



**Arkansas Lions MD-7
Council of Governors Meeting
January 26, 2018**

Meeting Recap

Participants: John Collier, Council Chair
Larry Ketcham, District Governor 7-L
Myrna McGee, District Governor 7-I
Larry Wilkerson, District Governor 7-O

Guests: DGE Don Draper, 2nd VDG Cleon Rogers, 1st VDG Kandy Cayce, 1st VDG Claudia Griffin, PCC Matt Webber, PDG Curtis Johnson, PCC Ken Swanson, Lion Sharon Giovinazzo, PDG Norm Moyer, Lion Bonda Moyer, PDG James Griffin, Lion Sharon Smith, Lion Ken Reed, PDG John Landrum (Texas), and PDG Wanda Barnett, State Secretary. Our special guest: International Director Don Noland.

The third MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2017-2018 was held on January 26, 2018, at Four Point Hotel, 925 South University, Little Rock, AR. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Council Chair John Collier. The invocation was given by DG Larry Wilkerson and pledge led by DG Larry Ketham.

CC Collier welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes from the last meeting November 10, 2017 were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Larry Ketcham and seconded by DG Larry Wilkerson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

DG Bobby McMillion, Council Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting. PDG Wanda Barnett provided the financial report as of December 30, 2017. A motion was made to accept the report as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote. A copy will be filed for audit. PDG Wanda Barnett, presented the 2017 audit. She stated that the 990 tax report had been submitted. A motion was made by DG Myrna McGee and seconded by DG Wilkerson to approve the audit. Motion passed.

Old Business:

On January 16, 2018, the Council voted electronically to unanimously endorse PID Patti Hill for 3rd VP of LCI at the International Convention to be held in Milan, Italy in 2019. On January 26, 2018, members of the Council of Governors signed the letter of endorsement and it will be sent to the appropriate individuals.

Action Items from November 10, 2017 minutes were reviewed.

A brief discussion was held regarding of dates for MD7 State Events. It was recommendation that the events committee to contact the clubs that have committed to future events: The Events Planning committee will assist on dates, place, etc.

Mid Winter Leadership Forum: 2019-Hope Evening and 2020-Stuttgart .

State Conventions: 2018-Conway, 2019 Fayetteville and 2020- Little Rock Founders.

Redistricting/Merging for MD7 study/review committee was increased to eight members. DG Myrna explained that the meeting will that was scheduled in conjunction with Mid Winter Leadership Forum was canceled. Most of the committee was not in attendance, due to District Governor Elect Training in Dallas. They will reschedule via Go To Meeting.

PDG Wanda has purchased the new welcome banner.

New Business: Committee Reports/District Governor's Report

Date for Council Meeting: April 27, 2018 in conjunction with State Convention.

Arkansas Lions State Office: Wanda Barnett, reported the MD7 Awards - Ed Barry, John H. Barnett and Fowler are due by March 1, 2018. The applications are on website. PDG Barnett stated that resolutions are due in the office by February 28, 2018. A copy of the 2018 State Committee Chair has been compiled and copies were distributed. New computer has been installed.

Barnett stated the 2018 Mardi Gras parade will be held on February 10, 2018. The line-up for the parade is at 10:30 a.m. The parade starts at South Main and 24th Street, Little Rock. Lion Wanda has submitted our application and merchandise has been ordered. (Beads, float decorations)

The heater/gas valve was replaced in the amount of \$500.00.

A motion was made by DG Larry Wilkerson and seconded by DG Myrna McGee to purchase new software, specifically Office Professional, in the amount of \$100.00. Lion Sharon Giovinazzo will assist in that. Motion passed.

Barnett reported on the 2018 District Conventions.

District 7-L September 14 & 15, 2018

District 7-I August 10 & 11, 2018

District 7-O September 28, 2018

District 7-N October 26-27, 2018

Centennial Celebration: CC Collier stated the celebration continues for 2018. Barnett stated the "Arkansas Lions" umbrellas are in, the Centennial gift for all attendees at the 2018 State Convention. CC John will be presenting a program on our progress. District 7-L and District 7-I earned the District Service Centennial Patch for at least 50% of the Clubs in the District completing a Centennial project..

GLT: CC John reported the Global Action Team of Missouri is hosting the first Annual GAT summit on February 10, 2018 at Best Western Hotel, Sedalia beginning at 9:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Lion Cleon Rogers will be attending Texas Lions Leadership Forum March 10, 2018.

CC John will be checking on the status on the Arkansas Lions Leadership Forum.

GMT: PDG Wanda Barnett, thanked the Governors for promoting membership at Mid Winter Leadership Forum. She stated she will be presenting "Membership Matter and First Impressions; The Image of You Club ". Lion Barnett reported that Lion Jeff Davis is the new GMT from District 7-I. Lion Paul Baker, New Club Consultant has been rescheduled to attend for State Convention. We have 124 clubs and 2,972 members. Every Lions Club needs new members. Each new member increases our service and ensures our future.

International Convention: PDG Wanda Barnett will submit application for parade and secure the parade ribbons for the participants. The US Miniature Flags have been

purchased costing \$158.21.

International Relations: PDG Moyer stated that he sends out reminders regarding upcoming events.

LCIF: PCC Ken Swanson. stated that all clubs are encouraged to appoint a LCIF representative. The MD7 goals were at 50%. PCC Dave DeGraff will be presenting LCIF training for Club LCIF Chairs.

Past District Governor Association: PDG Ken Swanson, reported the Past Governors are willing to assist when needed. A meeting is scheduled March 24, 2018 in Benton, Western Sizzlin @10:30 a.m.

Peace Poster: CC Collier acknowledged the winners of the Peace Poster are; 1st place- Ellen Zhang from District 7-I, 2nd Place-Kedra Dixon from District 7-O and 3rd Place-Dotty Shepard from District 7-N. Check will be presented tomorrow.

State Convention: CC Collier reported on activities scheduled for state Convention. Some programs will be Eye screening, Diabetes screening; Constitution and By Laws chair, and Paul Baker, New Club Consultant.

Strategic Plan: The District Governors reviewed and made suggested changes to the current plan. CC John asked the District Governors to send any recommendations/additions to him by February 15, 2018. CC John stated the main goal will be to make changes, but also utilize using the plan.

Youth Involvement: PDG Norm Moyer, stated that his position was confirmed. He will have a booth at Mid Winter and State Convention. He stated that there is a need for host club, host family, etc.

USA/CANADA Forum: CC John stated the date for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be September 20-22, 2018, Columbus, Ohio. This year's theme is Building Teams Through Leadership.

District Governor's Reports were given by DG Larry W, Larry K. and Myrna.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Myrna McGee, Secretary

Action Items:

1. Submit recommendations to Strategic Plan. (District Governors)
2. Application for International Parade (Lion Wanda)
3. Council to secure MD7 Mid Winter 2021.
4. Redistricting/Merging for MD7 meeting rescheduled. (DG Myrna)
5. Purchase new software (Lion Sharon)
6. Status on the Arkansas Leadership Training (CC John)
7. New Club Workshop - Paul Baker (District Governors to contact CC John)