

LIONS DISTRICT 14A CABINET MEETING
MINUTES
SUNDAY AUGUST 6,2017

ATTENDANCE: Eric Alexander, Jim Beermann, Wayne Bickel, Jack Bittig, Jim Cavallaro, Jim Davis, Pat Davis, Don DiAntonio, Rita DiAntonio, Edwin George, Joanne George, Jim Harrington, John Holland, Dan Hummel, Bill Keyburn, George Kirkwood, Estella Kristiniak, Theresa Kuhar, Don Richardson, Ed Tustin, Tom Vasek, Jack Bittig, Joanne George, Jim Davis, Pat Davis, Jim Cavallaro

CALL TO ORDER: District Governor Wayne Bickel called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

INVOCATION: delivered by IPDG Jim Beermann.

DG REMARKS: DG Wayne Bickel announced this year's motto: We Serve. He outlined his goals: to serve the homeless via club volunteers at local soup kitchens and to collect clothing and household items for distribution to homeless and disabled veterans and their families. His club visitation schedule is posted on the district website. There is an emphasis on visitations before and after the winter months. He also encouraged all clubs to attend Banner Night on August 27 from 4-8pm at Flourtown Country Club. He then introduced the members of his cabinet for 2017-18: 1VDG Rita DiAntonio, 2VDG Bill Keyburn, and District Secretary Lion Theresa Kuhar.

1VDG REPORT: 1VDG Rita DiAntonio (see attached).

PROTOCOL: established by PDG Jim Harrington.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No changes identified (see attached). PDG Dan Hummel moved to accept as presented. PDG John Holland seconded and motion was approved. A sign-in sheet was implemented and passed around to aid in taking attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: PDG Don Richardson presented the summary report (see attached). moved to accept as presented, PID Jim Cavallaro raised a question regarding reserve funds to support upcoming council meetings and convention, which was addressed by PDG Don Richardson and DG Wayne Bickel. Lion Tom Vasek moved to accept as presented. PDG Jim Davis seconded and motion was approved.

FOUNDATION TREASURER'S REPORT: PDG Jim Harrington presented an income and expense summary report (see attached) and noted that the funds for the scholarships to be awarded have not yet been deducted. PDG John Holland moved to accept as presented, Lion Eric Alexander seconded and motion was approved.

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS:

- Bucks Lower Region – Zone A: PDG Estella Kristiniak (see attached) notes that there are 152 members, not 130.
- Bucks Lower Region-Zone B: Lion Tom Vasek (see attached).
- Bucks Upper Region –Zone A: No report.
- Bucks Upper Region –Zone B: No report. Lion Tom Vasek announced that a van ran over Lion Ed Lisowski's leg. He has had reconstructive surgery and has starting therapy, including walking. Cards can be sent to his home.
- Montgomery South Region – Zone A: No report.
- Montgomery South Region – Zone B: No report.
- Montgomery North Region – Zone A: No report.
- Montgomery North Region – Zone B: No report.
- Philadelphia South/West Region – Zone A: Lion Don DiAntonio (see attached).

- Philadelphia North Region – Zone B: No report.
- Delaware Region – Zone A: No report. This seat is vacant.
- Delaware Region – Zone B: No report. This seat is vacant.

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: PDG Jim Harrington gave a verbal report that the camper was to be sold to the Chalfont club but that did not happen. It has been moved to a member's business for greater visibility to increase the chance it will sell. So far there has been no interest. There is a new Diabetes Chair starting a newsletter. The next meeting is on August 30 at 9:00am at the Friendly's Restaurant in Fort Washington, PA. All interested Lions are invited to attend.

- Special Olympics: 1VDG Rita Antonio (see attached) on behalf of PDG Ken Moore
- Sight & Hearing Screenings: PDG George Kirkwood (see attached) also noted that he has copies of Seeing Beyond the Borders on DVD if any clubs or Lions would like to borrow one.

GLT: 1VDG Rita DiAntonio (see attached).

GMT: 2VDG Bill Keyburn (see attached).

CABINET COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- District Convention Report: IPDG Jim Beermann (see attached).
- Beacon Lodge: PDG Estella Kristiniak (see attached).
- Bucks County Assoc. for the Blind: 1VDG Rita DiAntonio (see attached).
- Sight Conservation/Eye Research: No report.
- Camp Kirby: No report.
- Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Jim Harrington reported progress (verbal report)
- Center for Blind & Visually Impaired: No report.
- District Reading Action: PDG Dan Hummel (see attached).
- Leader Dog: No report.
- Leo: No report. PDG Ed Tustin remarked that Abington High School has 24-28 students interested in resurrecting their Leo Club, which was the first Leo Club in the world. The Hatboro Lions Club has expressed interest in working with Abington High School to make this happen.
- Lioness: No report.
- Lions Eye Bank: No report.
- Montgomery County Blind: PDG Edwin George reported that the organization is "in chaos for the past two years." He said they put out an edition of their quarterly newsletter for the first time in two years. They are also planning a holiday party for the first Sunday in December, but there is only \$400 available in the budget.
- PA Foundation: PDG Ed Tustin (see attached).
- PA Hearing Research: 1VDG Rita DiAntonio (see attached) on behalf of Lion Ted Kristiniak. A discussion was held about participation by clubs and individual Lions in the various committees offered in the district. DG Wayne Bickel emphasized the importance of committees communicating via the district newsletter to increase visibility and participation.
- PA Lions for Dog Guides: No report.

- USA/Canada Forum: No report.
- White Cane: No report.
- Peace Poster: PDG John Holland (verbal report, written pending) has three schools interested in participating.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- PDG Estella Kristiniak presented the audit report for fiscal year 2016-17 (see attached).
- PDG Don Richardson presented the 2017-18 district budget. PDG John Holland moved to accept as presented. Lion Tom Vasek seconded and motion was approved.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT:

- DG Wayne Bickel went to the state convention and brought back a check for \$923.75 to the district as a return from the state for state dues.
- Certificates of Appreciation for their service were given to PID Jim Cavallaro (38 years), PDG Jim Davis (33 years), and PDG/Treasurer Don Richardson (30 years).
- PDG Dan Hummel noted that \$2000 was spent last year sending out convention notices and ask if this could be converted to email. PDG Jim Harrington remarked that less than forty percent of emails sent by the district are opened at any given time by members (800 sent; 300 opened on average). Also, we have approximately 1500 members but only 800 of those have submitted viable email addresses. DG Wayne Bickel agrees that this needs to be looked at more closely as we move into the digital age.
- DG Wayne Bickel noted that the Banner Night menu will be a buffet with prime rib added. There will be a 50/50 drawing. There will not be a speaker, but a DJ will be playing music for 2 hours.

NEXT CABINET MEETING: Tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2017 from 2-5pm at the Bucks County Association for the Blind.

There being no further business to come before the Board, DG Wayne Bickel called for a motion to adjourn at 4:00pm. PDG John Holland moved to accept as presented. PDG Jim Davis seconded and motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa M. Kuhar, Secretary