

**MINUTES
OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13-C
WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 29, 2007
WILLOUGHBY CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER: District Governor Lion Maggie Dellmore call the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

INVOCATION: Given by Vice District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

PROTOCOL: Lion Mary Chentnik established protocol.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Cabinet Secretary Lion Mary Chentnik reminded everyone that minutes are available on the website and also copies were made available this evening for review. Lions present were asked to state their name and position before speaking to assist in writing the minutes. Responses to the e-mails relative to this meeting were greatly appreciated and everyone present was encouraged to make sure they respond either by e-mail or phone to make sure enough food is ordered and also if they wish to be added to the agenda for each Cabinet Meeting. Lions present were also asked if there were any corrections or changes to the June 7, 2007 Cabinet Meeting Minutes, there being none, District Governor Lion Maggie Dellmore asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2007, PDG Lion Tommy Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes as written, this motion was seconded by PDG Lion Neil Bever. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

IPDG Lion Ken Marshall presented the Administrative Budget and the District Convention Budget for 2007. A motion was made by PDG Lion Carol Lester to approve the two budgets as presented, seconded by Lion Cindy Palmentera Motion carried.

Lion Neil Sheeley reviewed his audit of the financial report for last year and noted that except for some minor changes in classification it was accepted as submitted. He noted that the use of expense vouchers assists the Treasurer in determining classification of the expense and that receipts should be attached. Copies of the vouchers are on the District Website. A motion was made by Lion Jeff Ennis, seconded by Lion Bill Wade that the audit report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

IPDG Lion Ken Marshall also reviewed the proposed budget for 2007-2008 and it was noted that \$250.00 for Pilot Dogs is a new item which will be a special expense for DG Maggie Dellmore to use in her campaign for Pilot Dog awareness. He also noted that there is no Audiovisual equipment or membership contest in this year's budget. There was discussion about the Newsletter allowance and it was noted that this amount should be increased and is a reimbursement received from Lions International. The Fairport Harbor Lions Club is now disbanded accounts for a decrease in the amount of money received from Lions International. A motion was made by PDG Grant Frazier, seconded by PDG Tommy Thompson to approve the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

VDG Dona Klages reported that the organizational committee of MERL met at her house last Wednesday to brain storm about the team. The following Goals were established: 1) To support the District Governor's initiatives to increase membership; 2) To implement the 011 Plan of Lions International; 3) To become a positive influence in the District with more visitation to Clubs; and 4) Implement "Get Back to Basics" initiatives for Clubs. The first MERL meeting will be October 7, 2007 at the Quality Inn at Richfield at 11:00 A.M. Contact VDG Dona Klages for reservations.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

District Governor Lion Maggie Dellmore reported that an Alert Program was initiated last year and PDG Jim Ferritto will be Chair. This is a proactive plan that would go into effect in the event of an emergency. Also noted was that Ohio Lions Foundation does have a Disaster Relief Program and Grant Applications are available.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS CONTINUED:

As requested by PDG Neil Bevere the District Bulletin will have a calendar of events included. Zone Chairs have been asked to obtain e-mail addresses of Club members on their visits to their Clubs and to also ask if anyone wishes to receive a hard copy of the Bulletin versus an e-mail notice of availability on the District Website.

Discussion ensued regarding the re-districting proposals. It was noted that there are several plans which were made available for review. In the proposals our district will gain four additional counties. The purpose of the re-districting is to equal out the number of members in each district. The plan would involve not having a Deputy District Governor for each District elected in 2008-2009. As it stands now, due to our low number of club members we can not have an international candidate nor can our District Governor vote. Questions ensued about the constitutionality of not allowing District Governors to vote and whether this is a State versus an International rule. Further research would be needed to evaluate how this can occur. District Governor Maggie Dellmore noted that neither plan is popular with the District Governors and may not pass even with the limited number of Governors with voting rights.

Lion Jack Morabito asked if there was money available from Lions International for membership enhancement. At this time there is no money, however, there is another program which Vice District Governor Dona Klages will present. The District Governor's goal for this year is +100 new members which would bring the District closer to 1250. This works out to +2 members for each Club. Vice District Governor Dona Klages reported that there is a new paid extension position proposal being presented. This is a six month program and will be filled by Lion John Pinkerman from West Virginia. This position will be expected to recruit 250 new members and a minimum of 150 new members in the 6 month period proposed. The first meeting will be on September 29, 2007 in Columbus and it is expected that he will visit each District with a need for new members and establish new clubs and recruit. It was noted that he started four Clubs in West Virginia in the 1970's. Lions International has been approached by the Multiple District 13 to fund some of the money for this project. The money at this time is expected to come from MERL Team and Promotion sections and there will be no special assessment of the Districts at this time. PDG Neil Bevere noted that this is a very ambitious campaign and if it worked in the 70's and asked why was it stopped. It was considered to be a money issue. PDG Carol Lester asked which District would be chosen and it was noted that the one with the lowest numbers would be helped first. It was also noted that International has discussed bringing this back for several years. It was noted that the dedication of Clubs to participate will be required in order to re-build. IPDG Ken Marshall asked what costs would be and VDG Dona Klages noted that the total cost is \$6,000 salary and \$6,000 in expenses for the 6 month proposal.

ZONE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Lion Ken Powell reported that Lion Jack Leonard of the Conneaut Club is ill and not doing well. Several Clubs had fundraisers over the summer. Jefferson had a Civil War reenactment and Western Days. Ashtabula will have a fundraiser on September 22nd, which is a reverse raffle with prime rib dinner from 5-6:30 p.m.

ZONE 2: Lion Chuck Barton noted that the Highland Heights Club will have the finals for their Hole-in-One fundraiser. The Willoughby Lions Club is down one member due to death. Willoughby Evening Lions Club lost two members that transferred to Geneva. Chardon Lions Club just got two new members. The Zone meeting will be at Dino's on September 25th, cost will be \$12 and there will be a presentation on Pilot Dogs and Blindness. The meeting is being hosted by the Willoughby Evening Lions Club.

ZONE 3: Lion Jim Klages reported that his Zone goals for the year will be to support District Governor Maggie Dellmore's initiatives. He plans to visit each Club three times. Bedford Lions Club is having a membership drive and are going door-to-door in hopes of increasing membership by 5. The Zone meeting will be held October 2nd at the S. Haven Church in Bedford, the cost will be \$10.

ZONE 4: Lion Mary Chentnik is asking for North Royalton Lions Club or Broadview Heights to sponsor her Zone meeting on September 19th at Pipers III in Broadview Heights. She noted that three of her Zone Clubs meet at Pipers III. Broadview Heights volunteered to host the meeting at this time. The November meeting will be hosted by the Westlake Lions Club, the date to be announced. Focus of the Zone will be on membership and growth and working with those Clubs with low members including her own Club, Cleveland Host. She noted that Cleveland Host is working with their Membership Chairman and have downloaded many documents from the Lions International website on the subject of membership. Meetings are being held with Tremont West and other prominent figures in the Tremont Community to help get some initiative for the Club.

ZONE 5: Lion Jeff Ennis had not set a date for the Zone meeting but has requested three Clubs to host. Nordonia Hills is having a garage sale on September 2nd and 3rd. Northfield Bicentennial parade is September 14th. Roses will be available or sale at \$16.00 per dozen. Wadsworth is having their Spaghetti dinners starting on September 8th and every other month from 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. They will have their cider sale every Saturday in October. On November 3rd is the Three Digit Lotto. Cuyahoga Falls Rib Fest is September 7, 8 and 9. Free parking and admission. Sow-Munroe Falls Pawfest is September 23rd, 10-4 P.M., \$1.00 donation or a pair of eyeglasses admission.

ZONE 6: Lion Bill Wade visited several clubs and found Royalton Hills very active with involvement with the Red Hat Society. There will be a Clam Bake on October 6th and a Ladies Only Reverse Raffle on October 16th. Medina donated \$1000 to the High School Symphony Orchestra. They will be selling rose November 2-3 at \$20 a dozen. Chippewa Lake sponsored the annual 4th of July parade. On October 6th there will be a Poker Run. The annual candy, nut and fruit sale will also begin in October. Copley and Norton Lions will be having a combined meeting and fundraiser. The Zone meeting will be on September 13th at Williams-On-The-Lake and will be sponsored by Royalton Hills Lions Club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Band Committee - Lion Sandy Maletz noted that the band had a wonderful trip to Chicago and were well received. They are looking for a trip to NE Ohio for next year since they will not be going to Bangkok.

LCIF Committee - Lion Sandy Maletz reported that there were three new Melvin Jones Awards. The bulk of the money raised for LCIF came from Tallmadge and Wadsworth Lions. They received \$5,826 last year. Many Clubs still owe their money and collection and reconciliation of the funds will be necessary for proper allocation. LCIF is now offering an affordable hearing aid program at a cost of \$200 each.

Campaign Sight First II - PDG Lion Tommy Thompson noted that the Clubs need to get their money in so that the Melvin Jones Awards can be distributed. He suggested that a "can" be passed at each meeting to collect pocket change, only \$.97 per day is needed to reach their goal. He has asked the Zone Chairs to kick-off the campaign at their first meeting and has provided a new CD. Money is available for Grants to the Clinics and hearing aid programs. He also reported that contributions to Campaign Sight First II are tax deductible.

Toys for Tots - PDG Lion Tommy Thompson reported that they have had three successful years with this program and asked for a motion to accept this as a District Project. A Motion was made by Lion John Tigue that the 30-day notice be waived in order for District to endorse this program. This motion was seconded by PDG Bob Serpentine. Motion carried. Lion Jeff Ennis made a motion that the District support this campaign this year, seconded by VDG Lion Dona Klages. Motion carried. Posters are available for distribution at the Zone meetings.

Peace Poster - Lion Linda Fulton has given the Zone Chairs the packets for the Poster Contest, these should be given to the schools at this time in order to get them into the curriculum. This is a worthwhile cause that kids really enjoy and the District Governor will decide which poster goes to the State Convention.

Ohio Lions Foundation - Lion Dan Lester noted that the S. Euclid Lioness Club has disbanded and they donated \$1,000 to the Ohio Lions Foundation. Money was also donated to other programs as well.

State Newsletter - PDG Jim Ferritto reported that the deadline for the State Newsletter is September 8th.

Membership - Lion Wallie Burnett asked that the District Challenge all Lions to work to increase membership. The District had 1,139 members at the end of June and the goal is 100+. The Goals of the Membership Team are 1) "011" which means 0 net loss for the District, 1 net gain per Club and 1 net Club per District, develop effective growth programs e.g. Ohio Plan, provide training for Membership Directors and establishing a Membership Director and a Membership Committee for each Club. Select and implement a recruitment plan and provide resources and assistance. 2) Communication by attending Zone meetings and Club meetings, share Membership Growth Programs, emphasize growth and the consequences of not growing; fellowship and teamwork. 3) Use Technology, there will be a dedicated web page on the District Site with links to International resources and create an e-mail chain of Membership Directors.

Leadership - Lion Marty Dennis stated that the goal is getting "back to basics" which includes 1) Promoting attendance at the District Convention at Club meetings, 2) Follow-up with Club Presidents and involvement in Leadership Training with motivational speakers on "effective leadership", and 3) Consider Tail Twisting Training at District Convention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

USA/Canada Forum - Lion Sandy Maletz reported that the dates are September 6-8 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and encourages all to attend.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

PDG Tommy Thompson noted that two Leo Clubs are being worked on in Wadsworth and Willoughby South. He will be unavailable for two weeks starting September 12th. There is also work on an Extension Club in Barberton.

Lion Dan Lester reported that a request for updated e-mail addresses with names of Club members has been sent to each Club.

Lion Neil Sheeley reported for Lions Eye Clinic President Lion Andy Kolbus that the Gambling Event in the Flats for the Lions Eye Clinic yielded a net income of \$27,000 and he thanked all that participated. This money will be used for special projects and surgeries.

PDG Bob Serpentine noted that the North Royalton Lions Club is building a Memorial to Veterans and are selling brick pavers and plants, the cost is between \$20,000 to \$30,000 and will open in 2008.

IPDG Ken Marshall noted that Lions in District 13-C donated a total of \$112,000 last year.

Lion Gary Cerasi of Broadview Heights Lions Club announced that Bloodview (Haunted House) discount tickets and free passes are available to Clubs for raffles.

Lion John Tigue announced that Willoughby Lions Club will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on October 8th for \$8.00.

Lion Chuck Barton is bringing back a "Nite at the Races" at the Convention. Horses are for sale at \$20.00 each with naming rights and inclusion in the brochure. The new State Pin honoring District 13-D is available for \$2.00.

Lion Wallie Burnett stated that Northcoast Lions will have their Mystery Dinner in Eastlake on October 27th.

PDG Grant Frazier announced that Tallmadge Lions Club have their Three Digit Lotto Tickets for sale.

Lion Marty Dennis reported that the Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club has Entertainment Books for sale for both the Cleveland and Canton areas.

Lion Dan Lester reminded everyone to get their events to him to post on the District Website.

Lion Dick Abrams also would like information about events for the District Bulletin.

DG Lion Maggie Dellmore noted she will make sure everyone gets a copy of the new District Directory.

RAFFLE: 1st Prize Winner - Lion Cindy Palmentera
2nd Prize Winner - Lion Neil Sheeley
3rd Prize Winner - Lion Mike Lombardo

BENEDICTION: District Governor Lion Wallie Burnett

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Mary K. Chentnik
District 13-C Cabinet Secretary