



Arkansas Lions MD-7 Council of Governors Meeting

December 17, 2016

Meeting Recap

Participants: Bill Hankins, Council Chair
John Collier, District Governor 7-L
Bobby Tucker, District Governor 7-I
Bill Levins, District Governor 7-O
Barbara Williams, District Governor 7-N

Guests: 2nd Vice District Governor Rich Gordon, PCC Earlene Hankins, PDG Art Ritter, PDG Phyliss Fry, PDG Leanna Rich, Lion Ron McCormick and PDG Wanda Barnett, State Secretary.

The fifth MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2016-2017 was held on December 17, 2016, at the St. Vincent Hospital North, 2215 Wildwood Ave., Sherwood, AR, 72216. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Council Chair Hankins. The invocation was given by DG Tucker and pledge led by DG Williams.

The minutes from the September 22, 2016, meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Collier and seconded by DG Levins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

A discussion was held on Redistricting/Merging for MD7. A motion was made by DG Tucker and seconded by DG Levins to table a vote for the council to commit/submit to a redistricting resolution.

A motion was made to schedule a meeting of the Events Planning Committee in conjunction with the Mid Winter Leadership Forum in January 2017. A discussion was held on regarding the Events Planning committee to assist on future state events dates, place, etc.

DG Collier stated the 99th State Convention will be held in Hope, Arkansas at the University of Arkansas Community College – Hempstead Hall on April 28-29, 2017. Our distinguished guests, Governor Asa Hutchinson and PIP Joe Preston have been invited to attend. Ronnie Millsap has been secured for a Friday night concert. DG Collier stated he will be contacting the State Events Committee for assistance. Break out sessions were discussed with suggested topic: Public Relations-Peace Poster, Constitution and By-Laws, and Leadership Training. Registration cost has been set @ \$20.17.

CC Hankins reminded the Governors of the revised District Constitution and By-Laws regarding DG and VDG elections procedures.

New Business: Committee Reports/District Governor's Report

GLT: PDG Rich, reported the VDG training was held on November 5, 2016 with 100% in attendance. January 14, 2017, is the final District Governor Elect training in Lonoke.

The District Governors Elect will be attending a regional training in Dallas on January 7, 2017. PDG Rich was thanked for doing an outstanding job as the MD7 Leadership Coordinator. All positions for the MD7/District GLT and GMT are up for renewal.

NEWSLETTER: PDG Fry reported that news articles need to be shared for the MD7 newsletter. **Success stories or Lions member spotlights:** Never underestimate the power of a great story. **Photos:** Images capture attention and boost interest. Show behind-the-scenes at your club, your members in action, a recent event, and more.

Arkansas Lions State Office: PDG Barnett, stated that the office refurbishing will start soon.

Mid Winter Leadership Forum: MD7 Annual Mid-Winter Leadership forum will be held in Harrison, Arkansas on January 27 & 28th, 2017. **GET MOTIVATED!** Dr. Julien Mirivel will be presenting the Art of Positive Communication and PID Donal Knipp is our keynote speaker at lunch. The registrations forms are available.

2018 State Convention: DG Tucker reported that the Conway Noon Lions Club has revised their bid is to host the 2018 State Convention. A motion was made and seconded and passed to accept the bid.

Centennial Celebration: DG Collier asked everyone to promote the Centennial Legacy Project. Encourage clubs to connect with their community and build their Lion Legacy. Legacy project will serve as a reminder of just how important your club is to the community. The District Governors need to submit your district Legacy project and a secretary to received recognition at the state convention. Please bring a display of the legacy projects. (photos). Floats, bill boards, cakes, etc..... the celebration continues.

CC Hankins reminded the Governors of the appointment of a nominee to attend the Constitution and By-Laws workshop at LCI Convention. Recommendations are to be forwarded to CC Hankins.

District Governor's Reports were given by DG John, Bobby, Bill and Barbara.

Next council meeting TBA.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Barbara Williams, Secretary

Action Items:

1. Council to secured MD7 State Events for 2018 and 2019.

Note: *At the State Convention the Council of Governors shall receive invitations from the Club or Clubs desiring to host the State Convention three years hence. All such invitations so received shall be turned over to the incoming Council Chair whose duty it shall be to investigate the facilities at each proposed site and report at the first meeting of the Council. From this information the site and time of the State Convention three years hence shall be set and arrangements made with the host Club or Clubs for the holding of said Convention. In the event no invitations are received, the Council at its first meeting shall name a committee to secure a site and time for holding the State Convention three years hence.*

2. Council to consider redistricting resolution.

3. State events committee meeting to be scheduled.

4. Appoint a Lion to attend the session at Lions Clubs International.

5. DG Tucker to provide revised document for the 2018 State Convention.
6. Secretary Barnett will secure the LCI traveling Peace Poster tabletop display.