

MINUTES
OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13-C
THURSDAY – June 4, 2009
WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER-- WILLOUGHBY HILLS

CALL TO ORDER: District Governor Lion Dona Klages called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by DGe PDG Lion Grant Frazier.

INVOCATION: Given by District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

PROTOCOL: Lion John Tigue established protocol.

INTRODUCTIONS: District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

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. District Governor Lion Dona Klages asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2009, and the Business Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2009. PDG Carol Lester made the motion to accept the minutes as written, this motion was seconded by Lion Cindy Palmentera. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lion Neil Sheeley noted that four Clubs are delinquent as of May 31, 2009. There are 1,100 members as of May 1, 2009. Dues for the first half of 2009-2010 will be mailed on July 9th. Information about the International, State and District Dues was shared with all present. Everyone was reminded to use the District Expense Voucher to submit requests for reimbursement. The Preliminary Convention Report was also reviewed and Lion Ada Ahrens and Lion Cindy Palmentera were thanked for all their work in providing a successful convention. The vote on the \$2.00 additional District Dues was also briefly discussed and it was the opinion of Lion Neil Sheeley that we should continue with this dues increase this to assist with extension work in the District. There was also discussion about the need for a new copier for the District. After discussion it was determined that Lion N. Sheeley, Lion D. Abrams and Lion M. Chentnik will research the possibility of a donation or alternatives to the purchase of a copier. The financial report was presented and a motion was made by Lion J. Tigue to approve the report subject to audit. This motion was seconded by PDG Lion T. Thompson . Motion carried.

1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

1st VDGe Lion Marty Dennis noted that the State Convention was very nice and very well attended. There were more members present from our District than had attended in the past.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

DG Lion Dona Klages noted that they had a Casino Night at the State Convention which was very nice. She also noted that International President Lion Al Brandel thanked all of the Ohio Lions. He report that Ohio Chartered 18 new Clubs and had 450 new Charter Members which was a +197 in membership thus making Ohio #1 in North America for membership growth. No Multi-District in the history of Lionism has done what Ohio has done. Each District had at least one new Club. We have 1,109 members, -10 since July but 1+ with a new Club. The Ohio School for the Blind has received \$33,818.12 toward their goal of \$80,000 to pay for expenses of performing at the Rose Bowl.

The following received Certificates that were awarded at the State Convention and were handed out tonight: Lion N. Sheeley for being Cabinet Treasurer; Lions W. Burnett and Lion N. Sheeley received Leadership Medals; Lion C. Barton received the Council of Governor's Banner for Zone Chair and Pin Chair and Lion R. Abrams received the Council of Governor's Banner for Zone Chair and Bulletin Editor.

ZONE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

ZONE 1: No Report.

ZONE 2: Lion Chuck Barton noted that their Installation Dinner is scheduled for June 13th. The Chardon Lions have 23 members at this time. The Euclid Lions Club has 23 members and they just finished another successful 300 Club Dinner. They also raised money by having a basket raffle and donated proceeds to the Ohio State School for the Blind Band. In addition they have donated money to Slovenian Home and Rosemary House in Euclid and collected and donated 250 pairs of eyeglasses. Highland Heights is getting ready for their annual Hole-In-One Contest. They also sold roses for Sweetest Day as well as Carnations for Mother's Day. They sold Entertainment Books and donated money to the Walk for the Cure at the Cleveland Zoo as well as donating \$400 to the local Food Bank. They also purchased a Wii for the City Commission on the Aging and pledged a donation to the local After Prom Party in May. The Mentor Lions Club has 7 members. North Coast Lions have 28 members and are collecting used inkjet cartridges. They also did a 4th Grade Eye Screening and sponsored two entries for the District Peace Poster Contest. They have donated to the Wickliffe Food Pantry and participated in the District Extension Program. They have been very active in getting the Twinsburg Lions Club up and running. The Willoughby Noon Lions Club has 18 members and are preparing for their Annual Duathlon. They have collected over 700 pairs of eyeglasses and sponsored two complete eye-care cases. They also have participated in the District Extension Program. They sold Roses on Sweetest Day and Carnations on Mother's Day. The Willoughby Evening Lions Club has 21 members and they have sponsored Camp Echoing Hills, Eddie Eyeglasses, Holiday Baskets, a Christmas Party with Willoughby Noon Lions Club, and Our Town and All Around Book Sales. They have been active in the GOOD Program and Lions Take a Bite Out of Hunger. The Willoughby Hills Club has 24 members and they had their Annual Pancake Breakfast in March and are preparing for their Annual Run for the Hills Race.

ZONE 3: No Report.

ZONE 4: Lion Dick Abrams reported that North Royalton Lions have a Golf Scramble scheduled for July 22nd. Cleveland Host Lions Club will be running at concession state at the Tremont Arts Festival September 12th & 13th and are looking for collaboration with another Club to run a stand at Browns' Stadium. Garfield Heights Lions have a golf outing scheduled for June 25th.

ZONE 5: Lion Shirley Frazier reported that Akron Host Lions Club are at 20 members, Cuyahoga Falls Lions Club are at 45, Greensburg Lions have 48 members, Mogadore Lions have 49, Nordonia Hills Lions are at 15, Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club have 27 members and Tallmadge Lions are at 34. Mogadore is planning food baskets at Christmas for the needy, as is Stow-Munroe Falls. Tallmadge is starting a Food Pantry Program in August or September this year.

ZONE 6: PDG Lions Tommy Thompson reported that Chippewa Lake Lions Club hosted a membership drive and open house to inform the public about its activities and added 11 new members. They lost 7 members and now have a total of 20 members in their Club. The new Secretary of the Club is Lion Suzanne Rentschler. The Copley Lions held three spaghetti dinners and members attended the Zone meeting and Convention. They sold Entertainment Books and added 5 new members. One member, Lion Wayne Miller passed away and they now have 30 members total. The Norton Lions Club assisted a child in need and collected 120 pairs of eye glasses. They also had members attending the convention and are at a total of 18 members. The Medina Lions set a goal to increase their membership. They had a fund raiser reverse raffle. Members attended the Zone meeting and the convention and they added two new members and lost one to death, Lion Larry Erb. They have 31 members in total. The Royalton Hills Lions Club made donations for the needy to the North Royalton Senior Citizens and gave money to the new Twinsburg Lions Club. They awarded \$25.00 to two Peace Poster contest winners and one of them became the District winner. They had a Poor Man's Raffle and made \$1,210. They attended the Lions Eye Clinic meetings, Cabinet Meetings, Zone Meetings, Convention and the Twinsburg Charter Night. They have added 2 new members, dropped 4 and have a total of 54 members. Seville donated money to the Seville Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Basket with a Lions theme. They sponsor the Farmer's Market in Seville. They have golf outing coming up on June 13th at Deer Pass Golf Course. Members attended both Zone meetings and the convention. They have one new member for a total of 23. The Wadsworth Lions assisted with eye exams and glasses for those in need, held fund raising for scholarships and hosted two new high school students each month at their regular meeting. They have 11 new members and 2 deceased members, Lion Wayne Houglan and Lion Colin Cranston. They had one member drop and have a total of 79 members. Their Club has also attended Zone meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership - Lion Wallie Burnett reported that as of the latest LCI report of June 3rd our District has 1,103 members. Monthly reminders have been sent via e-mail and district bulletin about getting membership reports filed in a timely fashion. In addition, there has been information, "Membership Moments", provided in the District Bulletin. She noted that 36 clubs are current in filing reports, 5 clubs still have not filed in 2009 and she has been calling clubs if they are greater than 2 months behind in filing their reports. She did note that there has been improvement, last year in July there were 12 clubs delinquent in their reporting. The Proud Sponsor/Proud Lion Awards given out at the District Convention will continue next year. There was a MERL display at the convention and information was distributed throughout the year at seminars, visitations and training. In 2009-2010 there will be three seminars on membership recruitment and retention with a focus on retention, especially the mentoring program. Lunch will be provided and they will be from noon to 4 PM on Sunday, September 13th at Tallmadge Lions Hall and tentatively at Williams on the Lake, Sunday, October 4th and Hellriegel's on Sunday, November 8th. Relative to the State Membership Committee, she noted that the patches for +1 membership will be given out in the fall. The State is focusing on retention/extension strategies and developing a good sponsor brochure.

By-Laws – Lion John Tigie discussed the amendment change to the District By-Laws relative to titles of the Vice District Governor and Deputy District Governor. He noted that because the 30-day notice to all Clubs was not sent prior to the Convention that this will be tabled until next years' District Convention. He also noted that he will update the amendment and present at the next Cabinet Meeting.

LCIF – PDG Lion Tommy Thompson noted that the goal is to have 300 Melvin Jones Fellowships awarded in the coming year which is 150 more than this past year. He discussed how the Red Cross and Lions now working together as first responders to national disasters. He noted that the term for Chair of LCIF is four years. Anyone needing assistance in writing grants for LCIF funds can work with him. LCIF has a \$30,000,000 worldwide campaign each year.

Toys-For-Tots – PDG Lion Tommy Thompson requested that Toys-For-Tots be an ongoing District project and made a motion to waive the 30-day notice requirement, this was seconded by Lions Cindy Palmentera. Motion carried. In addition, PDG Lion Tommy Thompson noted he was planning to present this to the Council of Governors to make Toys-For-Tots a statewide project.

Leadership – Lion Neil Sheeley reported that the combined Zone Meetings worked well to expose more members to the Leadership concepts and plans to continue this next year with three meetings.

Lions Eye Clinic – Lion Neil Sheeley also wanted to thank those that volunteered with the gambling event at Nautica. The Lions Eye Clinic netted approximately \$28,000 this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Peace Posters – The question as to how many Peace Poster kits should be ordered for the District was asked by Lion Cindy Palmentera. After discussion it was agreed that we should order 10 kits.

Peace Posters – PDG Lion Carol Lester made a motion that the Clubs purchase their own Peace Poster kits for the year 2009-2010. Lion John Tigie made a motion to waive the 30 day notice, this was seconded by PDG Lion Tommy Thompson. The motion to have clubs purchase their own Peace Poster kits was seconded by Lion Bill Hixon. Motion did not carry. Lion John Tigie then made a motion to table this until the next meeting, this was seconded by PDG Lion Maggie Dellmore. Motion did not carry.

There was discussion about who is eligible to vote at a Cabinet Meeting and it was noted that only Officers and Committee members are allowed to vote. It was requested that DGe PDG Lion Grant Frazier make this clear at future Cabinet meetings so there is no confusion about voting rights.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lion John Tigie brought up the issue of the \$2.00 re-instatement of dues increase for the year 2009-2010. He made a motion to wave the 30-day notice, this was seconded by Lion Pam Abrams. There was discussion about the dues increase and whether it was necessary for this year. There was concern that it should remain in effect to help pay costs for extension by some of those present. Others present believed that it would be a help to membership not to have this additional charge for the year given current economic conditions. Lion John Tigie made a motion to table this discussion until the next Cabinet Meeting and after the final budget for 2009-2010 was completed. This was seconded by PDG Lion Maggie Dellmore. This will be added as a topic to be discussed under Old Business at that meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

PDG Lion Maggie Dellmore brought up the Twinsburg Twins Day Parade which will be on August 8th. She noted that all of the Lions planning on attending should be at the Two Club Golf Course on Route 82 at 8 AM. Everyone will be wearing the same red shirts with a Lions logo. The shirts will be ordered and cost is to be determined based on the number ordered. Everyone is asked to wear black pants or shorts and a Lions hat or visor. There will be transportation for those who are unable to walk.

PDG Carol Lester thanked DG Lion Dona Klages for a good year.

DG Lion Dona Klages reported that in lieu of gifts to the Cabinet this year that money will be donated to OLF for donation to the Ohio School for the Blind Band. She also thanked everyone for all they do.

BENEDICTION: PDG Lion Maggie Dellmore.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Lion Mary K. Chentnik
13-C Cabinet Secretary/2nd VDGe/District