

'We Serve through Diversity'

Vice Council Chair MD14 2019 - 2020 District Governor 14-P 2019 - 2020

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District Governor Marilyn Wagner called the meeting to order on Saturday, May 23rd at 9:00 AM via Zoom with a salute to the flag. There was a salute to the members of the cabinet who have had military service and DG Marilyn thanks them for their service. The Invocation was made by District Governor Marilyn Wagner. Those members in attendance were DG Marilyn Wagner, DGE Arthur Pecht, 1stVDGE Gary Hilbert, IPDG David Hunsberger; ZC Lion Patrice Crammer, Lions Barry Marteny, PDG Gus Meyer, Lion Nelson Moeller, ZC Lion Anne Ostrowski, PDG Phil Shober, Lion Barbara Smith, PDG David Smith, PDG Ken Snyder, Lion Terry Stamm, PDG Richard Taylor, PDG Stephen Wagner, and DS Linda Long.

Parliamentarian: This meeting is conducted under the rules of the Constitution and Bi-Laws of the District and of International. There must be social distance and mask were not required at this meeting.

Introduce Guests: Lion President Greg Crammer was also on the call.

District Governor Report: Welcome to this final Cabinet Meeting of the 2019 – 2020 Lions Year – since we last met the world around us has changed – we have been hard hit by a pandemic none of us believed could happen and because of that we have lost almost 3 months of Meetings and Fellowship, Fundraising Operations, Meetings and Conventions to share who we and what we do.

I am glad to say that many of our Lions still continue to Serve – albeit in unexpected new ways – making personal protection equipment for our first responders, ensuring school children continue to receive needed food support now that they are not in school as well as helping with food support caused by ever increasing unemployment.

We have taken to new methods of communicating and now see each other more thru a computer screen rather than face to face. We cancelled our District Convention yet held a successful Election to appoint our new District Governor and First Vice District Governor using yet another "app" called Election Runner.

When our State Convention was also cancelled we still successfully held our final Council of Governors meeting of 2019 – 2020 using Zoom - with almost 80 attendees and on the very day we should have met face to face in Erie and in front of President Choi. The following day we were able to hold an Orientation session with our 2020 – 2021 Council of Governors Elect, so they are prepared to begin to operate on July 1, 2020.

I often wonder if this going to be our new 'normal'? I sincerely hope not – though I do see a few trust issues surfacing as our communities begin to open again.

What saddens me most is the fact we were not able to celebrate and recognize the achievements of a number our Lions members – I have a number of awards to present to these very deserving Lions; Leo's as well as to the talented winners of this year's Peace Poster Contest. I am asking your forgiveness in not doing that at a virtual meeting since I would like to personally present each one of these in front of an assembled group of their fellow Lions, Club members and Parents. District Governor Elect Art and I have discussed the possibility of having a celebration in June as I close my year as District Governor of 14-P – a year in which I have been honored to serve and have thoroughly enjoyed – including the high points as well as the occasional disappointments – or it may be pushed to the July/August time frame and with the permission of our new District Governor to present them.

So, what news do I have to share with you on recent events in our District and at the Multiple?

District:

- During this past quarter we have suffered the loss of some great Lions including a member of this Cabinet – Bally Lions Club Secretary Dennis Hafer. He was a regular feature with the Vision Resource Center.
- I can confirm that the Elverson Morgantown Lions Club will close at the end of June, with the loss (at this point) of 21 Lions members.
- There will need to be a new Guiding Lion appointed to assist Alvernia Lions Campus Club rebuild following recent graduations and students not being on Campus.
- We held a successful Guiding Lion Workshop in March and all attendees are now either newly or re-certified Guiding Lions to help our District move forward.
- We need to provide Training to our incoming Club Presidents, Secretaries, Club Administrators and Treasurers – usually held at convention and again DGE Art and I have briefly discussed how this might happen.
- We need our incoming Zone Chairs to be trained and ready to support the District Global Action Team and the introduction of the North American Membership Initiative.
- Last and most urgent we need to find a candidate to serve as our Second Vice District Governor for the year 2020 – 2021.
 Moving on to the Multiple:
- The Council agreed to extend the August Council Meeting to include a Friday Night Banquet incorporating Honors Banquet Ceremonies and the Memorial Service, both usually held at the May Convention.
- It was agreed to hold a Special Convention at the second Council Meeting in November, 2020 in order to hold a vote on the two Ballot Questions passed at the February 2020 Council meeting. The main reason they are not just being held over to the 2021 State Convention is that one of them is related to the redistribution of our State Dues and necessary so that the 2021 – 2022 Budget can be calculated.
- Beacon Lodge informed the Council that they will be moving their Governor Appreciation Day to Sunday August 23rd, 2020, though also sadly confirmed that the camp will be closed to guests for the summer of 2020.
- All appointments scheduled for the 2020 2021 State Committee Chairs were made

and approved with the exception of a Statewide Diabetes Coordinator – so if anyone is interested in serving our State in that capacity please let me know – I can provide the relevant Policy detailing the requirements.

In closing I wish to express my sincere thanks to all members of this current Cabinet – both for your assistance and support during this past year – it has been appreciated and I look forward to seeing your continuing service to the Lions of District 14-P. It is a great feeling to know we will be in good hands with the District Team of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted: District Governor Marilyn

Secretary Report The District Secretary requested that everyone in attendance let me know so that I can mark it. Please send me your report; this will be the official version that is put into the minutes. If you are making or seconding a motion you should tell us who you are first so that I can identify you.

There was a motion made by Lion PDG Phil Shober and a second by Lion Barry Marteny to approval the February 15, 2020 Cabinet meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: On the close of business on May 21, 2020, the PA Lions District 14-P had a checking balance of \$22,932.45. All Clubs Dues were invoiced for the second half of this Lions year with (one) Clubs unpaid. Total dues budgeted was \$4,468.00. The total collected was \$4,386.00. Total outstanding is \$30.00 with under budget income of \$82.00.

The following transactions occurred from my last report to the cabinet on February 15, 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

INCOME:

- \$ 740.00 District 50/50 Raffle
- \$ 484.00 District Convention (\$260 meals, \$224 Basket Raffle).
- \$1,375.00 State Stipend (2nd half of year)
- \$ 358.00 District Dues (one club still owes \$30, Wernersville Lions Club)

\$2.957.00 Total

EXPENSES:

- \$ 250.85 Postage (Stamps \$165; 3 rolls, \$39.22 Veteran Stamps Postage, \$46.63 DG Ink Cart).
- \$ 275.00 District Convention (\$260 meals refunds, \$15 Voting Software) (\$250 Hall Deposit still outstanding)
- \$ 508.89 LCI GMT Grant (\$350 Leadership Training: G. Crammer, C.

Smaltz, \$158.89

Zoom Software).

- \$ 263.90 1st VDG Expenses (3rd Quarter Council Meetings
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\$1,558.64 Total

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\$1,398.36 difference in the Black

CHARITIES:

INCOME:

\$ 100.00 Alcohol & Drug Awareness

\$3,190.00 Beacon Lodge total

\$ 950.00 Berks Deaf and Hard of Hearing

\$ 100.00 Bing Miller Foundation

\$ 500.00 Canine Partners for Life

\$ 100 .00 Diabetes Awareness Research

\$ 2,092.00 DG Marilyn Project PA Lions Care for Kids; 4 Diamond (Total so far \$3,778.00)

\$1,175.00 Kid Sight

\$ 200.000 LCIF

\$3,233.00 Leader Dog for the Blind

\$1,500.00 Lions Eye Bank of the Delaware Valley

\$ 250.00 PA Lions for Dog Guides

\$ 850.00 Hearing Research Foundation

\$1,400.00 PA Lions Sight Research Foundation

\$1,650.00 Vision Resource Center of Berks.

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\$17,290.00 Total Charities income 2/13/2020 to 5/21/2020

\$ - 100.00 Diabetes Awareness/ Research funds remain in account (Total in acct. \$5,295)

\$-2,092.00 DG Project remain in account.

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\$15,098.00 Charities Payout. (Expenses)

\$ 2,453.00 DG Project paid to 4 Diamonds 5/21/2020 – Triple Match Funds Granted.

All charities collected were distributed on behalf on the donating clubs.

\$5,295.00 Total in the Diabetes Awareness Research Fund.

\$5,002.14 Total in Disaster Relief Fund 2018

\$ 559.05 Total in the Youth Exchange Program.

Respectively Submitted. PDG Richard T. Taylor, Treasurer.

There was a motion made by PDG Lion Steve Wagner and a second by DGE Art Pecht to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried.

District Governor Elect Report: I would like to congratulate DG Marilyn on her year as our governor. While she had a great year going then she hit a snag call coronavirus and it derailed many of her final plans. She pushed forward and will complete her year in style. I can not THANK her enough for the effort she gave the

district this year. You will see her hand print on our district for many years to come. She will be doing the district face book page among other things.

Friendship: I have made many new friends this year but there are two that stand out. I want you to know that VDGE Gary Hilbet and DG Marilyn Wagner that we have had many meetings on Fridays where we helped each other on problems that the district faced. I would like to thank both of them for there help in bring me up to speed as I only had one year to learn this job.

I have been attending many (maybe too many) Zoom meetings from LCI and the state and few for the district.

As we go forward we need to start to get active and LIONS need to tell their communities are alive and well. We need to stay safe and healthy as I feel we are not out of the woods yet. Please lead your clubs as DG Marilyn has lead our district, we must push forward.

Last but least I would like to thank PDG Rich Stump for his service to district 14-P. He has always gotten Lion Eyes out on time. He will be publishing his last copy for June 1. Please feel free to flood his email with thanks during that time. His email is: rstump535@comcast.net. I would like to welcome Lion Stephanie Gerlott as the new editor. Her email is sgerlott@comcast.net. The last thing I would like to share with you is my son David Pecht who is not a lion will be handling our web page.

2 Kindness Matters; Art Pecht 1st VDG; 484-680-4315; artpecht413@gmail.com

First Vice District Governor Elect Report Our lives have changed since the February District cabinet meeting. Club meetings, projects, fundraisers, our District and State convention were all cancelled due to the covid-19 pandemic. As Lions, this is not how we are used to doing things. This sucks.

One highlight of FVDGE across MD14 is the annual visit to Beacon Lodge Camp in June. Sadly but understanding why this was cancelled as all camp activities for 2020. I did attend the #4 state Council meeting via zoom on May 16. It was nice to see my fellow classmates. But video screens cannot replace handshakes and hugs. Spending more time at home has allowed me opportunities for training by using the Lions Learning Center and countless webinars.

In closing, I want to Thank DG Marilyn for her leadership and direction this past Lions year. She is a constant resource for me as I prepare to be DG next year. Sincerely, FVDGE Gary Hilbert

IPDG Report: I attended the Guiding Lion training in March. IPDG David Hunsberger

GLT Coordinator: No Report

GMT Coordinator: With the loss of at least 2 clubs and possible 3, there is going to be membership loss at the end of the year. Our numbers our going to go down. My biggest concern right now is membership recruitment which is on the top of our list as we continue to grow our name brand but at this point, I think with some of the inactivity with some of our clubs not meeting because of the pandemic is retention. Retention Is going

to be just as important as it always has been but more so now with the inactivity of the clubs. I believe the inactivity may affect some people. I hope that is not the case but it is going to be more important now then ever before to keep those members involved; so they do continue their service with Lions International.

GST Coordinator: No Report

ZONE CHAIR

Zone Chair 1A – No Report

Zone Chair 1B – There is not a whole lot to report. She been in contact with the clubs and talked to the presidents and secretaries. Pretty much all activites at the club level has been cancelled including the Mohnton – Cumru Music Festival at the end of June. It has been hard to have meetings. The Shillington Lions Club did a Zoom Bingo. Continuing to be engaged with the Zone Chairs are really important right now. Spring Township Lions Club members individually did donations to nursing homes. ZC Patarice and her husband Lion President Greg picked up 850 lb. of potatoes and donated them to food banks.

Zone Chair 2A – No Report

Zone Chair 2B: Due to Covid-19 precautions, all Lions Club meetings in Zone 2B – Bern Township, Blandon, Central Berks and Muhlenberg – were postponed until further notice as of March 17, 2020.

<u>Bern Township</u> – Did not respond to requests for a report. This club manages the Bern Township Swimming Pool. On May 19, they decided not to open the pool this summer due to ongoing precautions of the coronavirus. They do plan to co-sponsor the third annual Conner A. Kleffel Memorial Softball tournament in the fields behind the pool in late June.

<u>Blandon</u> – Did not respond to requests for a report. They had a Crispy Cruncy Chicken Fund Raiser.

<u>Central Berks</u> – In response to the Covid-19 crisis, Central Berks Lions Club donated \$10,000 to the Helping Harvest Food Bank, which serves Berks and Schuylkill counties. The money is being held in an account at the food bank for the monthly Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry at the Leesport Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. The Central Berks Lions also conducted their annual Road Clean-Up in late April. Nearly two miles of road were cleaned up and nine large trash bags filled. In addition, this club is making plans to be an LCIF model club. They have already donated \$5,400 and have until June of 2022 to donate monies to equal \$8,000 to attain the rank of model club.

<u>Muhlenberg</u> – Did not respond to requests for a report. Respectfully submitted, Zone Chair Anne Ostrowski

Zone Chair 3A

The Boyertown Lions Club had to cancel 2 major fund raisers due to the Covid 19 shutdown. They decided to meet in May, outdoors practicing social distancing and wearing masks. At this meeting they disbursed their money at this meeting. Due to the limited income they had this year, they decided all money would be disbursed to the immediate local community library, fire companies, Salvation Army and Multi Service. This information was posted on their facebook page which received many positive comments of thank you from the citizens of the community. They will be holding a pre-made hoagie fund raiser on June 6. This was posted on the facebook page also and numerous orders were received thru facebook. These orders will be delivered using the no contact policy. We will text when we arrive at the residence at which time they will put the payment on the porch and we will let the hoagies on the porch.

The Bally Lions Club is still in morning at the sudden passing of Lion Secretary Dennis Hafer. They are working on reorganizing under the leadership of Lion President Lee. They will be holding an outdoor meeting on June 1.

The Amity Township Lioness Club is still planning on disbursing at the end of June. They had cancel their two final fundraisers due to the virus. The are planning on holding an outdoor meeting in June practicing social distancing. The members of the club were going to go to Dutch Apple Theater to see a show in May, but that has been put on hold. The members will decide at their June meeting if they will request their deposit back, or plan for a show in the future when the situation will permit the gathering. They will also disburse all funds at this meeting.

It is will very sad and heavy hearts that the great service this club has provided to the local community has to come to an end due to circumstances beyond their control.

In Service ZC Susan Prutzman

Zone Chair 3B: No Report

Zone Chair 4A: No Report

Zone Chair 4B: No Report

COMMITTEE CHAIR

Childhood Cancer: No Report

Constitution/Bylaws: No Report

District Convention: Due to the restriction put on us we had to cancel our convention. That being said please save the date of April 10 which will be our next convention. VDG Gary will be the chairperson. Our speaker will be PDG Deb Burkholder. We are going to be doing the 50/50 raffle today on line. We appreciate the clubs who said we could use the baskets at our next function which will be a gathering of Lions to celebrate, passing of the banner, DG Marilyn year, and the

convention and the end of wearing masks. When this will take place is still up in the air probably in September.

I would like to thank all who served on this year convention committee for the time an effort they put in. THANK YOU; DGE Art Pecht

Disaster Relief Chair: 2020 has been a very challenging year so far for the State Disaster Relief Team with the Coronavirus and helping the August 31, 2018 flood victims in our state.

The virus restricted us in completing the necessary work for the flood victims. There were over 900 cases in our state and now we are down to a handful of cases. Unfortunately with spring coming, this is usually the time when new disasters occur.

Lion Karl Jones at PEMA headquarters in Harrisburg said, "What makes a neighborhood great? It's more than simply being a place for people to live, work, and play. As Lions we know that a great neighborhood happens when we realize it's in our power to take action to make a difference. In Pennsylvania, under the leadership of Lion Jim Groff, Lions are making a difference as trusted partners in rebuilding homes and lives following a disaster. Now, amid all the upheaval now being caused by CoVid it is more important for Lions to stay committed to this important mission. As so many other organizations are focusing on CoVid-19 issues, Lions in action together will be needed to improve the fabric of our neighborhoods following natural disasters."

On a brighter note, Lions State Administrator Bob McComas and State Council Chair Bill Morgan completed the LCI grant application for the wrapping of a tractor trailer and we received the grant. Lion Bob was also able to secure grants from Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation and the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation for the wrapping as well. Packaging Corporation of America donated 1000 printed boxes for the Lions Disaster Relief Team at no cost to us. We are working with a wrapping company for the 53' trailer. The donated boxes were picked up by State Disaster Coordinator Lion Jim Groff and are in storage for our future needs.

FUTURE GOALS IN DISASTER RELIEF:

- 1. Working and finishing the wrapping of a 53 ft. tractor trailer
- 2. Appointing Disaster Relief Coordinators in each of the MD-14 Districts (at this time we have 11 Coordinators).
- 3. Have an annual meeting in the PA Lions State office to discuss how we can better serve in Disaster Relief within PA.
- 4. Have a Disaster financial account in each individual District to help with the cost of supplies when needed.
- 5. Establish temporary warehouses throughout PA for disaster supplies. Lion Jim Groff and his team are at the ready to assist victims should the need arise and the pandemic allows. Everyone please stay safe and healthy!!

Honorary: I just want to remind everyone that we have a vacancy for 2nd Vice District Governor and it is important to find that person. I am asking that every club look closely at your membership and itdentify who your leaders are. If you are apprehensive about approaching them do not feel that you can not call on either

DGE Art of myself or PDG Marilyn. It is important that we get someone on board to begin the training. Several of us have been discussing the possibility that it may be more difficult to find that individual because on what is happing in the world. We need to put that to the side are go forward for our district to find that leader and continue to build our strength. Thank you. Past District Governor Steve Wagner.

Long Term Planning: Last Long Term Planning meeting was held I January and the report is in the February Cabinet Minutes.

Lioness Representative: No Report

Lion Eyes Newsletter: The Lion Eyes is sent every month to the Cabinet, Secretaries, Treasurers, Presidents, PDGs, State District Governors and some others.

June will be my last issue as I am retiring from being editor. I have been editor for eight years. It has been a privilege to have served for 8 Governors. They have all been very helpful in issuing Lion Eyes.

Your new editor is in the capable hands of Lion Stefanie Gerloff, daughter of VDGE Gary. Please give her the same cooperation you have given to me. PDG Rich Stump

Nominating Chair: No Report.

PR/Lions Information Technology: Website; Being updated on a regular basis. PDG Rich Stump.

Stamps & Tabs & Caps: No Report

USA/ Canada Forum: There is discussion ongoing about whether they will hold the forum this year. .

White Cane

<u>Berks Co</u>: The Boyertown Lions raised \$264.00 thru their Avon White Cane Fund Raiser. The proceeds were given to Leader Dog.

Chester Co: No Report

District Charities Projects:

Beacon Lodge: The camping season for 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 and from storms in the area this Spring. Beacon Lodge suffered some damage. The property committee met Monday May 18th.@ Beacon Lodge. Here is an overview of the damages:

- Both bedrooms and bathrooms in Rooms 1 & 2 were damaged
- Only the bathrooms in 3 & 4 need repairs
- Both bedrooms and bathrooms in 5 & 6 (second floor) were damaged
- Only bathrooms in 7 & 8 (second floor) need repairs

Need new Water heater

Breakdown costs -\$1,000, deductible costs which is not included in any of the below pricing

- 1. Epoxy floors installed in all bathrooms (first & second floors)& first & second floor bedrooms for a cost of \$3,801.65
- 2. Cost of damaged water heater is not covered by insurance.

All Approved by the Property Committee

Upcoming events @ Beacon Lodge

- 1. August 23,2020 Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day & Duck Race
- 2. August 29th Golf Tournament

If any of the clubs have not sent money in for the 500 Club please do so now! Beacon Lodge will have the challenge for funding operations of the club with severely limited income.

Berks Deaf & Hard Hearing: Unfortunately, the bulk of our money we raise comes from interpreting services from the schools. With the schools being closed, we have very little interpreting to do and have little revenue. They did receive a \$10,000 grant and also received from the government PPE \$100,000 for payroll. There are a lot of restriction to the PPE loan. Out of the 11 employees BDHH laid off 7 employees. To call them back and looking forward for the next 8 weeks, we would probably have to lay them off again because there is just no work for them. On Wednesday the Chairman of the Board, and the President and Ken (Treasurer) has a meeting with the auditor to see what we can do and move forward. To say we are in good shape today. NO!!

PDG Ken Snyder

Chester Co. Association for the Blind: No Report

Diabetes: Like everyone else the primary emphasis on diabetes is to go to club meeting, health fairs and things like that. With everything being shut down there really was not to much to do. In term of actual report that has not been any activity for the past few months. There is almost \$5,300 in the diabetes fund, I was just wondering if some of that could be used for other purposes. Lion Dave Smith is opened to suggesting. Lion Rich Taylor suggested that we donated some of that funds to the Diabetes Association for Research only. Lion Rich Taylor made a motion to donate \$3,000 to the Diabetes Association in Philadelphia for research. PDG Ken Snyder seconded the motion. Motion Carried. PDG David Smith Chairman

Eye Glass Collections: No Report

Leader Dogs for the Blind: I had the District Treasure PDG Rich Taylor made a check out to Leader Dog for \$132 that I received when I spoke at four clubs. I would like to thank the Blandon, Spring Township, West Goshen and my home club The Honey Brook Lions for their donations. I enjoyed being the Leader Dog spokesperson this year. I feel sad the VDG Gary will not get to go there, his training

will be online. I have asked Lion Paula to make a bowl of Chili and get a big glazed doughnut for lunch as that is the traditional lunch at Leader Dog for Lions. DGE Art Pecht

Lions Eye Bank: Cornea Transplants are considered to be elective surgery. As a result of that the operations have come to nearly a stand still other than emergency situations and we are taking care of providing cornea for that. The good news is that the chairman has contact the Small Business Administration and have applied for a payroll protection loan and was granted \$325,000 for the eye bank. As long as staffing is maintained during the pandemic, most of that loan is forgiven. This will retain the more highly skilled individuals we have. The reciepient lunchean did occure last week via Zoom. On Nov 21st the Eye Bank is planning a gala at the Constitution Center if Philadelphia. More details later. Obviously sight night was cancelled, we are going to look how things are going in the fall before we make any kind of determination. There will be a gold tournament in August 10th. Nelson Moeller, Chairman

Vision Resource Center: Will the passing of Chairman Lion Dennis Hafer of the Bally Lions Club; there is no report. The Vision and Hearing Expo this year had been cancelled until next year.

Foundations

Bing Miller Foundation: Concerning the calendar program, we were not able to make a decision but many process came up. We are going to wait until the next meeting to make a final decision. As of right now we believe that are program cannot go back to 1,000 calendars, but at the same time it presents a challenge that will be almost monumental to the calendars that we sold last year. So I asked all the members of our board to come up with ideas to meet the challenge of selling our large number of calendars.

As of May 1st, the total assests of the foundation were \$214,460.00. We have 14,399 available for grants less the approx. \$5,000 designated to the Spring Township Lions Club. Because most clubs have not been meeting, the request for grants have been quiet. Actually no request and we have the most amount of money we ever had for grants. Many of us are looking forward to a dayluge of grants and grants of possible a different kind then we seem before relative to our foundation. I think we are going to find a lot of families are going to be in need of support and this is going to be a great opportunity for clubs to be able to bring Lions into their lives, so we are hoping that we will be able to support those clubs if and when that happens.

When life gets back to closer to normal, we suppect that we will have an increase in the request for grants. We do not usually meet in the summer but due to the current conditions created by the pandemic we will set aside that standard if needed to meet any and all challenges presented before us at that time. Respectfully submitted Gus Meyers, President.

Kidsight: Kidsight has faulted. Any scheduled events for the past few months have been cancelled especially school screenings We hope to be able to get back at it once we are able to.

LCIF Coordinator: With a little more than a year left in our three year campaign to raise 300 million dollars, LCIF has currently raised 152.7 million dollars. Fundraising has slowed down. Lion David received notification that LCIF is officially extending the campaign for one more year until June 2022.

As of May 18th, LCIF has awarded 218 grants for COVID-19 relief totaling \$3,723,635. I know that in Pennsylvania, Districts G and H each received \$10,000 emergency grants to give out personal protective equipment. Grants have also been given in hard hit areas such as New York. All of these grants come from our donations to LCIF's disaster relief fund.

Since our February Cabinet meeting, I managed to visit one of our District 14P Lions Clubs before being shut down. That was the PBM Lions Club in early March. I recently contacted Lions Clubs who contributed in 2018-2019, but not so far this year. Last Lions year we had 70.5% of our clubs participating. So far this year we have 22 clubs, or 55% participating.

As of the end of April, our district has raised \$15,058.16 for LCIF. This is below the more than \$22,193.65 we raised last Lions year, and the \$47,598.50 we raised two years ago, but only \$865.46 below the amount we had raised by April 30, 2019. Individual donations total \$4,534,16 and we have \$2,035.50 in outstanding pledges.

Over the last four weeks, I have participated in four webinars given by LCIF.

I will highlight a few of our District 14P Lions Clubs here. In terms of total dollars given, the Coventry Lions Club is number one so far with a \$2,000 club donation and \$500 in individual donations. They have 30 members listed, so at this point they are a little below a \$100 per member average. I contacted them with this information and received a reply that they are not a "recognition oriented" club, but are glad to know that they have helped out. They have canceled their big fundraiser, the blues festival, this year.

The Coatesville Lions Club has contributed \$2,100 this year with 19 members, so they are over a \$100 per member average. This is not a 100/100 club in which all of the members individually contribute \$100, but I believe there is a recognition for clubs who contribute a \$100 per member average.

The Frystown Lions Club with only 6 members has donated \$425 and the Spring Township Lions Club has a number of smaller individual donations throughout the year.

Thank you to the 22 Lions Clubs and individual members who have donated to LCIF so far this year. I hope we can pick it up at the end of the year and get back to where we were last year. At this point we do not have any model clubs or 100/100 clubs.

DG Marilyn noted that there are emergency COVID-19 grants available from LCIF. There are 4 or 5 district in Pennsylvania that have already applied for these grant. DG Marilyn is going to try to get one to assist our nursing homes in Berks and Chester Counties.

David M. Hunsberger; District 14P LCIF Coordinator

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's Board Meeting that was supposed to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 was cancelled.

Treasurer's Report by Lion Mark Tomco. No Report.

The following grants were reviewed and acted on via Emails.

- Multiple District 14 for the Disaster Trailer Wrap design and installation requested \$5,000.00, Grant was approved.
- District 14-F and the Jamestown Lions Club requested \$3,263.00 for the Jamestown Lions Community Center Upgrade. This was approved.
- District 14-C and the Windsor Lions Clubs requested \$1,000.00 for the Windsor Lions Club Building for Handicap Access. This request was approved.
- District 14-F and the Meadville Lions Club requested \$1,500.00 for the restoration of the Meadville Railroad Historical Depot. This request was approved.
- District 14-G and the Mill Hall Area Lions Club requested \$3,000.00 for the Mill Hall Area Lions Club Children Meals.
 \$2,000 was approved as a cap on these requests.
- District 14-P and the Kennett Square Lions Club request for \$4,000 for Food and Utilities support for the Kennett Area Community Service Food Cupboard. \$2,000.00 was approved as a cap on these requests.

The total approved for grants was \$14,763.00. Therefore, checks totaling \$14,763.00 were issued this current quarter.

The next meeting date is set for Saturday, July 25th, 2020 in Harrisburg. I am available to give a program to the Clubs on the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundatin.

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.

All grants funds distributed by the Foundation are used to support residence in PA only. All Disaster / Emergency funds are distributed as per donor's discretion. Respectively submitted; PDG Richard T. Taylor, PA Lions District 14-P LOPF Chairperson.

Pa Hearing Research 2020: We are doing like everyone else, we are Zooming in there. We had three requests for funding for research. We discussed it and agreed that we will talk about it again at the August Meeting. We are moving on. We have enough funds that we could get another grant for research out there. We have about \$25,000 grants available. We looking forward to getting more research. PDG Steve Wagner, Chairman

YOUTH

Leo Chair: There has not been any Leo Club meetings. I did hear about the Wilson Leo Club getting their grant to do the windmill system for their outdoor classroom. Some of the Leo have participated in other activities and functions. We had a Leo from the Avon Grove Charter School and the Oxford Leo Clubs participated in 100th Earth Day Celebration and for a former member of the Kennett Lions Club with a drive by parade (PDG Don Barber who was 100 years old).

I continue to communicate with the clubs Liasons hence I do not have a way directly to communicate with the Leo members. I send everything I get from International, State and District to the Leo Club liasons. I did get to visit the Own J. Roberts High School and the Middle School in February before everything shut down. It was really nice to see what they were doing. I continue to post information that the Leo give me to the District 14-P and the State Leo Facebook pages.

The Leo Club of Avon Grove Charter School did win one of the prizes in the plastic bag collection. They will be receiving a Trex Bench to Luther House in the fall. The Oxford Leo Club may be going away. The liaison for the Oxford Lion and the school advisor both will not be participating in the Leo Club next year. Barry Martiney, Chairman

Peace Poster: The new theme is for 2021 is "Peace through Service". I am hoping that we will be able to get some posters We still hope to award the winner of this years poster. The district winner was awarded 4th place in the state level.

Services for Children: No Report – Lion Doris Haley mailing address is P. O. .Box 934; Kennett Square, PA 19348. Any further correspondence should be send there.

Youth Programs: No Report.

Old Business:

Raffle that will be held at the District Convention:

The virus has impacted our sales; even though tickets were distributed in January, they had to be sold in either January or February because after March there was no action. There was 18 tickets that were not sold. Lion Barbara Smith will be sending out checks totalling \$840 to the winners.

1st Prize - Lion Joe Cutolo 2nd Prize - Lion Tony Vitacco 3rd Prize - Joanne Finney

4th Prize - Lion / Lioness Sue Prutzman

5th Prize - Lion Paula Hilbert

6th Prize - 1st Vice District Governor Elect Gary Hilbert

7th Prize - Lion Joshua Sloan

The <u>Elder Abuse Symposium</u> that was supposed to be at the Henrietta Hankin Library has been cancelled. The library is still not open. We still intend to hold the symposium at a later date. It will be at no cost to the district and the people who

were to be our sponsors and speaker have agreed to take part later. Probably sometime over the summer. We did get some registered attendee. It will be held when we can get together.

New Business

Concerning the Club Officers and the Training, Zone Chairs Training, DGE Art and DG Marilyn will figure out how that is going to be held and when it is going to be held. Most of this should take place in June. With not meeting we have the decision to make of whether it is held through Zoom or if we can have a small group at the Good Life Financial Office where we held the Certified Guilding Lion Program. We can be spacious and spread out there.

I already gave the updates for the state council meeting #4 in my report.

Anything Items for the Good of the Order.

Before I turn off the batton to District Governor Elect Art Pecht, Is there any items that anyone once to be given to the good of the order.

PDG Phil Shober inquired about the <u>grants that LCIF</u> is giving for the nursing homes, Lion Phil thinks we should ask about funds for the food banks. The Big Food Bank (Helping Harvest in Berks) gets a lot of money but the regional food banks are not getting the money and the grants. When they go for food they have to pay the big food banks money in order to get some of that food. Maybe we could consider helping the smaller food banks. DG Marilyn stated that she could include that in the grant application but she states the critier is pretty vague. Food was one of those things that they were precluding. If we make the case like the school are holding daily food giveaway to food support to children that are not in schools. She hopes to have the grant application submitted by Monday. (May 25th).

District Governor Marilyn Wagner introduced our District Governor Elect Art Pecht. DGE Art presented DG Marilyn a basket of flowers via zoom He thanks DG Marilyn for all she has done for the district this year.

Immediate Past District Governor David Huntsberger gave the benediction.

There was a motion made by DGE Art Pecht, and a second by PDG Phil Shober to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.