

MINUTES  
OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13-C  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009  
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: Lion John Tigue

INTRODUCTIONS: PDG Lion Tommy Thompson introduced  
S/Sgt Diane Durdin of the U.S. Marine Corp., on  
behalf of Toys for Tots

District Governor PDG Lion Grant Frazier introduced the  
head table

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. Lion Jean also asked that dinner reservations be cancelled so that the District is not charged for extra meals.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2009 Cabinet Meeting was made by PDG Lion Neil Bevere and seconded by PDG Lion Bob Serpentine. Lion John Tigue asked if the dues reauthorization resolution met the 30-day notice requirement and if the resolution was passed by a 2/3 majority of the Cabinet. Lion Jean replied yes to both questions. Lion John requested that the minutes be noted to reflect same. The motion to approve the August minutes, as amended, was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Neil Sheeley reported that four clubs are now delinquent. Current dues receivable is \$1,040, of which \$364 is probably not collectible. The second-half 2009 dues notices will be sent in January 2010, based on the November 30 membership numbers.

Lion Neil presented the financial report showing a balance of \$17,514 at October 31. The certificate of deposit at First Merit Bank was not renewed, and another liquid investment will be considered for these funds, which are now in the First Merit checking account. Lion Neil reminded all to use the expense voucher when requesting reimbursement of expenses.

PDG Lion Maggie Dellmore moved, PDG Lion Tommy Thompson seconded, that the Treasurer's report be approved, subject to audit. Motion carried.

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

Second Vice District Governor Lion Mary Chentnik reminded all about the 2010 State Convention to be held at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio, May 21-23. International First Vice President Lion Sid Scruggs, of North Carolina, will be the speaker. Convention pamphlets were available at each table.

**1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:**

First Vice District Governor Lion Marty Dennis reported that she attended the recent Fall Conference. The State Leadership Committee decided to replace the Fall Conference with a Winter Retreat to take place January 15-17, 2010 at the Mohican Resort. Information brochures are available at each table. The Committee is asking for input on topics to be included at future sessions.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:**

An organizational meeting of the prospective Burton club was held this past week, and another meeting is scheduled for November 23. DG PDG Lion Grant believes this new club will be formed prior to the District convention.

The Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band has raised \$58,527 to date for the trip to the 2010 Rose Bowl Parade, and fundraising is continuing.

A new editor is needed for the State newsletter. Anyone interested may contact DG PDG Lion Grant for further information.

Membership for the Ohio Multiple District is down 142 for the year. District 13-C membership at October 1, 2009 stood at 1,064, which was down 44 from the previous year.

The Ohio Lions have formed a partnership with the Red Cross to insure that an adequate blood supply is available in the event of an emergency. A blood representative is requested for each District. Anyone interested may contact DG PDG Grant for further information.

DG PDG Grant presented PDG Lion Carol Lester with IPIP Al Brandel's Presidential Award in well-deserved recognition of distinguished leadership. This award was presented on behalf of PID Steve Sherer.

PDG Lion Carol announced that PID Sherer will be a candidate for International Second Vice President. She will act as his campaign secretary and will be active in raising funds for his campaign. Several contribution levels are available, and raffle tickets are available to win a complete set of Ohio State Lions pins. PDG Lion Carol will be glad to provide additional details.

**ZONE CHAIR REPORTS:**

Zone 1 - No report

Zone 2 - Zone Chair Lion Ray Dellmore had a written report at the check-in table. He has not received membership or activity reports from five out of eight clubs. The Willoughby Hills annual pancake breakfast is coming up.

Zone 3 - Zone Chair Lion Jim Klages reported that all clubs except Twinsburg attended the recent Zone meeting. He has visited all clubs except Chesterland. The next Zone meeting will be November 30, which will be a joint meeting with Zone 5.

Zone 4 - Zone Chair Lion Dick Abrams announced that he has made several visitations. Garfield Hts. and Broadview Hts. Lions recently conducted successful fundraising events. North Royalton inducted a new member and will hold a poor man's raffle on November 20. He is still waiting to hear from Westlake and Strongsville. A joint Zone meeting with Zone 6 is scheduled for November 19, when Toys for Tots will be collected.

Zone 5 - Zone Chair Lion Shirley Frazier had a written report at the check-in table. A representative of the Akron Blind Center will speak at the next Zone meeting. This organization will be asking for assistance from the Lions in renovating their building and starting operations again.

Zone 6 - Zone Chair PDG Lion Tommy Thompson reported that several clubs have indicated they will attend the next Zone meeting. Norton and Wadsworth are conducting activities. He reiterated

the announcement about the joint Zones 4 and 6 meeting and the Toys for Tots campaign. S/Sgt Diane Durdin explained how Tots for Tots began and how it expanded to become a Marine Corp. project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance and Long Range Planning: PDG Lion Neil Bevere reported that the FLRP Committee developed a five-year budget last year, and it was anticipated that the State could be running into a financial problem. The Council of Governors was approached about the need for additional revenues. At that time, an increase in membership was occurring; however, the new revenue did not materialize. State dues have not been raised in quite some time. An ad hoc committee asked the Council of Governors for a \$3.00 per year increase, which will be voted upon at the 2010 State Convention. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is proposing changes, and PDG Lion Ken Marshall will have more information about this at the February Cabinet meeting. PDG Lion Neil was disappointed in the low turnout from our District at the recent Fall Conference.

Membership: Lion Wallie Burnett reported that the recent membership/recruitment seminars were not well attended. Timely membership reporting has improved since Lion Wallie has been personally calling and e-mailing the clubs. She will include a "Fix it Fast" section in the membership article in the District Bulletin.

Past District Governors: PDG Lion Ken Marshall announced that 3 years ago the PDG group initiated an award to recognize a Lion who has done a great deal for the District but who has not been District Governor, and the group would like to present the award again this year. Please let any Past District Governor know of possible recipients so that a decision can be made at the PDG January meeting. The PDG group will not reinstitute the practice of presenting a gift to the outgoing District Governor. The PDGs will help in extension and retention efforts but will not endorse a District fundraiser to defray the expenses of sending the spouse of a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor to the International Convention. LCI does not reimburse such expenses when the District membership is below 1,250, as is the case with our District. The PDG group will meet again on January 20, 2010.

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

Parade of Checks: Lion John Tigie reminded all that Parade of Checks recipients must submit year-end financial reports (as of December 31 or as close as possible) in time to be approved at the February 25, 2010 Cabinet meeting.

Publicity: Lion Renee Silvaroli showed a display of different public relations ideas and indicated that similar displays could be made for specific clubs. Lion Renee and PDG Lion Jim Ferritto will be attending various Zone meetings. Publicity efforts will include working on a speakers list, a list of public relations contacts and a list of community project ideas. Articles will also be included in the District Bulletin

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Resolution to Amend By-Laws: Lion John Tigie reported on the proposed resolution to amend the District By-laws to officially change the titles for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, District Cabinet Secretary and District Cabinet Treasurer. This resolution may be voted on at the February 2010 Cabinet Meeting, and notice should be given to all Clubs, via the District Bulletin, at least 30 days prior to the District Convention.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

First VDG Lion Marty reported that LCI has new membership applications available.

At the request of PDG Lion John Hrovat, PDG Lion Jim Ferritto announced the availability of the Frank Carpas television magnification device, which is available at no charge.

