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District 14P Cabinet Meeting Minutes 6/02/2018

DG Steve called the Cabinet meeting to order at 9:05. Lions in attendance were: DG Steve Wagner, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dave Hunsberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Marilyn Wagner, Treasurer PDG Richard Taylor, Dist Sec Cindy Gundrum, Dist Chaplain Doris Haley, PDGs Carl Gundrum, Gus Meyer, Ken Snyder, Phil Shober, Dave Sampson, Dave Smith, Richard Stump. Lions Linda Sampson, Nelson Moeller, Gwen Burgis, Gary Hilbert, Tom Walsh, Barry Yerger, Barbara Smith, Toby Gelman and Lioness Linda McCue.

Chaplain Doris led the Cabinet in the Pledge to the Flag, the first verse of America and the Invocation.

Parliamentarian: PDG Phil Shober gave his spiel for the rules of the day.

- Move Membership forward;
- Improve Leadership Development;
- Promote the fellowship of Lionism and
- Encourage us all to share our journey and stories in Lionism.

CHANGE is hard and we know it does not happen overnight, but let's not give up just yet and try and embrace the new technologies on offer – it might be the only way we can attract or compete for new members who are willing to Serve but do not have the time to sit at a meeting on a regular basis. Rest assured there will be plenty of assistance from the incoming Cabinet to provide the support that might be needed. Good Luck to all Lions, go forward with the Passion, Love and Determination that led you to be a Lion and we can still make that difference. I know I will. In closing I offer my Sincere Thanks to my Cabinet Members and to the Lions of District 14-P for allowing me to serve as your Governor for Lions Year 2017-2018.

Secretary's report: Please remember to sign in, stand next to the recorder and leave your written report with me if you have one.

Approval of minutes from 2/17/2017: A motion was made to except the minutes by Lion Moe Moeller. PDG Dave Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** DT/PDG Rich Taylor gave the financial reports for the District. Linda Sampson made a motion to except the report and ZC Gary Hilbert seconded the motion. Motion passed. **\*\*Please see these reports as attachments to the minutes\*\*.** After the reports were given PDG Rich advised the Cabinet that a Certificate of Deposit is coming due from the Fleetwood Bank this coming July. He asked if he should look for a better rate. It is currently at .9%. Lion Toby Gelman told of an online rate that gives 2.1% for one year. PDG Rich will look into it. He also brought before the Cabinet a reimbursement request from DG Steve for mileage that he incurred during the District Convention which was for \$185.50. After some comments from other PDGs and their experiences during the Conventions, IPDG Gus brought up the need to adjust our District expenses as far as what costs are covered and what aren't, especially since our membership is going down therefore our Administrative income from the member's dues are also going down. PDG Rich suggested to DGE Dave that he form a Finance Committee to explore the possibilities of accomplishing these important items. PDG Phil read from the Bi Laws that a Finance Committee must be made up of three PDGs, the District Treasurer and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. He also noted that mileage incurred is a tax deductible item. After much discussion as to how to alleviate the situation whether it is by increasing dues, eliminating District pins or only having the District Directory available on line, it

was decided that everyone should think about it for a few months and hopefully DGE Dave will be able to form a Finance Committee to come up with some recommendations. PDG Phil will also look into the proper procedure for increasing the District dues if that becomes a reality. There was no action taken on the request by DG Steve for reimbursement.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor's report: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dave Hunsberger: Thank you to the delegates at our district convention for electing me as District Governor for the coming year. I will be leaving June 25<sup>th</sup> for the DGE training at the International Convention and return on July 4<sup>th</sup> after the convention. I look forward to serving our district during the coming year.

Unfortunately, there are still a number of positions on the cabinet that need to be filled. Most importantly, these include zone chair positions in zones, 1A, 2A, 3A, and 3B. I also need a Women and Family Coordinator and a Leo Club Coordinator. My goals include working through our zone chairs to build our district clubs and also to increase female membership in our district. I would appreciate your help if you are aware of any Lions who would like to serve our district in these positions. Our incoming Council of Governors had our first meeting at the end of the State Convention held in State College. I was honored to be elected to serve as chaplain for our Council of Governors in the coming year. Our incoming Council of Governors is trying to have electronic discussions between the Council meetings. The first attempt at setting it up was not successful due to a lot of feedback on the line which made it impossible to talk with each other. Our incoming Council Chair, PDG Eric Dolfi, and State Administrator, Bob McComas will try again using a secure line in the coming weeks before we leave for Las Vegas. I attended the Amity Lions and Exeter Lions Charter nights and installed officers for Exeter and Fleetwood Lions. I have others scheduled. Again, thank you for your confidence in me and I look for your support in the coming year.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor's report: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Marilyn Wagner: Alexander Graham Bell once said "When one door closes, another one opens" - I have often heard it said by others and have said it many times myself, however he actually said much more and that adds so much to my current thought processes as we are at the brink of closing the doors on this 2017 - 2018 Lions year. Bell completed his sentence - "But often we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us". I feel as if I am closing this year out with an advantage which is why I am opening this report with the above quote which some of you might already have seen in the June edition of Lion Eyes. Having spent this past year "in training" so to speak and only officially appointed half way through the year I was still able to spend time getting to know some of you better, work with some of you on a variety of issues as I traveled through the District with my husband as a Partner in Service and Global Action Team member - so I look forward to continuing to do so over the course of the next year (and hopefully the one after that) as I progress towards serving our District as State Council Chair in 2020 - 2021. (more hopefully said). But I still have mixed feelings from the shared highs we have experienced and how the lows affected us both. The Goals we shared as part of the Global Action Team this year were to introduce 2 New Clubs to our District earlier in his year but sadly they were impacted by the 2 Clubs that closed and a couple of others who are either in the process of closing or will be closed by June 30, so we find ourselves already at the end of his year with just one Club in progress, but just not sure if we are going to be able to have its Charter approved before June 15<sup>th</sup> – LCI's cutoff date. The Membership Goal also sadly not fulfilled. As Constitutional Area 1 Lions, I do believe we find ourselves at a crossroads - 100 years of spectacular service in so many areas behind us; 50 Years of a Foundation that partners with only the best in their field of operation and distributes so much around the world in aid and yet Just One spent in trying to find our way into our next 100 years and faced with the challenges of changing demographics in our communities, reluctance to attend meetings over attending Service Projects - I wonder when did life get so busy for everyone ???. Changes are coming - I am asking now Are We - Are You ready for the Challenge to Change? For myself I am preparing and using all possible means to learn what LCI is throwing my way - Webinars; the Lions Learning Center; USA Canada Forum; UTube; Facebook and Websites and Training Workshops and I see my role this year (in addition to supporting DGE David) is to offer my services to any and all of you willing to accept the Challenge.

**IPDG report:** IPDG Gus Meyer: I am less than 30 days away from completing my 4 year responsibilities as 2016-17 District Governor. This week I will award my final Lions award. These 4 years have been similar to nearly all US Districts-continuing loss of membership and clubs. This will continue. In my evaluations there are 21 clubs on solid ground. They will continue to grow and prosper in the next 10 years and more. We have 13 clubs that may make 10 years or less. There are 6 clubs that will fail or join with another club within 3-5 years. This condition creates a continuing loss of income for the District which needs to be dealt with immediately in order to meet the economic challenges needed to provide leadership that will need greater financial support for our preservation.

**Zone 1A report:** ZC Patrice Crammer reported that she held a zone meeting on March 26, 2018. Eleven lions attended including DGE Dave Hunsberger and 1stVDE Marilyn Wagner. There is a need for a new Zone Chair for 1A for the upcoming year.

Zone 1B report: No report

Zone 2A report: No report

Zone 2B report: No report

**Zone 3A report:** ZC Gary Hilbert reports that he held his last zone meeting on March 6, 2018 with 8 Lions in attendance. He will be attending the Bally Lions Officer Installation banquet on June 2 to install the new officers. He will be inducting two new Lions also. He is attending the Amity Lioness meeting on June 13 to install their new officers.

Zone 3B report: no report

Zone 4A report: no report

**Zone 4B report:** I have enjoyed working with DG Stephen S. Wagner during the 2017-2018 year. I was able to introduce the District Governor five times representing six different clubs. Six additional club visitations were also made. On December 2 a Joint 4A/ 4B Zone Meeting was held at the West Chester Senior Center. Also, I attended the Vision Quest presentation hosted by Avon Grove this spring. I have tried to share whenever possible information from the District Governor, club visits and 14 P Cabinet meetings. 4B is a good zone that ranges from small active to large active clubs. We failed to implement any new Leo clubs or a West Chester University campus club and I had been hoped to visit every club three times. This completes five years as 4B Zone Leader and on July 1st I will become President of the West Goshen Lions for the second time. I have had the opportunity to work with five different District Governors. Special thanks to PDG's Dave Sampson, Ken Snyder, Gus Meyer and this year's District Governor Steve Wagner. For the record the West Goshen Lions Club will be moving back to the location where we started this year: Shoo Mommas Farm Fresh Café (In their new private room), Routes 202 & 926, West Chester, PA 19382. Also, please note that we will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 8:00 am. We are looking forward to working with DGE David Hunsberger and his team.

Lioness report: Lioness Linda reports that the 3 Lioness clubs are still going strong and they appreciate the District's continued support. She noted that the Love Your Lioness Day will be on June 16 from 9:30-2. DG Steve and DGE Dave will be speaking that day and she has also invited some other Lioness from a neighboring District. The event is free all are welcome. There is a luncheon so she just needs to know if you plan on attending. She looks forward to working with DGE Dave next year.

**GMT Coordinator:** Our last meeting of the 2017 – 2018 Lions year: A year that has seen many highs but a number of lows too. As of Friday June 1, 2018 our District Statistics are as follows:

Active Clubs: 42 – We lost Bowers and West Reading/Wyomissing in the very first month and in our last month we will say good bye to Lionville and perhaps Mount Aetna too. Parkesburg Club was also in jeopardy, however, they have decided to continue and work with the Global Action Team during the 2018 – 2019 Lions Year and hopefully add to their membership and continue to grow.

**Membership: 1,191 Members** – while we added 99 Members to our Ranks, we lost a total of 171 – 30 due to deaths and 141 were Dropped for a variety of reasons – the most common simply resigned in good standing, and others for Non Payment of Dues. I have to ask the question what it driving our members to simply resign?

At this point I have to make mention of a significant change to our Dues - effective June 30 2018, dues credits for membership drops will NOT be issued after the release of the semi-annual billing on July 1 and January 1. We are all used to no dues credits from District or State but LCI are also following this policy - for some Clubs who are not on top of Membership reporting this could be quite an added expense to bear. Spending so much time on supporting Clubs with issues/closures etc. has impacted quite hard on being able to Charter the 2 New Clubs that the Global Action Team were hoping to add to our ranks this year and I am very sad to report that even though we had an LCI Recruiter in town for a week in March, support for the team was minimal at best we did manage to hold a workshop for interested Lions but only 4 Clubs responded to that call. DG Steve and I are continuing to work on one new Specialty Club as reported in Lion Eyes yesterday, but we might not be able to make it happen before the LCI cutoff date of June 15 2018 - we shall see. Others are in the pipeline BUT the only way in which we can move forward is with the help of Lions willing to support new Clubs. The one success towards that is that we have doubled the number of Guiding Lions this year, demonstrating a willingness to mentor a new Club/work with Reactivating a Club or assisting a Priority Club - there are Districts in our State that have the new Clubs ready but no Guiding Lions available to support them and that is a final requirement LCI wants to know. A significant high is the continuing improvement in our Clubs reporting this past year - not just on Membership but on reporting Service Projects/People Served and Donations made.....I really am looking forward to seeing the May 2018 Health Assessment since we are showing that 40 Clubs have now reported their activities through MyLCI. What comes next.....continuing changes - My Lion for the Web and a very new style of Reporting as we move further into the Digital Age, and while I am stepping down from the role of Global Membership Chair and into serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor next year I pledge to continue offering my support to our Clubs and to the Incoming Global Action Team. Above all I thank my husband DG Steve for his continued support and his Service to Lionism.

**GLT Coordinator:** PDG Carl Gundrum reported that he has learned that there will be a new reporting system for all Lions clubs starting on July 1. It is an app to download onto your phone or computer. It is called "My Lion" and it is for reporting of the club's service activities. All clubs will still be able to do their membership reporting for one more Lions' year on "My LCI". PDG Carl feels that there will be a need for a number of seminars for the club officers. Zone Chairpersons need to become familiar with this app so they can assist with their knowledge to the clubs. More to follow.

**GST Coordinator:** Lion Madison Kaley: Thank you to everyone that helped with the trash bag project for our district convention! It was a huge success and it was great to see our district joining together for a great service project. All our donations went to Hope Outlet which is the main source of funding for Hope Rescue Mission. I appreciate everyone's support this entire year in reporting, joining in on service projects, and trying some new things!

**Nominating:** PDG Carl Gundrum reported that the District is still desperately looking for a Lion to step forward as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.

**Constitution and Bylaws:** PDG Phil Shober reported that under Article 7 Section 4, a special convention may be called by 2/3 vote of the Cabinet at such time and place may be determined. You may not use this to vote for a District Governor or Vice District Governor's or officers but you may use it for other situations. Clubs must be notified of this special convention no less than 30 days prior.

## Honorary: No report

Long range: No report

Environment: No report

Lions IT: PDG Rich Stump reviewed the sections of the District 14P web site: Page 1 Governor Picture, Welcome, Lions Purpose, Code of Ethics. Counter Page 2 Calendar for District, State and International Events. Page 3 District Approved Charities and their Website Links also the current Charity Form. Page 4 Photos of District events. Page 5 Contact List for the Cabinet and their emails. Page 6 Convention reports and Information, Minutes etc. Page 7 List of Clubs by Region, Zone and a link to their web sites or face book page. Page 8 Shows District and Club events and a link to the events flyer. Page 9 Bing Miller web site, Board members and list of Fellows and Knights. Page 10 Kidsight web page with list of contacts and Board of Directors. Page 11 Information and Forms, ebooks, Minutes from Cabinet meeting, New Membership Book, Constitution and BY Laws, Policy Manual, District MMA,14P Pins, List of District Melvin Jones Fellows, Bing Miller Applications, Grant Application, Bing Miller CBL. Page 12 Last two years of Lion Eyes.

Lion Eyes Newsletter: PDG Rich reports that the June issue is the 60<sup>th</sup> continuous issue of Lion Eyes in its current form. The first one was 4 page this last couple have been over thirty. It has been issued at almost no cost to the District. I have all these issues on my computer. I have tried to keep it as up to date as possible, changing a few things as we go. I want to thank all the Lions and Clubs who have sent me items and pictures for the Newsletter. Lion Eyes is sent <u>by email</u> to Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, the Cabinet, Passed District Governors, State District Governors, State Vice District Governors, and some others. He asked for any comments or suggestions and he hopes there is someone out there interested in doing this. PDG Carl Gundrum suggested that he remind the club secretaries that they are to pass them along to their club members. He feels some have neglected to continue to do this or they just don't know that they should.

**PR/Social Media:** Lion Madison Kaley asked everyone to encourage your clubs to continue posting online over the summer- even if you aren't doing service activities or fundraiser! If anyone needs ideas of things to post to keep their pages alive over the summer- send me an email!

**Print Media:** Lion Gary Hilbert reports that people still use newspapers. Every town has a paper. He checks as many as he can and he noticed how much coverage that the Avon Grove Lions receive.

**District Convention:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dave Hunsberger reported that he feels that the Dist Convention was a success. He had several compliments from attendees. There were a few conflicts with the church. Next year's Convention will be on April 13, 2019. There may be some changes and it could just be a Caucus. A different location and format will be discussed when the Convention Committee convenes next year.

### Stamps, Tabs and Caps: No report

**Eye Glass Collection:** Lion Linda Sampson reported in 1925, Helen Keller bestowed upon the Lions attending the International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, the challenge to become "Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Darkness". As a small response to her challenge, we, as District 14-P of the International Association of Lions Clubs, collect eyeglasses that are given to those less fortunate than we. These glasses are sent to many areas around the world, in our effort to help eradicate blindness. We have had another very successful year collecting eyeglasses for those in need. On February 14, 2018, PDG Dave delivered over 40,000 pairs of used eyeglasses to the New Jersey Eyeglass Recycling Center in Trenton, NJ. As of today, we have almost 25,000 pairs to be delivered. Please continue to collect the glasses, and we will continue to take them to the recycling center. I want to say, "Thank you, District Governor Steve", for asking me to serve as our Eyeglasse Stept Chairperson during your term as District Governor. Also, I want to thank everyone who helps to collect the used glasses that we recycle. Thank you David (grandson) for helping load and unload all those boxes when I arrive home with a car full. A special "Thank You" to by husband, PDG Dave, without whose help I could not make this job work.

Women and Family: No report

Reading Action Program: No report

White Cane-Berks Co: No report

White Cane-Chester Co: No report

USA/Canada Forum: No report

Lions Centennial: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dave Hunsberger reported that we are coming to the end of our centennial celebration at the end of June. Any of our Lions Clubs who are still working on Legacy projects should complete them this month.

According to the LCI centennial dashboard on May 29<sup>th</sup>, four of our district 14P clubs have had projects in all service areas including diabetes so far this year. Thirty four of our District 14P Lions Clubs have projects listed on the dashboard. Lion Dave received a plaque and a thank you letter from PIP and Centennial Committee Chairperson J. Frank Moore III for serving as our district centennial coordinator. He thanked all of our District 14P Lions and Lions Clubs for your support and service over the past four years as we celebrated our centennial.

Beacon Lodge: The camping season is gearing up and all is going well at Beacon Lodge.

**Berks Deaf/Hard of Hearing:** PDG Ken Snyder wished to thank all the clubs in 14P for their donations to BDHHS this past year. On June 3, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary of serving the deaf and hearing impaired citizens of Berks and surrounding counties. As always our people are available for a program for your club meetings. You can contact me or Kandy Reyes at BDHHS to arrange a program of our services.

**Diabetes:** PDG Dave Smith reported that he and Lion Barb have had 3 presentations since the last Cabinet Meeting. They were the Shillington, Avon Grove and West Goshen Lions Clubs. He had invited Lisa Lakewood, the Diabetes Awareness Coordinator from Reading Hospital to the District Convention where she had a display and she made a presentation that day along with a few other representatives. He felt she was well received. PDG Dave will be continuing on as the Diabetes Awareness Chairperson next year and he hopes to refine his presentation and visit many more clubs.

Leader Dog: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dave Hunsberger: I received a report from the end of the third quarter (April 4<sup>th</sup>) showing that our district 14P Lions donated \$8075 from July 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> to Leader Dogs for the Blind. This appears to be third of the 17 districts in Pennsylvania, behind 14A, and 14G. District 14D is only a few dollars behind us. At the PA Lions State Convention, Beth Slade from Leader Dogs for the Blind presented four "Top Dog" awards to Lions Clubs who donated over \$5000. She also reported that Pennsylvania Lions remain in second place only behind the home state of Michigan in donations to Leader Dogs. Remember that there are recognition possibilities for donations to Leader Dogs. All clubs who contribute \$100 or more get a patch for their banner. Top Dog awards go to clubs donating \$5000 or more. Clubs can present a Founders Tribute to a member or event sponsor for \$500 (bronze), \$1000 (silver) or \$2500 (gold). Personalized bricks are available for \$250 (4x8) or \$500 (8x8). Naming opportunities in the new canine center start at \$7500 and there is a legacy society for Lions who donate through an estate. Finally if all of the Lions Clubs within the district make a donation by June 30<sup>th</sup>, the district will be presented with a 100% award. Thank you for your support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. There are currently 33 active Leader Dogs in Pennsylvania and about 799 historically.

Lions Eye Bank: Lion Moe reports The Governance Committee for the Eye Bank has been working to implement some of the recommendations in the Strategic Plan. As part of that process it was recognized that several changes needed to be made to the Constitution and By-Laws. There are three main areas of change: First - Non-Lion Board Members. Previously limited to three, a change has been approved to allow more Non-Lion members with the stipulation that Lions will always constitute a majority of the Board. Second - Making the President/CEO a Board Member. Most organizations, both profit and non-profit have the President/CEO as a Board Member. Third - Changing the term of office for the Vice-Chair and Chair from one year to two years each and eliminating the second and third Vice-Chair. The commitment will still be a total of four years, but will allow the Chair more time to attain his/her goals. Also, the Committee proposed changing the time required for Privileged Membership from 15 years to 10 years.

#### Vision Resource Center: No report

**Bing Miller Foundation:** IPDG Gus Meyer reported that the Foundation continues to improve its solid upward movement in corpus growth. Our current value is \$177,752,09. This number is lower than past reporting due to \$6000.00 worth of grants provided to 3 clubs which were Honey Brook, Conrad Weiser and the Central Berks Lions Clubs. A representative from each club has stated how appreciative they were for the support and stated they would not have been able to meet the financial challenge of each situation without our help. As of today, we will not convene until September unless the need arises. We will address numerous challenges that will most likely occur over the next 5 to 10 years including continuing decline in membership; the possible combination with another District and preservation of the Foundation.

**LCIF:** PDG Ken Snyder reported that 14P has had an amazing year in contributions to the Foundation. As of April 30, 2018, 31 of 42 clubs have donated a total of \$37,070.50. This is 73.81% of the clubs. The total donation amount from all of Multiple District 14 was \$271,071.70. PDG Ken was unable to obtain this last month's figures for the Cabinet Meeting but he will have them for the next meeting in August. The April 30<sup>th</sup> report had shown that District 14P was the number one contributor from MD14. Beginning in July, 2018 there will be a new procedure for applying for grants and PDG Ken has been invited to attend a training session in Illinois on July 21, 22. Starting this month he will be working with the Kempton Lions Club to apply for a grant for their club project of a handicap pavilion at Leaser Lake.

Lions of PA Foundation: PDG Rich Taylor reports that The Vision of the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation is to have a permanent vehicle to provide financial, social support, and resources for the visually, hearing and physically challenged residents of Pennsylvania. The Lions of PA Foundation held a Board Meeting on Friday, May 20, 2018, at the State Convention in State College, PA. There were 13 in attendance. Treasurer Lion Mark Tomco reported that as of December 31, 2017, there was \$86,169.00 available in the grant account. We currently have \$1,653,099.00 in the Foundation corpus indicated an interest gain from June 30, 2017 to April 30, 2018 of \$180,584.00 or 11.96%. The following grants were reviewed and acted on: District 14-P & Amity Township Lioness Club to purchase playground equipment at the Township playground of \$22,500.00. Grant was Removed for lack of additional information on the Grant application. District 14-A \$10,000.00 for the purchase of a new transportation van for the Bucks County

Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired. District 14-B \$5,000.00 for the McKeesport Lions Club renovation of a community pavilion. District 14-E \$12,000.00 to the Rostraver Township Lions Club to renovate the township's sports complex with upgrades in handicap areas. District 14-G \$10,000.00 to the Picture Rocks Lions Club to provide electricity for Lime Bluff Park. District 14-K \$842.43 to the Mountainville Lions Club to provide benches for a community park. District 14-K \$5,447.50 to the Hellertown Lions Club for Assist in a roof replacement at the community park pavilion. District 14-M \$5,000.00 to the Uniontown Lions Club and the Fayette County Assoc. for the Blind for a transportation van purchase. District 14-M \$10,000.00 to the Roscoe Lions Club to assist to make handicap accessible upgrades at the Tom J. Reed Park. District 14-N \$1,717.42 to the Apollo Area Lions Club to provide handicap swings to their park equipment. District 14-N \$5,600.00 to the Worthington Lions Club to renovate the community Post Office pavilion. District 14-P \$14,913.00 for the Paoli, Malvern, Berwyn Lions Club, and the Royer Graves School for the Blind for back-up generators. This was tabled and will be reviewed at our next meeting in July. District 14-W \$1,500.00 to the Dallas Lions Club and the Black Mountain Memorial Library for upgrading an historical sign. This was tabled until our next meeting in July. The total of Grants disbursed was \$65,607.35. This is definitely the largest amount provided at on meeting. PDG Kerry Drake reported on our Fellowship program now shows a total of 2,145 Fellows members. The Board discussed searching for an Executive Director to assist the Foundation in finding other sources of funding. If interested contact me. I am available to give a program to the Clubs on the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation. The Foundation receives the majority of its funds through three (3) sources: The Fellow program, the PIP Joseph Wroblewski Award and the Contributing Member program.

# PA Eye Research: No report

**PA Hearing Research:** PDG Ken Snyder reported that on Friday, May 18, he and 1stVDG Marilyn attended the PA Hearing Research meeting at the State Convention. Certificates of Recognition were given to the following 14P Lions Clubs for being top contributors in PA. They are the Kempton Lions Club, the Amity Twp Lions Club, and West Chester Lions Club. A Certificate was also awarded to District 14P which he presented to DG Steve.

**KidSight:** Patrice Crammer: KidSight will hold our annual board meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. We will also be holding a training session after the board meeting for anyone interested in learning about the KidSight program and becoming a screener. A training session was held for the Eagle/Glenmoore Lions on May 19<sup>th</sup> in which 5 lions attended. The training went well and the members felt confident about their upcoming screening on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We have been able to utilize the new screening trailer to provide more screening opportunities at outdoor events leading to an increase in the number of children screened for our district. The program has been very successful to date.

#### Leos: No report

Services for Children: Chaplain Doris Haley passed around a picture of one of her participants of the Easter Egg hunt that she held. She reported that there were 320 children this year. They were forced to divide into three locations so they didn't attract the attention of the police and fire marshal. The egg hunts were held a 2 different staff members homes and also on the grounds of the Bible Evangelical Church. Chaplain Doris announced that they have a representative from the BBT bank, Mrs. Alice Hertzler, who will be volunteering to educate the children in how to deal with finance. She will be starting in the second week of June. The projected starting date for the School of Learning will be on Monday, June 18, 2018. It will run until September 5, 2018. There will be around 250 children and the curriculum subjects will be announced at the next Cabinet Meeting.

**Peace Poster:** As the year winds down for our District's activities, I would like to thank District Governor Steve for asking me to serve on his Cabinet as Peace Poster Chairperson. As in previous years, we had some amazing entries submitted by the various school students. Again, congratulations to Jack Woods, Aria Shoeber-Fernback, and Abby Norman for winning the District Contest. I want to thank everyone who helped me with the contest this year, with a special "thank you" to Lion Adele for her assistance in getting Abby's check and poster to her for me. On Friday, May 11, Lion Jack Schwartz and I attended the Kennett Middle School and presented checks from the Kennett Lions Club to Caitlin Rowles (the student who won the Kennett Lions Club's Contest) and to the school advisor, Mrs. Marianne Uhl. Moving forward, the theme for next year's Peace Poster is "Kindness Matters". I am looking forward to seeing how the students interpret this theme. If you haven't already done so, please order your new kits from LCI. If you already have your kits, please consider distributing them to the schools before the end of this school year. Are you in need of a program for one of your Club meetings? I will be happy to visit you Club and perhaps give you some more information about the Peace Poster Contest. Just let me know by email <u>slinda970@aol.com</u> or by phone at 610-563-1841.

**Old Business:** PDG Carl Gundrum brought up the situation concerning the bricks at Beacon Lodge to recognize the passing of our Past District Governors. He felt that it could be eliminated since the District is looking to scale back on expenses. DG Steve said that it can continue to be carried on the agenda under old business and it will be taken under advisement by the finance committee.

**New Business:** PDG Rich Stump announced that DG Steve's personal pin won first place in the State. District Treasurer Rich Taylor asked about a donation to the St Thomas Church for the use of the facilities for the year. We usually donate \$1000.00 but currently the District funds for this aren't there. He suggested \$500.00. A motion was made by ZC Tom Walsh to donate \$500.00 and the motion was seconded by PDG Dave Smith. Motion passed. DG Steve announced that he has appointed an audit committee that will consist of PDG Bob Argot, PDG Rich Taylor and ZC Len Crowther.

There being nothing further for the cause of Lionism, a motion to adjourn was made by PDG Rich Stump. Seconded by ZC Tom Walsh. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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