

DISTRICT CABINET MEETING MINUTES

DISTRICT 6SE CABINET MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2016

SWINK HALL EL PASO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

HOST CLUB – CLAHAN LIONS CLUB

OPENING: District Governor Cathy Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 9:32 am, and District Cabinet Treasurer Steve Shirley gave the invocation. District Cabinet Secretary Tom Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance. DG Cathy welcomed all Lions in attendance to the second district cabinet meeting of the Lions year. She thanked the Calhan Lions Club for hosting the cabinet meeting and providing the lunch.

INTRODUCTIONS: DG Cathy introduced all the Past Council Chairmen present as well as all the Past District Governors present. She introduced special guests, Lion District Governor Ken Moore from District 6-NE, Lion 1st VDG Debbie Day from District 6-NE, and Lion President Michelle McGowan from the Gill Lions Club.

APPOINTMENT OF 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: DG Cathy explained that two District Lions have come forward to fill the vacancies for 1st VDG and 2nd VDG. She identified them as Lion Nancy Lodge from the Colorado Springs Nob Hill Lions Club for 1st VDG and Lion Sharon Agun from the Calhan Lions Club for 2nd VDG. DG Cathy noted that they are both qualified to serve by virtue of being a President of their club and a Zone Chairperson in the District. DG Cathy explained that these two Lions would need to be appointed by a vote of the District Cabinet Members during a portion of the meeting specifically called for this purpose; and that it would be just the District Cabinet Members

who would vote on these appointments and not the other Cabinet Meeting attendees. Therefore, she called to order a special meeting within the larger cabinet meeting for the purpose of appointing a Lion to fill current vacancies for 1st VDG and 2nd VDG. She asked for a motion from the District Cabinet Members to appoint Lion Nancy Lodge into the position of 1st VDG and Lion Sharon Agun into the position of 2nd VDG. *It was moved by Lion Ed Johnson, Zone D Chairman that Lion Nancy Lodge be appointed to fill the vacancy for 1st VDG and that Lion Sharon Agun be appointed to fill the vacancy for 2nd VDG. District Cabinet Treasurer Steve Shirley seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.* DG Cathy thanked PDG Eileen Sanderson for her successful efforts in getting both Lions in question to volunteer to fill the vacant positions.

INTERNATIONAL HEARING DOGS PRESENTATION: DG Cathy introduced Bob Cooley and his dog Cami who made a presentation about International Hearing Dogs located in Henderson, Colorado. The presentation included information on the history of the program; the mission of the program; the cost of training a dog; the work performed by the dog for a hearing impaired person; and how Lions Clubs support the program. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Calhan Lions Club presented two checks totally \$350.00 to International Hearing Dogs. DG Cathy thanked Mr. Cooley for bringing Cami to the Cabinet Meeting for the informative presentation.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Club Roll Call – 35 District 6-SE Lions were present representing 16 clubs.

Minutes of the last Cabinet Meeting – Moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the cabinet meeting of 8/22/16 as submitted. Motion passed without objection. Minutes from the last cabinet meeting are on file, and copies of them were made available to interested Lions.

Treasurer's Report – District Cabinet Treasurer Steve Shirley presented his written report for the period July 2016 through October 2016, along with a profit and loss statement for the period. He reported that the district has a \$493.00 profit for the period. He noted that July semiannual dues to the state have been paid; that five clubs in the district have yet to pay their semiannual dues for July; and that although he provided copies for meeting attendees, he can email the report to any district Lion wanting it. It was moved and seconded to accept the

treasures report as presented. Motion passed without objection. The written report is on file.

Cabinet Meeting Raffle: DG Cathy reported that the District will be conducting a 50/50 raffle during the Cabinet Meeting for \$10.00 per chance with the raffle proceeds to benefit the District Convention Fund. She encouraged Lions to buy two raffle chances, one for them and one for a program of their choice, as the Colorado Lions Camp or the Colorado Lions Foundation for an example. She reported that PDG Rick Calhoun would be selling the raffle chances and encouraged all meeting attendees to participate.

District Governor's Report – DG Cathy highlighted her written report. She reported that she has visited 20 of 29 clubs so far with plans to complete her visitations by the end of 2016. She explained the message that she brings to each club and that she has participated in numerous club activities outside of regular meetings. She acknowledged PDG Monty Whitney with special thanks for agreeing to fill the vacant position of District GMT Coordinator. She asked for volunteers to fill other vacant committee positions in the district. Her written report is on file.

Presentation of Awards and Honors: DG Cathy made three presentations that included a LCI Membership Satisfaction Award for 2015-2016 to the Las Animas Lions Club; a LCI Centennial Service Banner Patch to the Woodland Park/Pikes Peak Lions Club; and an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to IPDG Joe Rall for outstanding service to Lionism as District Governor for 2015-2016.

GMT Report – PDG Monty Whitney presented his written report. He noted that he is two weeks into the position and he asked that clubs provide him with a report about their plans and activities designed to build club membership. His report is on file.

GLT Report – IPDG Joe Rall presented highlights of a meeting held on 10/1/16 with DG Cathy and other interested District Lions for the purpose of creating a training model for District Lions wanting to become leaders within the district.

ZONE REPORTS:

Zone A – Lion David Prejean highlighted his written report which is on file.

Zone B – Lion Terry Milson highlighted his written report which is on file.

Zone C – Lion Betsy Denny presented a verbal report highlighting KidSight activity and the forthcoming Zone Christmas Party.

Zone D – Lion Ed Johnson presented a verbal report highlighting his visitations to the clubs in the Zone and a special fundraiser by the Arriba Lions Club to help a high school student in need of specialized eyeglasses.

Zone E – No report

Zone F – Lion Adam Nevland presented a verbal report highlighting fundraisers conducted by the clubs in the zone.

CLUB BRAG TIME: Fifteen clubs paid for the honor of highlighting recent activities of their club.

BREAK IN THE PROCEEDINGS

COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM REPORTS:

CONSTITUTION&BY-LAWS – Chairman PCC Dr. Ron Smith presented his written report noting that copies of the report are available to cabinet meeting attendees. His written report noted the need for changing language in the District Constitution By Laws Section 1, so as to be in compliance with revisions to the LCI Constitution. He noted that the changes to be made are highlighted in red color on the report and that a motion to add this change to the By Laws as an item on the ballot at the forthcoming District Convention would be necessary. *It was moved and seconded that the changes to the District By Laws as outlined in the report be placed on the ballot at the 2017 District Convention. The motion passed without objection.* The written report is on file.

REDISTRICTING – DG Cathy reported that the plan to combine Districts 6-SE and District 6-C into one district was not approved by the members’ at the most recent District 6-C Cabinet meeting. She noted that there is little sentiment within District 6-SE for this plan. She reported that in order for this proposal to appear on the ballot at the forthcoming State Convention, a motion to place it on the ballot would have to be made and approved by District Cabinet Members at this cabinet meeting. There followed some discussion on the issue that concluded without the necessary motion being made. Therefore, DG Cathy announced that the District would not pursue this proposal again this Lions year.

2017 DISTRICT CONVENTION – DG Cathy reported that the date for the 2017 District Convention is May 19, 2017 at the Greenwood Village Double Tree Hotel in Denver. She reported that the convention is part of the MD-6 Convention at the same location on May 19-20, 2017; that there will be a contest between districts for the collection and display of canned food products; that a Fort Carson Color Guard will be featured; that each club will be encouraged to bring a display of some of their service projects; and that reports made at the convention will be asked to be made in an interactive format. She encouraged all Lions to attend the convention. She also gave some preliminary information on the 2018 MD-6 Convention to be held in Breckenridge.

SPEECH CONTEST – Coordinator Dennis Blevins presented his written report that specified the theme for the contest this year along with the rules for participation. He specified that inasmuch as the District Convention is part of the MD-6 Convention, he would like to have a District Contest take place at the District Cabinet Meeting in Pueblo on April 22, 2017. He encouraged more clubs to participate. The written report is on file.

LCIF – Coordinator PCC Bob Selle provided his written report highlighting the need for more contributions from District 6-SE in hopes of reaching a \$10,000 level this Lions year. The written report is on file.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – Chairman PDG Rick Calhoun made a verbal report highlighting his recent trip to Russia and highlighting the Club Twining Program through LCI.

MILENNIAL REPORT: DG Cathy's 22 year old son Jackson Valenzuela presented an informative and thought provoking presentation on the circumstances under which young people his age will volunteer to participate in projects to serve people in need and the importance of social media in this process.

YOUR CLUB YOUR WAY PRESENTATION: DG Cathy distributed the LCI *Your Club Your Way* brochure to all meeting attendees and asked that each member complete the enclosed member survey in order to examine how each club might reorganize their meeting format to create more enthusiasm for the service of the club and make club meetings in line with what is need in the community.

OTHER BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS/QUESTIONS: None

ADJOURN; There being no further business to come before the Cabinet, DG Cathy adjourned the District Cabinet meeting at 12:07 pm and lunch was served.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Tom Tucker

District Cabinet Secretary



District Cabinet Meeting in Calhan, Colo.

