



Arkansas Lions MD-7

Council of Governors Meeting

August 6, 2019

Minutes

Participants: Tracy Price, Council Chair
Claudia Griffin, District Governor 7-L
Kevin Baskin, District Governor 7-I
Brad Baker, District Governor 7-O
Kandy Cayce, District Governor 7-N

Guests: 1st VDG Jeff Davis, 2nd VDG Rene Roberts, PDG Phyliss Fry, Amy Reed, PDG Gloria Montgomery, Ron Montgomery, Caleb Norris, 1st VDG Cleon Rogers, PCC Bob Williams, PDG Norm Moyer, Bonda Moyer, Patty O'Bannon PCC Bill Heaston, PDG Mike Benefield, David Johnson, Jimmy Reed, Bill Mattler, PCC Myrna McGee, PCC David DeGraff, PCC Matt Webber, Alfred Blair, Laurie Marshall, PCC Jeff Boone, Betsy Barnes, Jan Whitney, PDG Art Ritter, Mary Harlin, James Bullard, PDG Jim Coleman, Sharon Giovinazzo, and PDG Wanda Barnett, State Secretary. Our special guest: International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi and his First Lady, Seong-Bok Yang.

The first MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2019-2020 was held on August 6, 2019, at the World Service for the Blind, 2811 Fair Park Blvd., Little Rock, AR. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Council Chair Tracy Price. The invocation was given by DG Brad Baker and pledge led by DG Claudia Griffin.

Special remarks were made by International President Jung-Yul Choi. As a Lion for over 40 years, International President Choi leads by example. His career and life have been defined by a passionate work ethic, along with a dedication to bridging differences, connecting people and embracing diversity to create harmony for all. He encourages all Lions to focus on MEMBERSHIP. "Just ask one." "If you work harder than you're expected to, extraordinary results will not be far behind." He thanked Lions for all their service.

CC Price welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes from the Business Meeting, April 27, 2019, Council Meeting, April 26 2019, and District Governors Elect Meeting, April 27, 2019, were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Claudia seconded by DG Brad to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

DG Kevin Baskin, Council Treasurer, provided the financial report as of June 30, 2019. A

proposed balanced Budget was submitted which calls for expenses and income of \$33,958.00. A motion made to accept the reports as presented. Motion approved. A copy will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

Action Items from April 27, 2019 minutes were reviewed.

- Commission a review of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to organize and execute revisions.
- Received an update on the UAMS/Lion Grant. The equipment has been ordered.
- CC Price will schedule a meeting with the State Events Planning Committee. Lion Philip Taylor will be the chairman, and Lions Cody Snider, PDG, and Betsy Barnes will serve as host chairs for Mid-Winter and State Convention respectively. He asked the DG's to review the policy.
- CC Price stated that Mid-Winter Leadership Forum events will be in Stuttgart in 2020, Jonesboro in 2021, and Fayetteville in 2022. State Convention will be in Little Rock for 2020. We need hosts for 2021 and 2022.

New Business:

PDG Jim Coleman, Board Chairman of World Service for the Blind, reported on the capital campaign. He asked the DG's for their support to endorse a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. A discussion was held regarding the grant. A motion was made by DG Claudia Griffin for the council to endorse the grant application from Lions Clubs International Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.00. DG Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CC Price received a letter from PDG Greg Gilliam regarding the Great Plains Leadership Institute. He invited the Arkansas Lions to join and asked for \$500.00 for support. PDG Don Draper and DG Claudia Griffin are graduates of LCI Faculty Development Program. A motion was made that funds were not available at this time. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports/District Governor's Report

Camp for the Blind: Lion Wanda Green reported for PDG Norine Westerbeck

This year camp was held July 15-22, 2019. There were 42 in attendance. Camp activities included arts and crafts, camping, archery, nature activities, fishing, music, horseback riding, swimming, and games. Thank you, Lions, for your support.

GMT: James Griffin, PDG

District 7-N has a new branch club downtown North Little Rock. District 7-I have four new Leo clubs. District 7-O has two new members. District 7-L started Caddo River Branch Club and Saline County Professional Women's Club. Their charter night will be September 28, 2019.

GST: Bob Williams, PCC

Lion Williams reported that 56 of the clubs had reported service activities. Each club

should have a service chairperson.

International Relations: PCC Bill Heaston

Lion Heaston stated that we have great relations with Lions Clubs International. We are proud to have the International President visiting us.

LCIF: Mike Benefield, PDG

Year-end report totals: District 7-L - \$17,000.00, District 7-I - \$17,240.00, District 7-O - \$6,395.00 and District 7-N - \$9,190.00

Lions Alert: Don Ellis

CC Price thanked Lion Ellis for working with the Red Cross on the recent flooding.

Newsletter: Jeff Davis, VDG

Lion Davis thanked everyone for sharing information for the MD7 newsletter.

Peace Poster: Tracy Price, CC

The 2019-20 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.

State Office: Wanda Barnett, PDG stated that the 2019-2020 directories are available. The webpage is updated. The 2020 pins have been ordered. New item in budget was the Zoom account for conducting meetings. The financial books have been sent to CPA Lion Libby Davenport. District semi-annual dues statements have been mailed.

Youth Exchange: Norm Moyer, PDG

He encouraged Lions to become host families. He will be presenting and have a booth with information at state events. Please contact him for a program.

Remarks from CC Price: Council Chair Tracy requested for the DG's to report the progress of their goals at each council meeting. He stated that this year will be rewarding and challenging. During club visits he encouraged the District Governors to educate clubs on Service, Environment, LCIF, GAT, and share your goals. Membership must top priority. Like the snowball in front of you, it must go downhill and grow bigger. We must do more.

District report were given: DG Claudia Griffin, DG Kevin Baskin, DG Brad Baker and DG Kandy Cayce.

District Conventions: 7-L, September 13-14; 7-I, October 4-5; 7-O, October 25-26;
7-N, October 11-12.

Dates for Council Meeting: Dates set for 2019-20 Council Meetings are October 25, 2019; February 7, 2020; and May 2, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Kandy Cayce, Council Secretary

PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary

Action Items:

1. Council to secure dates for MD7 State events.
2. Commission a review of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to organize and execute revisions.
3. Schedule meeting with State Events Planning Committee.