The Zone Chairs will ask the clubs to write letters to the State office indicating their support of his candidacy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution to Amend By-Laws: PDG Lion Carol Lester moved that the Cabinet adopt the resolution to amend the District By-laws to officially change the titles for 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, District Cabinet Secretary and District Cabinet Treasurer. The motion was seconded by PDG Lion Jim Ferritto. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Vice District Governor Lion Marty Dennis explained that while her proposed 2010-2011 budget is bare bones, it would require a continuation of the \$2.00 dues assessment. Lion Jim Klages moved, IPDG Lion Dona Klages seconded, that the \$2.00 annual dues assessment be continued for the 2010-2011 year. During discussion, First VDG Lion Marty explained the reasons the assessment is needed. First VDG Lion Marty stated that the District is losing revenue because of declining membership. Her proposed budget shows a decrease in retention and extension but increases allocations to youth programs. She will establish a finance committee to review all aspects of the budget and District finances. Upon a call for the question, the motion carried. Notice of this New Business item was included in the January 24, 2010 Cabinet Meeting notice.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

PDG Lion Jim Ferritto reported that he has placed a Lions' ad on top of the News Herald College Blog site, at a cost of \$100 for an entire month. He also indicated that the Boy Scouts are looking for community groups to set up booths at a Boy Scout program in mid-May.

PD Lion Ken Marshall will discuss a convention hospitality suite with the PDG Association.

Lion Jerry Volk reported that the State Band Committee is attempting to find a couple of locations in Ohio for band performances. He also has band pins.

