



**Minutes of Lions District 20-W
Emergency Grant Cabinet Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Zoom Conference**

Attendance:

1VDG Rick Brisee, 2VDG Michele O'Hare, PDG John McDonald, PCC Mark Whitney, PDG Ed Stano, PDG Paula Flisnik, CS Barbara Bentley, CT Eric Unislawski, 3VDG Rick Laurin, ZC Jim Winkler, ZC Robert Townsend, ZC Ed Moore, ZC Kassey Granger, Lion Priscilla Laurin, Lion Jerry Gordon and Lion Carol Quantock.

1VDG Rick Brisee called the meeting to order at 7pm.

- 1VDG Rick Brisee reviewed the dates of the upcoming cabinet meetings for his upcoming year, 2020-2021. The first cabinet meeting will be on September 12th at SUNY Potsdam and the Fall Convention will be held on November 14th in Lake George. Two things he will be focusing on will be LCIF and Membership including the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI) and how clubs within the District can retain members.
- PDG John McDonald presented the LCIF grant that was previously emailed to the Cabinet. He reviewed the reach out that was done throughout the district to assess the needs of each region and in doing so it was established that the greatest need in our District was in the Capital Region. He discussed the plans for applying for \$10,500 in order to provide 2,100 individually wrapped meals from Popeye's Restaurant to five hospitals in the three Capital Regional counties, being Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's, Ellis, Memorial and Samaritan Hospital with labels being provided by MD20. Discussion ensued regarding marketing that would be done through Facebook and the media.
- A vote was called to accept the 20W LCIF Emergency Grant Proposal and send it to the MD20 Grant Committee for their consideration on Wednesday 4/22/2020.
 - A motion was made by PCC Mark Whitney. Seconded by CS Barbara Bentley.
 - 2VDG Michele O'Hare abstained.
 - Motion unanimously passed.
- PDG John McDonald presented the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Emergency Grant for the district, that was previously emailed to the Cabinet, for \$2,500. The \$2,500 would be sent to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York that services most of the counties and food pantries within our District.
- A vote was called to accept the Brandel Murphy Youth Foundation Emergency Grant for \$2,500 to assist the food pantries through the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.
 - A motion was made by 2VDG Michele O'Hare. Seconded by ZC Jim Winkler.
 - Motion unanimously passed.
- PDG John McDonald reviewed the other outreach that was being done by clubs throughout the district to assist the food pantries and first responders.

- PCC Mark Whitney reviewed the upcoming protocol that will be held for District elections on Saturday, May 2nd from 10am - 3pm.
- PDG John McDonald and 2VDG Michele O'Hare reviewed the raffle tickets to support International 1VP Doug Alexander that are going out to the clubs in the District.
- PDG John McDonald let the Cabinet know, that after discussion on the last District Team Meeting, it was decided that the District will establish a paid Zoom account that will be administered by PCC Mark Whitney, CS Barbara Bentley, 1VDG Rick Brisee, and 2VDG Michele O'Hare.
- 1VDG Rick Brisee shared that he will be sending out a letter this week to the clubs in the District with information and ways that clubs can continue to communicate during this time that we need to social distance along with information on resources they may not be aware of. This will be the first of three outreaches he will be making on behalf of the District.

Having no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by PCC Mark Whitney. Seconded by CS Barbara Bentley.

- Motion unanimously passed

Zoom meeting ended at 8:13pm.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted
by Lion Barbara Bentley, Cabinet Secretary