



Arkansas Lions MD-7

Council of Governors Meeting

July 25, 2020

Meeting Recap

Participants: **Brad Baker**, Council Chair
Ethan Dunbar, District Governor 7-L
Jeff Davis, District Governor 7-I
Jeremy Kimble, District Governor 7-O
Cleon Rogers, District Governor 7-N

Guests: 2nd VDG Rene Roberts, 2nd Bill Johnson, 2nd Dean Rowland, PDG Phyliss Fry, PDG Gloria Montgomery, Ron Montgomery, Travis Burton, 1st VDG Don Young, PCC Bill Heaston, PDG Mike Benefield, PCC Jennifer Carey, Bill Mattler, PCC Myrna McGee, PDG Claudia Griffin, PDG James Griffin, PCC Matt Webber, PCC John Collier, George Foster, 1st VDG PCC Jeff Boone, PDG Pat Snodgrass, Betsy Barnes, PDG Leanna Rich, Carla Mosley, and PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary.

The first MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2020-2021 was held on July 25, 2020, via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Council Chair Brad Baker. The invocation was given by DG Jeremy Kimble and pledge led by DG Ethan Dunbar.

CC Brad Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting. CC Baker introduced the sitting Council of Governors for 2020-21. The Great Plains Lions Leadership-Lions Serving with heart was held at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes from the Council Meeting, February 7, 2020, May 4, 2020, and District Governors Elect Meeting, May 31, 2020, were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Jeremy seconded by DG Jeff to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

DG Cleon Rogers, Council Treasurer, provided a proposed balanced Budget was submitted which calls for expenses and income of \$30,451.60. A motion made by DG Jeremy and seconded by DG Ethan to accept the report as presented. Motion approved. A copy will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

- PCC Myrna McGee, Grant Administrator reported the grant was in the final stages of closing the grant. Dr. Byers at UAMS is working on writing the narrative. All the equipment has been delivered-person who are operating

the equipment have been trained. The remaining balance in the account is \$3,547.72. This money will be used for publicity and brochures. A motion was made by DG Jeremy and seconded by DG Ethan to accept report. Motion approved.

New Business:

CC Brad asked the District Governors to review the Strategic Plan and District Goals. CC Brad will converse with PDG Rich to include NAMI in report.

A motion was made by DG Cleon and seconded by DG Jeff for the next Council meeting to be held October 23, 2020.

A brief discussion was held regarding the Arkansas Lions Website - Directory and Zoom. PCC Jennifer Carey will update the webpage with directory being posted on home page.

Zoom account: Mid-South Lions and WSB have zoom available for meetings.

A motion was made by DG Jeremy and seconded by DG Cleon to endorse 1st VP PID Douglas X. Alexander, for President of Lions Clubs International for the year 2021-2022. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports/District Governor's Report

Constitution and By Laws: PCC Myrna McGee

Lion Myrna reported the she had been in contact with Legal at LCI- there will be changes made to the LCI Constitution and By-Laws. When posted the Constitution and By-Laws Committee will investigate how the MD7 Constitution and By-Laws need to be updated to agree with LCI C&B. Until that time, LCI C&B will overrule anything in the MD7 C&B. Lion Myrna stated club delegates to be certified to vote at the District convention, the Club must have paid MD and District dues. LCI will wait for International dues to be paid.

GLT: PCC Matt Webber and PDG Leann Rich

Encouraged Team Work-Training-Communications. Vice District Governors training will begin soon. Discussion was held on MD7 Constitution and By Laws - Article IV-Uniform, Article X-District Convention and Article 13-District Nominations and Elections.

GMT: PDG James Griffin

Lion James reported that we need to focus on Guiding Lions. Last year we lost eight clubs and 0 new clubs.

GST: Bob Williams, PCC

Lion Williams report that 43 of the clubs had reported service activities. Each club should have a service chairperson.

Information Technology: PCC Jennifer Carey

The Multiple District 7 webpage has been updated.

International Relations: PCC Bill Heaston

Lion Heaston stated the International Board of Directors has passed a resolution to help our clubs. Flexible payments and Charter and entrance fee waiver from July 1-December 31, 2020.

LCIF: Mike Benefield, PDG

Lion Mike review the history of grants to MD7 form Lions Clubs Foundation from 1/12/76. He encourages to promote what LCIF does in your communities.

Lions Alert: Don Ellis

Lion Don reported on the Jonesboro/Harrisburg Tornado's - The council voting to send a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to District 7-0, to restock the Lions Alert Trailer.

Newsletter: Jeff Davis, DG

Lion Davis thanked everyone for sharing information for the MD7 newsletter. He reminded everyone to please share the newsletter with your club members.

Past District Governor's Association: PDG Phyliss Fry

Discussion was held on the Memorial Service with each district will decide on the service.

Peace Poster: Brad Baker, CC

The 2020-21 Peace poster kits are now available. Each kit contains all the materials needed to sponsor the contest in a school or youth group, including complete rules, promotional material and recognition certificates for participants. November 15- clubs to send winning poster to District Governor. December 1- District Governors to send winner to Council Chair. December 15-Council Chair will submit winning post to LCI.

State Events Planning Committee: PDG Claudia Griffin

The Mid-Winter Forum is scheduled to be in Jonesboro on January 22-23, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn. PDG Pat Snodgrass and his club are doing a fabulous job of planning that event. Arrangements are being made for in-person and Zoom attendance. PID Jerome Thompson will be the featured speaker. The Host Club will be selling ads in the program where you can showcase your club. An ad form is on the MD7 website under the Mid-Winter tab. Other Information is on the MD7 website are the event flyer and the exhibitor agreement.

The Arkansas State Convention is scheduled to be April 30 – May 1, 2021 in either Little Rock or North Little Rock.

Strategic Plans: PDG Rich Fischer

There are two primary tasks before the Multiple District in regard to the state level Strategic Plan, the latest version of which was approved at the state convention in April of 2018.

Gather input and data needed to assess MD7 progress during 2019 against the goals set forth in the Plan

The Council of Governors should review the existing state Strategic Plan to determine any changes, additions or modifications that may need to be made. One addition might be the incorporation of the NAMI role into the plan where it best fits.

State Office: Wanda Barnett, PDG stated that the 2020-2021 directories are available. The webpage is updated. The 2021 pins have been ordered. A motion was made by DG Cleon and seconded by DF Jeremy to set selling price of \$2.00 for state pin and \$6.00 for prestige pin. Motion passed. The Financial books have been sent to CPA Lion Libby Davenport. District semi-annual dues statements have been mailed. A motion was made by DG Jeremy and seconded by DG Jeff to destroy the written ballot from the election of council chair.

District report were given: DG Ethan Dunbar, DG Jeff Davis, DG Jeremy Kimble and DG Cleon rogers.

Dates for Council Meeting: Dates set for 2020-21 Council Meetings, October 23, 2020, January 23, and April 30, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Jeff Davis, Council Secretary

PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary

Action Items:

1. Council to review and update Strategic Plans.
2. A review of the Constitution and By Laws Committee to organize and execute revisions regarding LCI updates.
3. Mail endorsement letter 1st VP PID Douglas X. Alexander, for President of Lions Clubs International for the year 2021-2022.
4. PCC Jennifer to update website regarding the Arkansas directory.