

**District 14G Cabinet Meeting of Lions Clubs
Montgomery Park Pavilion, 119 1st Street, Montgomery, PA 17752**

Sunday, August 21, 2022

District Governor Clayton M. Steward
“Score with Service”
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Minutes

The first regular quarterly District Cabinet Meeting was held Wednesday, August 21, 2022, at the Montgomery Park Pavilion located at 119 1st Street, Montgomery, PA 17752

A., B., C., D. The District 14G Cabinet Meeting was called to order by DG Clay Steward at 1:20pm. Those in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the singing of the National Anthem. DS Kathy Heiges conducted roll call for the 29 members present (sign-in sheet attached). DG Steward established the rules of the meeting and stated that we would be following the standard District 14G Constitution and By-Laws. In addition, DG Steward requested that all remarks and questions be limited to a timeframe of 3-5 minutes.

E. DISTRICT GOVERNOR REMARKS:

DG Clay Steward began his remarks by making a personal statement as to “Why am I a Lion”. The bible verse Matthew 25:40, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” DG Steward likens this to mean that the focus as Lions is to care for the less fortunate. Continuing, he stated that we must focus on health (mental and physical) and the well-being of individuals in need as well as those suffering from disasters, such as the most recent example of flooding in Kentucky. DG Clay also referenced a story in New Mexico concerning tainted water. These communities cannot always rely on FEMA to be available or useful to provide all that is required and requested to these individuals and communities in need. In these situations, the Lions should step in and serve these communities in a way that can help them heal and move forward from the tragedy of their disasters.

F. FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: No Report.

G. SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR: No Report.

H. DS Kathy Heiges read the minutes from the Special Cabinet Meeting that was held via zoom on July 6, 2022. The minutes were approved by Lion Luther Musser, seconded by WCLLC Leona Houseknecht. Motion carried.

I. DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT

DT Beth Cooley provided the District Treasurer report (breakdown and report is attached to these minutes):

1. **Audit:**

a. The audit was conducted and completed by the July 6, 2022, Special Cabinet Zoom meeting. There was a \$27 discrepancy. The audit showed that \$27 was carried forward in the beginning balance July 2021. Per the audit report, the correction was made to show zero discrepancies.

b. The beginning balance as of today is \$58,462.25 (advisory and disaster). The convention startup amount is \$2,500. Per input from PDG Cheryl Wilbur this startup amount should only be \$2,000. Therefore, this start-up amount will be revised to \$2,000 as of this meeting.

c. Note: Girio Agency was paid \$228 for bonding.

2. **Budget:**

The budget is attached to the minutes and a motion was made by Lion Luther Musser, seconded by IPDG Jim Wilbur. Motion carried.

3. **Dues:**

DT Beth Cooley sent an email out to all clubs concerning dues. She stated that 33 out of 58 clubs have submitted dues for this Lion's year. These clubs that have been identified for being in arrears must be contacted until they have met their club's obligation to pay the current year's Lions Club's dues.

J. DISTRICT GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

1.
 - a. District Global Leadership Team Coordinator PDG Cheryl Wilbur stated that the Fall Symposium is to be held October 15, 2022, in Harrisburg. There is no cost for the Symposium and lunch is \$5 which will be covered by the district.
 - b. An "Ideas and Marketing" event will be held in Centre Hall on October 9, 2022. Lunch is \$5 which will be covered by the district. This event will be addressing retention, recruiting, and orientation of new and old members.
 - c. The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) will be held March 10-12, 2023, at the Red Lion Inn in Harrisburg. The cost is \$175 per person and will include the cost of the room, meals, and board training. Registration can be done through PDG Cheryl Wilbur or your zone committee chairman. It will be a "learn on your own experience". Friday will begin the conference with a gathering to welcome all participants who are in attendance. Saturday will be about improving and working on speaking skills. Everyone who attends will be provided the skills to prepare, write and to give a speech. By Sunday everyone will be tasked to present and give the speech they prepared during the conference. The event is expected to conclude at approximately 2pm on Sunday.
2. District Global Membership Team Coordinator Leona Houseknecht thanked PDG Cheryl Wilbur for helping her in her role as the District Global Membership Team Coordinator. GMC Leona will be specifically focusing on new members. Young members who are

recruited into the Lions club are the future of this organization and will be Lion Leona's targeted group. She looks forward to working on this goal.

3. DISTRICT SERVICE TEAM COORDINATOR: No report.

K. ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

The following Zone Chairs presented and filed reports which are attached to these minutes for reference.

- 1. Region 2 Zone B:** ZC David Stahl reported activity and event information for Williamsport Sight Services, South Williamsport Lions Club, Lycoming Creek Lions Club, Montgomery Lions Club, And Williamsport/Newberry Lions Club. In addition, Lion David attended a regular club meeting with the Williamsport Sight Services organization in April 2022, and he attended the original Charter signing event that was held there in May 2022.
- 2. Region 4 Zone B:** ZC Sally Tressler reported activity and event information for Milesburg Lions Club, Howard Lions Club, Pleasant Gap and Area Lions Club. All clubs are to participate in the Foresight Eye Screening at the Centre County Grange Fair. No report from Pleasant Gap Lioness Lions Club, Snowshoe Lions Club, or the Bellefonte Lions Club.
- 3. Region 5 Zone A:** ZC Leona Houseknecht reported that Watsontown Lions Club recruited 2 members. For a fundraiser the Club sold peanut butter chocolate covered pretzels. A Bingo event will be held October 8, 2022, to recruit new members. Milton Lions Club report is pending – a full report will be given at the next meeting.

L. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. a. Art Girio Lions Scholarship:** DT Beth Cooley reported that the current estimated balance of this scholarship fund as of March 2022 is \$193,954.76. The amount which includes investments is market based and therefore changes daily.
 - b.** There are 19 college applications submitted to receive the Art Girio Lions scholarship. The current checking balance for these scholarship applications is \$11,381.86. This amount will not cover 19 applications at \$1,000 per student. Therefore, a motion was made by IPDG Jim Wilbur to approve moving \$10,000 from the investment account to the scholarship checking account fund. It was seconded by Lion Blair Steward. Motion carried.
 - c.** GMC Leona stated that 2 students in her zone have received scholarships but had not yet received confirmation letters. The letters are pending and will soon be sent to the recipients.
- 2. a. PA Lions Beacon Lodge:** Jim Crawley thanked all the clubs that have donated money to the Beacon Lodge. These donations should be presented to all Lions Clubs as a need and to encourage all Lions Clubs to budget a routine annual funding amount to keep the camp up and running. Lion Kathy and Lion George Heiges attended session 7. They experienced a variety of amazing campers who really look forward to bonding with old and new friends. The campers live with a range of sight, hearing and cognitive disabilities. Rose and PDG Jim Crawley attended session 8. They also experienced many

new friendships and gained a greater appreciation for the work that goes into coordinating housing and planning activities as well as meeting medical needs for the campers during the eight sessions that are held each year.

b. Lion Luther Musser remarked that the Beacon Lodge is holding the 6th Annual Golf Outing August 27, 2022, in Mount Union to benefit the Beacon Lodge. Lion Luther thanked all the clubs for their donations to date and he stated that there is still time to donate up until the day of the event.

c. Lion Luther also reported that the 500 club will be starting soon. A letter will be distributed requesting support.

- 3. Camp Victory:** No report.
- 4. Constitution & By Laws:** No report.
- 5. Diabetes Awareness:** Lion Nancy Secules reported that she is building a point of contact (POC) list to obtain names and POC's from the various Lions Clubs. This will allow communication to share and gather information as needed for this committee.
- 6. a. District Convention:** Lion Amy Alexander reported that the District Convention will be held April 15, 2023. The venue will be the Holiday Inn in Williamsport. This is a good venue because it's all on one floor, there is a sufficient number of large conference rooms, and there is plenty of parking.
b. The October meeting is ahead of schedule. Meeting date and time to be determined.
c. The NCSS Lions appreciation dinner will be held September 13, 2022. Normal distribution of invitations will be made to all Lions Clubs.
- 7. District Disaster:** IPDG Jim Wilbur reported that the regional chairperson meeting will be held in 2-3 weeks via zoom. The Standard Operating Procedures in handling these regions will be part of the distribution. Jim Groff recommended Joe Ryan who is an individual familiar with working in disaster situations. He worked in Louisiana and is familiar with state disaster agency contacts and he has a list of businesses that are capable and willing to donate to these disaster needs.
- 8. District Governor Honorary Committee:** No report.
- 9. Website & Facebook Page:** No report.
- 10. Hearing Conservation & Research Foundation:** No report.
- 11. Leo Clubs:** No report.
- 12. Lions Clubs International Foundation:** No report.
- 13. Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation:** No report.
- 14. Lions Quest:** No report.
- 15. Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation:** No report.
- 16. PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation:** No report.
- 17. a. Western PA Hearing Foundation:** IPDG Jim Wilbur stated that the Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing foundation is currently located in Pittsburgh, PA. However, the foundation is working on establishing offices in Bloomsburg and Williamsport so that Lions in our district do not have to drive to Pittsburgh for this service. There is a new logo for this Foundation and Pins are available.
b. DT Beth Cooley stated that the district donated \$2,700 to the foundation.
- 18. White Cane:** Lion Luther stated that this event will be held October 15, 2022

19. **Peace Poster**: DT Beth Cooley briefly spoke about the Peace Poster and Essay. The kits may be ordered from The Lions Club International for all schools (charter, home, and public). The entries must meet the requirements and current theme of the poster and essay. This project will be voted on at the November 2022 District Cabinet Meeting and our entry will be submitted by the DG to the state level.
20. **Pediatric Cancer**: Lion Blair Steward briefed about our mission concerning the goal to conquer childhood cancer. Play for the Kids is a fundraiser that benefits Four Diamonds which is part of the Penn State Children's Hospital. Lions Clubs are encouraged to participate.
21. **Kidsight Coordinator**: No Report.

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Membership Approach Interactive Session**: GLC Cheryl Wilbur conducted an interactive game with a basket of mystery eggs. Those in attendance were asked to pick an egg and read the messages inside the egg. This allowed for further discussion of ideas to recruit and keep Lions members.
2. **a. State Office**: DG Clay Steward reported that Bob McComas, State Administrator – PA State Council of Lions Clubs recently passed away. Deb Burkholder is currently acting as the State Administrator and is expected to serve officially in this position at some point in the future. Emails from her in the interim will show State Administrator.
b. The state will be going through an audit soon. The results of that audit will be reported in the future.
3. **Recognition of New District Volunteers**: DG Clay Steward thanked all the volunteers holding District Office Positions.
4. **Open District Positions**: No report.
5. **Dropped Clubs**: Blossburg Lions Club and Danville Lions Club are dropping from the district.
6. **Traveling Bell**: The travelling bell is missing and is determined to possibly be located at the Montgomery Lions Club or at a Northern Lions Club. The past minutes will be reviewed to see if it can be located.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

1. IPDG Jim Wilbur reported that the grant request for the trailer carport has increased due to rising prices. The project amount is estimated to cost \$22,000. The grant amount request is \$15,000. A motion request to pre-approve funding if the grant doesn't cover all of the project (funding request is \$2,000 to \$4,000). The motion was made by PDG Butch Haas, seconded by Lion Luther Musser. Motion carried.
2. The next 14G District Cabinet Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 6, 2022. DG Clay would like to hold the second meeting in the Wellsboro or Mansfield area to encourage Northern clubs to get more involved. The third meeting is projected to be held February 19, 2023 in Milesburg. The Convention will be held April 15, 2023.
3. There are 24 clubs who need to submit Monthly Membership Reports (MMR).

4. DT Cooley requested to have an accurate list of all Lions Club's email addresses.

O. Chinese auction winners were announced and \$165 was raised and will be donated to the Four Diamonds fund at Penn State Hershey.

P. David Stahl gave the benediction.

PDG Jim Crawley will make sure that the new District Secretary is familiar with Lion acronyms.

Q. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by GMC Leona, seconded by Lion Blair.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn S. Heiges, District Secretary