

## We Serve Beyond the Horizon

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2018-2019 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14P** David M. Hunsberger PO Box 28 Blandon PA19510 610-926-5324 dmhunsbe@gmail.com

DG David called the Cabinet meeting to order at 9:14. Lions in attendance were: DG David Hunsberger, Treasurer PDG Richard Taylor, DS Gwen Burgis, District Chaplain Doris Haley, PDG's Phil Shober, David Smith, Ken Snyder, Fran Griffin, Robert Argot. Lions Leonard Crowther, John Day, Madison Kaley, Tim Mills, Linda Sampson, Barbara Smith, Barry Yerger, Linda Long, and Adele Argot.

Chaplain Doris Haley led the Cabinet in the Pledge to the Flag, the first verse of American and the invocation.

Parliamentarian: PDG Ken Snyder (filling in for PDG Phil Shober) gave the spiel for the rules of the day.

Introduction of Guests: Lion Albert Piasecki, Shillington Lions Club

**District Governor's Report:** On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the final day of our Lions Clubs International 101<sup>st</sup> convention in Las Vegas, Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland was installed as our International President. I am happy to be working with her as your Lions District 14P District Governor. Each of our recent International Presidents have agreed to use the "We serve" motto, and President Gudrun's theme, as we move past our centennial celebration is "We serve beyond the horizon". Iceland is a seafaring nation and she used a nautical theme as she was introduced. The IDs and PIDs pulled her boat the "SS Gudrun" on stage by rope and she was on the deck of the boat waving. Her ancestors reached beyond the horizon when they first sailed to this land. In Lions Clubs we are facing the winds of change. We cannot change the wind, but we can set the sails for the winds. We need to chart our destination and take action to reach beyond the horizon. We cannot rest on our past but must peak into the future. We serve the needs of today and tomorrow. We can do it together and we must. There is a saying in Iceland- "Thetta Reddast" - with hard work everything will work out. Lions change obstacles into opportunities. President Gudrun listed four areas of focus.

- Move membership forward Every member matters.
   Increase Leadership development Every Lion is first a learner and then a leader.
- 3. Promote fellowship and relationships Every relationship is an investment.
- 4. Share our stories and successes Every Lion makes an impact.

We now have five global causes of diabetes awareness, hunger relief, environment, vision, and the new cause of childhood cancer. In the area of childhood cancer, our PA Lions have formed a partnership with the Four Diamonds Fund from Hershey Medical Center and my District Governor project will be to encourage our Lions Clubs to support this partnership. We want to raise at least \$100,000 for childhood cancer research and family support through Four Diamonds this Lions year, and continue in future years. Clubs and individuals can donate directly to Four Diamonds which is a 501c(3) organization or through the Lions of PA Foundation. We will be looking for our clubs to also be able to donate through our District 14P Charities List.

I submitted a list of District Governor goals to LCI. I want to work more closely with our zone chairs to keep in contact with our Lions Clubs. I want to increase our new member recruitment to 105 members which is our five year average and limit member drops. Through our zone chairs, I would like to work with our club membership chairpersons to increase our district membership back toward the 1250 members which is the boundary of a "transitional district". I want to increase our female membership to 26% from less than 25% today. I listed a goal of forming two new Lions Clubs in our district to increase membership and service. I would like to have two well publicized district wide service projects to increase both our visibility and community service.

Finally, a new \$300 million LCIF capital campaign was launched in order have the funds to serve 200

million people each year by 2021 and I would like to see us support this campaign.

These are challenging goals, but with work are achievable, and I ask our District Cabinet and our Lions Clubs to support these goals in order to move our district forward this year.

Thank you.

District Governor David Hunsberger Secretary's Report: nothing to report

**Approval of minutes from 6/2/2018**: A motion was made by Lion Len Crowther. Lion Linda Sampson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** DT/PDG Rich Taylor gave the financial reports for the District. ZC Barbara Smith made a motion to except the report and PDG Phil Shober seconded the motion. Motion passed. DT Rich suggested that we move the funds from the State Convention account to the general fund. A motion was made by PDG Phil Shober and was seconded by PDG Dave Smith to move the funds. The motion was passed. \*\***Please see these reports as attachments to the minutes.**\*\*

**Budget:** The Budget and Finance Committee met on July 7<sup>th</sup> at the St Thomas Church in Morgantown Pa In attendance were PDG Rich Stump as Chr., PDG DT Richard Taylor, DG Dave Hunsberger, VDG Marilyn Wagner, PDG Ken Snyder and PDG Dave Smith. CBL Chr. PDG Phil Shober. Treasurer PDG DT Rich presented the end of the year report. He stressed the fact we have gone in the hole, we are currently running a deficit. He pointed out some of the areas that need to be addressed. It was noted that with under 1200 members we have less income.

District Directory: After discussion it was suggested that we go to a digital format and print out a few on our own. Convention: Discussed was, do we need a convention. Do we need an International Dignitary (it cost us over

\$1000.) Consensus was we don't need a dignitary. Can we find a less expensive place for convention. Other items were, gifts to speakers (to be put in policy), cost of meals. All these suggestions were turned over to the Convention Chr. who was present. She will investigate. Pins: It was suggested the amount of pins be limited to

200. PDG Phil will draw up a policy. It was suggested an addition be made to the Treasurers duties that any unbudgeted item must be approved by the Cabinet Appreciation Day: Do we need one, low attendance, expensive. Most felt we don't need one. Dues: Do we need to increase, it was felt to wait and see. Perhaps adding a Fund raiser would provide added income. Budget for 2018/2019 was drawn up. The motion to accept the budget was made by ZC Barbara Smith and seconded by District Chaplain Doris Haley. The motion was carried.

**Audit:** On August 7, 2018, the Audit Committee met to audit the financial books of the District 14P for the Lions Year 2017-2018. The following Lions were in attendance: 201702018 Treasurer PDG Richard Taylor, PDG Ken Snyder and PDG Robert Argot. Both the Administration Account and Charity Account were reviewed and found to be in accordance with the income and expenditures for the Lions Year 2017-2018. The guidelines that are issued by Lions International (Policy #104 and 104A) were followed to audit the District 14P financial records. Having completed the audit, the committee has found the records to be in good order and has approved the audit for the Lions Year 2017-2018. The committee commends PDG Richard Taylor for the excellent file system and set of records that he keeps. The motion to accept the Audit Committees report was made by ZC Len Crowther and seconded by Lion Gary Hilbert. The motion was carried.

**1st VDG Report:** In opening please accept my apologies for not attending this meeting. I will, instead, be attending one of the Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Visit series, with several other 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors from Pennsylvania and I confess to being very excited to tour the campus and be able to bring back information on the work they are currently involved to the Clubs of our District as Leader Dog Chair for this coming year.

The weekend of August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of attending the State Council Meeting to discover what our leaders have in store for us this Lions Year.

One item I was especially glad to hear at Council was that the entrance fee waiver for Veterans has been extended until June 2021. We also heard more on our partnership with Four Diamonds and the Partners in Service have also added a challenge for each of our Districts to supply a local hospital with at least

one Brady Buggy – a wagon built to allow children undergoing cancer treatments more freedom by safely transporting a child and IV pole as one unit throughout the hospital - each buggy costs \$1000, however, The Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation strongly indicated that there would be a possibility of awarding a \$500 grant for each District for this project – watch out for more information from our Global Service Team with details – but it is an exciting project since the company that makes them has added a Lion design to their portfolio!

District Governor David has already introduced you all to the goals and challenges set by our International President Gudrun Yngvadottir as well as the goals he has committed to for our own District – I hope, like me, you will support him during the year ahead to see if can grow in both Membership and Club numbers – from a personal perspective I would like to see us remove the tag of being a "Transitional District" – we need to hit a membership minimum of 1250 members in order to do that – as of today, Tuesday August 7, 2018 we are at 1,172 and 11 months of the year to go. I look forward to continuing this journey and as the year continues will bring further updates on new initiatives are forthcoming.

In Service and Friendship 1st VDG Marilyn Wagner

**Zone 1A:** nothing to report position is currently vacant. **Zone 1B:** nothing to report position is currently vacant.

Zone 2A: no report

Zone 2B: no report

**Zone 3A**: I have contacted all of my club presidents and secretaries and introduced myself as their new ZC and said I would be in touch with them in the near future. Respectfully submitted, Leonard A Crowther" ZC Len

**Zone 3B:** I regret that I am unable to attend the first cabinet meeting but I will be at a family reunion in Delaware.

Several weeks ago I emailed the officers of the clubs in Zone 3B, requesting any information of activities or membership changes within their clubs. Summer, of course, is often a quiet time for some Lions, but I did receive these responses.

Honey Brook Lions' Secretary Len Crowther reports that although summer is a bit quiet, the club took the food wagon to "Music in the Park" in Honey Brook on 7/8/18 with a profit of about \$500.00. Their annual "Steak Night" at the Center was held on 7/12 with 24 in attendance. The food wagon will be taken to the former "Mom's Mall" in Morgantown every Wednesday from 3:30 to 8 PM starting on 8/1/18 with profits going to the Lions Center. The annual "Family Night" will be at the Center on 8/23 for members and guests. Chicken pot pie will be sold at the Hay Creek Festival in Geigertown on Sept. 7,8,9, from 9AM to 6 PM. The club also welcomed back Bob Atwater as a member who had left for about 2 months.

Coventry Lions' Secretary Andy Ryan reports that their club had its last meeting in June and will begin again in mid September.

Eagle Glenmoore Lions' Secretary Linda Pallay reports that the club is planning a golf outing with the guidance of former Lionville Lions to take place at the Downingtown Golf Club on Monday, August 13. Members continue to collect medical equipment from community individuals to be taken to the barn at Avon Grove. The eye glass collection continues with more than 300 pairs just in the summer months so far. The membership has expanded from 25 to 30 due to transfers from the Lionville Club. The meeting place has been at the school house, part of the Upper Uwchlan Township building. The club will discuss possible other meeting places in the fall when the club starts up again on Sept. 4.

Unfortunately, there were no reports from Elverson/Morgantown or Kimberton Lions. Respectfully submitted by,

ZC Carol Heilner Eagle Glenmoore Lions

Zone 4A: PBM LIONS CLUB - 32 MEMBERS No meetings in July.

Donated 120 Reading Glasses, Cases, and Eyeglass Wipes to Coatesville Veterans

Hospital.

COATESVILLE LIONS CLUB - 23 MEMBERS

No Meetings in July.

Served meals at Methodist Church.

4 members went to Beacon Lodge Appreciation Day.

Collected and delivered eye glasses to PDG Dave

Sampson.

WEST GOSHEN LIONS CLUB - 49 MEMBERS

Met 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8am in July.

Inducted Officers.

Donated washer & dryer to Senior Center.

Zone Meeting planned for Saturday, Dec. 8th at 9am at West Chester Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

ZC Barbara Smith

Zone 4B: no report

Lioness Report: no report

**GMT Coordinator:** There was no report. Lion Joe Cutolo resigned from the position and IPDG Steve Wagner will be filling the position.

GLT Coordinator: Happy New year to all our Lions! We are already into the New Year and only have eleven more months to accomplish the goals that DG Dave has set. So... I know most of you do not have meetings during the summer however do not forget your communities still have needs. You know what we say, "WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS A LION". You know something for every new member we bring to our club; we have that many more hands to help us serve.

I will be looking to all the clubs to improve membership, retain members and look for a possibility of a new club, or how about a LEO club? Those clubs that have a LIONESS club connected see if you cannot convince them to become Lions as well either their own club or bridge with your club. Tip, I suggest you do not invite prospective members to a dinner meeting, invite them to help with a service project. The service project is a bit livelier and a great opportunity to get to know more about the person. ALSO, do not forget, seek out prospective female members. DG Dave has a goal in increasing our percentage of female members by 1%. How about every club brings at least one new female member this year? If you need any help or have any questions feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

**GLT Coordinator:** no report

**GST Coordinator:** A friendly reminder to all clubs to be reporting their service hours each month. Feel free to include me on you M&A reports as well for reporting. Note- when reporting service hours, you can and should include any individual hours that your members are doing, even outside of your club. The state has decided to partner with Four Diamonds in the fight against pediatric cancer. Please share with me any checks that are sent to Four Diamonds and/or the State Office as I need to update our state coordinator on a quarterly basis. Let me know date, amount, and if it is in the name of someone specifically. Please note- letting me know is not in replacement of online reporting. It is just to maintain accuracy in tracking. The Multiple District would like to create a database of projects that our clubs, zones, regions, districts, and district foundations do. The idea of this is that what works in one place could well work in another, or the opposite! I am going to share with all of the clubs a form to fill out for ANY service projects your clubs complete throughout the year. These are specifically for service projects, not fundraisers. I ask zone chairs to highly encourage their clubs to share these forms with me as their clubs complete projects. I have a lot of detailed information regarding the expectation of the Multiple District as well as what I need to be successful within our district. I will regularly be in touch with the cabinet, and club presidents. I ask that zone chairs as well as all of the cabinet be diligent in reading my emails and reinforcing those messages with your clubs. This year, I hope to stay in contact with all of the club presidents and service chairs and constantly be bringing you more service ideas and inspiration for new service projects .Last year we started the ball rolling with district service projects- the disaster relief project being one and the clothing drive being another. This year, DG Dave has set a goal for two more projects held district-wide so look forward to hearing more about those in the future.

Nominating: no report Constitution and Bylaws: no report

Honorary: no report

Long Range Planning: no report

Environment: no report

**Lions IT:** nothing to report

Lion Eyes Newsletter: nothing to report

**PR/Social Media:** No major report at this time. My goal for this year is that all clubs will have a Facebook page and be actively posting. I recommend atleast one post per week for those already on Facebook. This is free advertising and a way to keep your clubs name out there and connect with your local community.

**Print Media:** Lions Clubs of 14P continue to promote their service activity and fundraisers through their local papers. This is good news. And it should be on the front pages. Maybe someday we will. I would rather read a story about supporting a charity or cleaning up a town park then read about a shooting or robbery. We could use a little good news today.

**District Convention:** no report

Stamps, Caps & Tabs: no report

**Eye Glass Collection:** We are continuing to collect eyeglasses, sunglasses, lenses, frames, and broken pieces of glasses. If any club is interested in a program, I would be pleased to talk about either the Peace Poster Contest or the eyeglass recycling program. Just let me know.

**Women and Family:** This position is currently vacant.

Reading Action Program: Since our February Cabinet meeting, several Lions Clubs contributed to literacy activities in the District, as follows: Boyertown Lions Club – Invited Marsha Townsend of Bringing Up A Bookworm to present on November 15, 2018. Coatesville Lions Club – Marsha Townsend presented at their meeting on April 19, 2018. The Hamburg Lions Club donated \$75 to Bringing Up A Bookworm as a result of Marsha Townsend's presentation to their Club. Shillington Lions Club – Donated their usual speaker's fee to Bringing Up A Bookworm as a result of Marsha Townsend's presentation on February 1, 2018. Spring Township Lion's Club – Donated \$400 to Bringing Up A Bookworm as a result of Marsha Townsend's presentation at their meeting on February 20, 2018.

West Chester Club – Marsha Townsend presented at their meeting on March 27, 2018. During the last Lion's year, donations to Bringing Up A Bookworm from Lions Clubs totaled \$2,025! As a result, Marsha is able to hold a "book bagging event," where Lions will volunteer to stuff the gift bags that her non-profit organization gives to expectant mothers at obstetrics appointments. This event will take place in late August or September, as soon as I hear back regarding interest from members of the clubs where Marsha has presented. Thank you to all of the District 14-P clubs that have made literacy a focal point of their giving. Our Reading Action Program got legs last year and now we want to see how far we can run with it. Here are some concrete steps your club can take: Schedule Marsha Townsend for a presentation. It is enlightening and enjoyable! Engage your Leo Clubs (if you are affiliated with one) in a literacy event. Continue the pre-existing literacy activities your club already does. Many of our clubs give long-standing donations to libraries and local schools. Keep up the good work! One of my goals for this year is to support a great literacy cause in the Chester County area. Last year we took a few steps towards working with the Chester County Volunteer English Program (VEP). VEP is unique because of its one-toone, student goal-centered approach to learning English and our American culture. The program supports all language speakers, upwards to 30 of the 58 languages spoken in Chester County alone. The program meets students wherever they are on the path of literacy and proficiency, regardless of income or residency status. We need this now, more than ever. As always, please reach out to me at anne15@frontiernet.net if you need ideas, support or more information on Reading Action activities.

White Cane Chester County: The Lions Clubs in Chester County will be doing their White Cane Fundraising Events in September and October. The Lions Clubs included in Chester County will be: Eagle-Glenmoore, Elverson-Morgantown, Honey Brook, Kimberton Area, Coventry, Coatesville Area, Paoli-Berwyn-Malvern, West Goshen,

West Chester, West Chester Daybreak, Avon Grove, Kennett Square, Kennett Square Morning Branch, Oxford, Parkesburg.

White Cane Berks County: no report

**USA/Canada Forum:** no report

Lions Centennial: The following final numbers were reported at the International Convention in Las Vegas: Throughout the Centennial celebration we served 246,450,364 people, which is 2½ times our original goal. We brought in 748,008 new centennial members. There are 6664 centennial Lions Clubs. We completed 32,489 legacy projects. The U.S. Mint gave \$855,540 to Lions Clubs International through the sale of the centennial coin. As reported at previous cabinet meetings, our District 14P was very active in the centennial program with many legacy projects completed. Thank you to our district clubs for your service through the centennial celebration years. As we move past our Centennial celebration we are seeking to "serve beyond the horizon" and to serve 200 million people worldwide by 2021.

Beacon Lodge: no report

Berks Deaf/Hard of Hearing: no report

**Diabetes:** PDG Dave Smith: As we begin the summer/fall seasons, I encourage all clubs to consider including a Diabetes Awareness Presentation as part of a club meeting. Lion Barb and myself have a few club meetings scheduled as well as some health fairs, but would welcome the opportunity to participate in more discussions concerning such topics as Warning Signs of Pre-Diabetes What exactly is diabetes, and Living with diabetes. I am now working with Health Promotion Council out of Philadelphia which made a well-attended presentation at the recent State Convention concerning Diabetes and will be providing me with informational hand-outs for use in District 14-P. I also have the opportunity to join the LCI Facebook Group "Lions Fight Diabetes" but need help as I don't do Facebook. If interested, please let me know. If your club would like a presentation, also let me know.

**Leader Dog:** I received an end of year report showing that our district 14P Lions donated \$20,475 from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to Leader Dogs for the Blind. This appears to be third of the 17 districts in Pennsylvania, behind 14A, and 14H. The report also indicated that 35 of our district Lions Clubs, 1 Lioness Club, 1 Leo Club, and the District donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind this year. I believe the district donation was an in kind donation because I turned back the mileage reimbursement when I went to Leader Dogs last August. I do not have the final numbers for the entire state, but we are normally second only to the home state of Michigan in donations. As we are meeting today, IPDG Steve and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Marilyn Wagner are at Leader Dogs for the Blind for the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG orientation. Thank you for your support of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Lions Eye Bank: no report

**Vision Resource Center:** Workshop: Has been rather slow. Have been trying to find new local businesses to partner with. Preschool Vision Screenings: Slow over the summer but have done community screenings at local libraries and at Olivets Boys and Girls Clubs. Lunch Bunch: Continuing on a monthly basis. Have added some new restaurants to our rotation. Support Groups/Lunch n Learn: Support groups are continuing on a monthly basis. Lunch n learns are every quarter and are on a variety of topics including premature retinopathy.

Fundraisers: Vision and Hearing Expo was held Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Crowne Plaza. Had a live remote with WEEU. Golf Tournament-Held on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Willow Hollow Golf Course. This was our first golf tournament. With our sponsorships, registrations, and raffles we were able to make over \$10,000. Dine In the Dark is scheduled for Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Crowne Plaza. Ted and Lisa Lavender of Berks Fire Water Restorations are the honorary co-chairs. WFMZ is the event sponsor. Tickets are currently on sale and sponsorships are also available. Facilities: Still waiting on the roof which has been put on hold due to the weather. Are also looking to have 2 trees in the front taken down and new signage installed. Intakes: Have had numerous intake appointments over the past 3 months. Health Fairs: Have attended Aging Parent Fairs at Penn State St.

Joes and AAA as well as at St. Catharine's of Siena Additional Client Activities: Kid's Camp and Adult Activity Week were both successful. Bowling Club has also been occurring on a monthly basis.

**Bing Miller Foundation:** Our mission is to actively serve the people of Berks County and Chester County, Pennsylvania, by building permanent charitable capital, making philanthropic grants to needy individuals and families, and providing those services through our Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs, that contribute to the health and vitality of their local community. The Lion James E Bing Miller Charitable

Foundation has not met to conduct business since the last Cabinet Meeting on June 2, 2018. However, the Foundation did present a Grant to the West Chester Lions Club in the amount of \$300.00 via an email membership vote. The Grant was issued for the benefit of Jeremiah Whaley from West Chester PA. Mr. Whaley current works for the local Salvation Army. After suffering from eye cancer many years ago, Mr. Whaley requested from the West Chester Lions Club funds for a prosthetic eye ball in the amount of \$619.00.

The West Chester Lions Club donated the \$319.00 and the Bing Miller Foundation Granted \$300.00. The Bing Miller Foundation current Corpus account stands at \$158,254.75 with the recent purchase of \$10,000.00 in the Coatesville School District Insured Bond at 4.50% annually. The Foundation currently has a total cash value of \$180.743.06 that includes \$10,990.32 available for Grants to Clubs to service the needy in their communities.

**LCIF Coordinator:** PDG Ken Snyder had nothing to report. PDG Ken Snyder has resigned from the position of LCIF Coordinator. This position is now vacant.

Lions of PA Foundation: 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 Saturday, July 21, 2018, at the Best Western Central Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. There were 9 in attendance. Treasurer Lion Mark Tomco reported that as of July 21, 2018, there was \$94,211.15 available in the grant account. We currently have \$1,669,254.00 in the Foundation corpus. The following grants were reviewed and acted on: District 14-P & Paoli, Berwyn, Malvern Lions Club for back-up generators for visually impaired resident homes owned by Royer-Greaves. The request was for \$14,913.00. This was approved with the stipulation that the district request a similar grant from LCIF. If received, we asked that they return our grant back to LOPF or portion thereof. Motion was made by PDG Kerry Drake, seconded by Lion Mark Tomco to accept the request. Motion carried. District 14-W and the Dallas Lions Club requested \$1,500 for improvements to the Black Mountain Memorial Library Historical sign. Sing this request did not assist the physically impaired or the community, under the LOPF guidelines it did not qualify. Therefore, a motion was made by PDG Richard Taylor, seconded by PDG Ken Mims to deny the request. Motion carried. District 14-K and the Upper Lehigh Lions Club requested \$2,865 to provide material for the creation of a ramp for a child with cerebral palsy. This was denied because our guidelines do not allow us to provide funds to an individual. The Board suggested the club check with lumber companies for donation of materials. Motion was made by PDG Rodney Sweger, seconded by PDG Kerry Drake to turn down the request. Motion carried. District 14-A and the Warrington Lions Club requesting \$25,000 to cover some of the expense in creating Kid's Mountain. After much discussion, the request was tabled. Club needs to be asked to apply to LCIF for a grant which could reduce the amount asked of LOPF. The need to advise us to how specifically our grant will be used. When we bring it to the Board again, we may need to divide the monies in to two parts or more. District 14-J and the Ridgway Lions Club requested \$2,500 for blacktop paving at the Skate Park. This will need to be a one-time payment. Motion made by PDG Rodney Sweger, seconded by PDG Ed Gursky to accept the request. Motion carried. District 14-A requested \$2,000 for a Welch Allyn Hearing Screener. This works in conjunction with the eve screening program with children. Motion by PDG Kerry Drake. seconded by PDG Ken Mims to accept the request. Motion carried. The total of Grants disbursed was \$25,413.00. PDG Kerry Drake reported on our Fellowship program now shows a total of 65 new Fellows 17 PIP members from 1/1/2018. PDG Ken Mins gave out 2018 rockers to sell and he will handle the PIP Awards applications. PDG Dr. Don Gibala addressed the new website and was asked to put updated Fellow and Grant applications on it and make it go live. PDG Linwood Gehris presented his Power Point presentation on the LOPF Legacy Program and forming Trusts to benefit the Lion's Estate and the Foundation. PDG Lester Good is handling the LOPF annual banquet for Friday, November 2, 2018. At the State Council Meeting at Indiana University Pennsylvania (IUP) in Indiana, PA. Meal charge \$30.00. Discussion: LOPF needs to hold to the 30-day review of Grant requests. Requests need to be sent to us no less than 30 days prior to our meeting. If received in less than 30, we will review the request but hold deciding until the next Board meeting. LOPF is searching for an Executive Director. This position is open to anyone. If this person is not a Lion, he/she will be inducted into Lionism. Replacement for PDG Sarah Clark - IPDG Kathie Fouse has accepted that position. We look forward to having Kathie on board. Election of officers: Motion by PDG Rodney Sweger, seconded by PDG Richard Taylor to reelect the current President, Vice President, Treasurer and adding PDG Mary Jane Keller as secretary. Motion carried. Discussion on capping the grant requests - As a result no change was made. Each grant will be reviewed, and decision made at that time. We need to have a Board member write articles for the Pride. Hold until next meeting. PDG Ken Mims will submit an article re Contributing Membership Program. Next

LOPF meeting will be at the same place on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. 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.

PA Eye Research: no report

**PA Hearing Research:** PDG Ken Snyder did not have anything to report. PDG Ken Snyder has resigned from this position. This position is now vacant.

**KidSight:** On June 23, 2018 at our annual meeting the board voted and elected the following new trustees and officers: Officers: PDG Phil Shober Chairman/CEO, Lion Patrice Crammer President/COO, Lion Terry Stouffer Vice President, PDG Kenneth Snyder Treasurer, Lion Terry Stamm Secretary. Trustees: PDG Carl Gundrum, Lion Cindy Gundrum, 1st VDG Marilyn Wagner, Lion Melissa Hinkle, Lion Candice Shober, Lion David Priebe, Lion Robert Jackson, PDG Stephen Wagner, Lion Martin Kozlowski, Lion Ken Swart, Vision Resource Center President Lori Schermerhorn.

Leo's: vacant

Services for Children: School of Learning: The School of Learning began on June 18, 2018, with an enrollment of 340 children. There were some special needs we had to provide for the children, but we are happy to say we were able to do so. Events: Due to the severe heat that we had this summer, some of outside events such as country rides; Nature and Science had to be canceled. Animal Farm: We are pleased to have the Levitch Farm accompanied by staff to come to our school with the following animals: Three horses which the children enjoyed riding, chickens, ducks, potbellied pig, sheep and a cow. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the entire afternoon. Introducing Finance: A representative from the BBT Bank shared their interest in teaching the smaller children the difference in coins and the older children concerning budgeting and saving. Collection of Cans: We collect cans, remove the tabs and share them with our Lions; however we took the cans and sold them to a local scrap and metal company. With the money we now have an emergency fund. Chester County Youth Center: Wednesday evening will find lots of fun laughter and joy among the girls namely the shelter which consists of females. Our attendance varies. I supply treats for all. Thank You: Honey Brook Lions, Elverson Morgantown Lions.

Peace Poster: Thank you, District Governor Dave for asking me to continue as the Peace Poster Chairperson for this year. This year's Peace Poster Contest has the theme of "KINDNESS MATTERS". By now, or very soon, all schools and sponsored youth groups should have their contest kits, so that the teachers can begin working with the students on the posters as quickly as possible. The contest is open to any student who will be 11-13 years of age on Nov. 15, 2018. Eligible birth dates are Nov. 16, 2004 through Nov. 15, 2007. Students must follow the guidelines in the kit for completing their posters. Each Club picks one winning poster from all the schools that they sponsor prior to our next Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, November 10, 2018. (Only one poster from each Club is to be submitted.) The winning poster from each Club must then be at the next Cabinet Meeting no later than 9:00 a.m. to be eligible for the judging that will take place that day. We will be picking our winning District 14-P poster, which will be sent to the State Office in Harrisburg. \*\* Please note that this date differs from the Nov. 15 deadline mentioned in the contest kit. Also, if any school has any visually impaired students, they are eligible to enter the LCI Essay Contest instead of submitting a hand drawn poster. I am looking forward to seeing the amazing posters that our youth can create when given a new theme.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business:** There is a new program from Lions International, "New Voices for Women". A certificate is awarded to outstanding women and District 14P's first recipient was GST Madison Kaley. Congratulations on a job well done.

A meeting of the House of Delegates will be called for the State Council meeting to be held November 2nd to 4th in order to endorse a candidate from Pennsylvania for International Director. The House of Delegates makes a recommendation to the State Council of Governors which will decide on the recommendation at the February State Council of Governors meeting. Our District 14P representatives for the House of Delegates are PDG Phil Shober, PDG Nancy Gauthier, and PDG Ken Snyder.

A Regional Lions Institute is scheduled for York PA on February 22nd to 24th. We need to look for two or three Lions from our district to attend that training.

PDG Nancy Gauthier offered to serve as our District 14P disaster coordinator. She already works closely with Lion Jim Groff from the Christiana Lions Club in 14D who is our state disaster coordinator.

DG David gave name badges to the Cabinet officers.

The winners of the 50/50 drawing were Lion Al Piasecki and PDG Fran Griffin.

There being nothing further for the cause of Lionism, a motion to adjourn was made by Lion Gary Hilbert and seconded by Lion Barry Yerger. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, DS Gwen Burgis

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