



Arkansas Lion MD-7 Council of Governors Meeting, January 11, 2019



Meeting Location: Hempstead Hall, UACCH, Hope, Arkansas

Participants: Myrna McGee, Council Chair, Don Draper, District Governor 7-L, Tracy Price, District Governor 7-I, Pat Snodgrass, District Governor 7-O and Gloria Montgomery, District Governor 7-N.

Special Guests: PID Eugene Spiess; PDG's Debbie & Kevin Cantrell; PDG Aubrey Cherry & Francis Cherry

Guests: Betsy Barnes, Wanda Barnett, Kevin Baskin, Mike Benefield, Kandy Cayce, John Collier, Jeff Davis, Kim Earles, Phyliss Fry, Claudia Griffin, Mary Harlin, Bill Heaston, Ramona Huff, Frances Lehenny, Bill Mattler, Ron McCormick, Ron Montgomery, Patty O'Bannon, Rita Price, Art Ritter, Nell Rockett, Cleon Rogers, Matt Webber, Bob Williams

CC Myrna McGee called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM. The DG Tracy Price gave the invocation and DG Pat Snodgrass gave the pledge of allegiance. CC Myrna introduced the special guests.

Council of Governors meeting minutes for November 3, 2018 were presented by council secretary, DG Don Draper. A motion was made by DG Pat to approve the minutes as presented. Second by DG Tracy; motion carried.

The financial statement for MD-7 as of closure on November 30, 2018, as prepared by state secretary Wanda Barnett, was presented by council treasurer DG Tracy Price. Year to date income was \$18,161 and expenses was \$17,179 for a net change of assets of \$981. Assets for the Council, State Convention, Mid-Winter, Lions Alert and CD accounts as of 11/30/2018 were respectively \$12,876; \$11,282; \$6,458; \$14,199 and \$14,261 for a total of \$59,076. DG Don made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented; second by DG Pat; motion carried.

Old Business:

Action Items from the November 3, 2018 minutes were reviewed.

- CC Myrna advised that she would set up an electronic meeting in early in March to review the Strategic Plan.
- CC Myrna noted that the State Events Planning Committee Policy Manual was approved at the October meeting, but that the SEPC chair, PDG Phyliss Fry had revised and simplified the document. DG Don noted that the upgrade was a significant improvement but additional revisions needed to be considered as provided by District 7L. DG Tracy made a motion to approve the manual as submitted by PDG Phyliss; second by DG Pat; motion carried 3 to 1, (DG Don opposed).
- CC Myrna advised that she had received input from District 7-L on District Merging but would defer the discussion to a special electronic meeting that she would set up in early February.
- CC Myrna advised that she was working with her Global Action Team to set up state wide training in early March for all three areas: membership, leadership and service. Notifications would be sent out when this was set up.



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- CC Myrna advised that she would set up an electronic meeting in late February to review the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Nominations for the three MD-7 awards is due by March 1, 2019.
- Other Old Business: CC Myrna advised that clubs should not drop off used eye glasses at the state office. Each club needs to determine how to handle any used eye glass collections.

New Business:

- The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) has invited the Lions of Arkansas to join them as a member starting with the planning for the 2020 Institute. The Institute was created in 2002 and consisted of MD-5 (Dakotas & Saskatchewan), MD-9 (Iowa), MD-16 (Kansas) and MD-38 (Nebraska). In 2009, MD-36 (Missouri) joined and in 2017 MD-5 withdrew. The next institute is in Marysville, Missouri on July 26 through 28. Registration is \$160. Contact is PID Bill Phillipi in Kansas.
 - DG Don suggested the information be provided to the VDG(E) and that we suggest that they consider finding volunteers to attend the meeting and make recommendations back to their council.
 - CC Myrna noted that this may be a good replacement for our unsuccessful efforts to build a Leadership Institute in Arkansas. If the DG's feel there was an interest by our next electronic meeting, CC Myrna may consider inviting a GPLLI representative to our state convention.
- VDG Cleon Rogers and PCC Bill Heaston put together a proposal that was presented by PCC Bill for the MD-7 Council of Governors to endorse the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Regional Program Tele-Retinal Project. This endorsement was required for an application for a matching LCIF grant of \$84,000. LCIF will be requested to provide \$42,000 matching grant with the Lions of Arkansas providing \$11,000. The Eye Bank has committed to donating \$10,000 and UAMS is expected to donate \$21,000. VDG Cleon's club (Little Rock Founders) have already donated \$2,500 and four Lions have added another \$400.
 - The object of the project is to increase access to effective tele-retinal screening for rural diabetic patients across Arkansas. This will be accomplished by placing cameras at the three remaining clinics that do not have cameras yet (Fort Smith, Batesville & Helena), providing a camera for a mobile unit to be stationed out of Little Rock and developing processes and training to integrate screening, analysis and feedback within the normal routine diabetes appointments. The cameras cost \$19,000 each. The balance of the funding will be for pamphlets and promotional material.
 - This project follows a pilot project that was used to test the technology and adjust the process to make it effective. This technology is not new. It is used elsewhere and Arkansas is playing catch up on these medical services. If detected early the progression of this disease can be stopped and blindness prevented.
 - This project effects all four districts since UAMS in Little Rock has eight Regional Family Medical Clinics which will all have this capability:
 - 7L – Magnolia and Texarkana
 - 7I – Ft. Smith and Fayetteville



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- 7O – Batesville and Jonesboro
- 7N – Pine Bluff and Helena
- The project addresses two Lions service areas: Vision & Diabetes.
- PDG Art Ritter noted that another grant was in the works. PID Eugene Spiess indicated there could be two open grants at one time in the state.
- DG Don Draper made a motion for the Lions Council of Governors for Arkansas to endorse the application for a LCIF matching grant for \$84,000 to support the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Regional Program Tele-Retinal Project as described in the provided copy of the LCIF standard grant proposal. Motion seconded by DG Pat Snodgrass. Motion carried unanimously.
- The project administrators will be CC Myrna for Arkansas Lions and Mark Jansen, MD for UAMS. Project coordinator will be VDG Cleon Rogers for Lions and Holly Jenkins, MSN, RN for UAMS. This project should close within six months once approved.
- DG Pat made a motion to set up a separate bank account to accumulate the required \$11,000 matching funds required from the State of Arkansas Lions. Second by DG Don; motion carried.
 - The account was to be named: UAMS/Lions Tele-Retinal Screening Project. All Lions checks to support this project need to be made out to this account.
 - The \$11,000 needs to be in place prior to the LCIF vote on the project in May.
 - PCC Bill advised that the DGs be the focal point to reach out to the clubs for support. At DG Pat's request, PCC Bill committed to providing the DGs with a slide program that could be used by the DGs to present the project to the clubs. This slide program needs to include what is expected from the clubs in the future to buy into the support of this UAMS project. This slide program is needed prior to the second week of February for District 7-L.
- CC Myrna said that Dr. Jensen would be asked to speak at the State Convention.
- CC Myrna announced and gave out award checks for the MD-7 Peace Poster winners:
 - 1st Place: Annie Xu from the Fayetteville Club
 - 2nd Place: Celeste Satchell from the Hot Springs Village Breakfast Club
 - 3rd Place: Paige Schales from the Trumann Club

Committee Reports:

- **GMT:** PDG Wanda Barnett reported that she is excited that membership is slowly increasing in North America. We are encouraging clubs to add a net of just one new member and for the Arkansas Governor's to reach their goal for 10 new clubs. The GMT team is willing to assist in your membership goals but I have some major recent events in my life and my time is now limited. PDG Claude Jamerson has agreed to assist me till July 2019. Also, Lion Paul Baker, new club consultant has extended an invitation to come to Arkansas and hold a new club workshop.
 - We have 121 clubs in Arkansas and membership is 2,828. All districts are down:
 - 7-L is 768, down 59
 - 7-I is 774, down 17
 - 7-O is 640, down 3
 - 7-N 646 down 29 for a total loss of 108 Lions



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- **GST:** PCC Bob Williams lauded the Tele-Retinal project. He noted that he had sent out information earlier and would be sending an update after this meeting to all district GSTs. PCC Bob indicated training was needed. He also noted that only 52 of the 121 clubs in the state had reported service this year. DG Pat advised that secretaries in his district were having difficulties with the new web site and it needed to be more friendly to work with. Issues with MyLion were also noted. This transition has negatively impacted our recording of services this year.
- **International Relations:** PCC Bill Heaston remind all to read the Lions magazine.
- **Internet Technology:** CC Myrna noted that PCC Jennifer needed all data in word and not pdf format.
- **Leos:** CC Myrna noted that their district has one new Leo Club at Elkins this year. They are hoping to develop a second Leo club for youth that helped one club with their haunted house project.
- **Lions Alert:** CC Myrna noted that there was no activity this month.
- **PDG Association:** PCC Matt Webber noted that the executive committee had developed a policy manual. Currently they are trying to straighten out the membership records. A new membership application has been developed to assist in this effort. This application includes a list of areas of interest for the PDGs to assist in keeping them active. The next meeting of the association will be on March 23 at 10:00 AM at the Whole Hog Cafe in Conway.
- **Public Relations:** VDG Jeff Davis noted that MD-7 chairpersons and DGs can submit articles for publication in the MD-7 newsletter. VDG Jeff indicated that he expects to get a newsletter out by January 20. CC Myrna requested the DGs send the newsletter to all of their clubs.
- **State Convention:** The host committee is working on locations and hotel agreements. CC Myrna is working with them. The 2019 State Committee Charts were given to the DGs to complete the blank areas and return to state secretary Wanda. Also, Resolutions must be in the state office by February 26, 2019 to be considered at the convention.

Arkansas Lions State Office: PDG Wanda Barnett

- To contact Wanda, you need to call the state office since Wanda has a new number.
- Dates to remember:
 - April 26 & 27, 2019 State Convention in Fayetteville
 - September 13 & 14, 2019 District 7-L Convention in Hope
 - October 4 & 5, 2019 District 7-I Convention
 - October 26, 2019 District 7-O Convention

District Governor's Reports were given by DGs Don, Tracy, Pat & Gloria.

CC Myrna McGee scheduled the next **Council of Governors Meeting** at the Annual State Convention in Fayetteville, Arkansas on April 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.



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A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Donald C. Draper".

Respectfully submitted,
DG Don Draper, Council Secretary

Action Items:

1. Set up electronic meeting on Strategic Plan for early March - CC
2. Set up electronic meeting on District Merging for early February – CC
3. Set up MD-7 GAT state wide training by early March – MD-7 GAT
4. Set up electronic meeting on Constitution and By-Laws by late February – CC5. Contact VDE(E) concerning the need for a decision on future GPLLI participation – CC
6. On the UAMS Tele-Retinal Screening Project:
 - > Supply slides to assist DGs in soliciting club funding to support project and to advise clubs of expected downstream involvement – PCC Bill Heaston
 - > DG's to contact clubs for support for Tele-Retinal Screening Project – DGs 7. Complete 2019 State Committee Chart - DGs