

District 36-R Q4 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2024

Location: Albany Regional Museum, 136 SE Lyon St S, Albany, OR 97321

Acknowledgments: Location arrangements by Lion Darrel Scott; refreshments furnished by DG Lynn Coon and Lion Rod Bach.

Call to Order and Welcome: 9 am by DG Lynn Coon, who thanked all who came, for their smiling faces, and their support to him at his last Cabinet meeting as the District Governor.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Bill Scheler

Invocation: Lion Diane Bash

Introductions: All introduced themselves, 23 Lions present; see list below

Approval of Minutes: Cabinet Secretary Diane Bash. Lion Rod Bach moved to approve the minutes from Q3 Cabinet Mtg in March, with any corrections needed; Lion Mike Skinner seconded. Approved.

Officer Reports

District Governor – DG Lynn Coon expressed that he has enjoyed this year as the DG, and that he has seen great things happen in the district. He has seen Lions grow within their clubs and coming together. He mentioned the two special grants that have been approved (The Hunger Grant and the Disaster Preparedness Grant. He asked us to keep Lion Michael Cairns in our thoughts and prayers, and thanked him for his work. Lion Danny Jaffer has stepped in to take his place on the grant. He announced also that Lion David Nielson will be the MD Information and Technology person as well as continue for the district.

Next year's DG will be Linda Stent from Mapleton Club, and Lion Karen Norton will be her first Vice. We need a lineup of more Vice DGs so the transitions are smooth. Lions Karen and Fran got special awards at the MD convention and were well deserved. DG Lynn will be working with 4 districts as Council Chair, and he is excited to see membership growth. He will try to stay focused, keep a positive attitude, and work on dreams, and to bring out Districts back to the pre-covid status. His full report is available.

Past District Governor – David O'Kelley was not in attendance; no report.

First Vice District Governor – Linda Stent was not in attendance; no report.

Second Vice District Governor – Karen Norton expressed that she is honored to be the 2nd Vice DG and to follow in the footsteps of those before her.

Cabinet Secretary – Diane Bash – summarized my report, encouraged the use of the District Website; asked how I can best support the members of the Cabinet and their Club Secretaries. Suggestions were to continue to press for Cabinet reports, and work with Zone Chairs when not hearing back from club secretaries.

Cabinet Treasurer/Finance and Budget – Brian Rangitsch was not present. DG Lynn read a summary of his report. General Fund – Still have \$1,174.50 in dues left to collect and report. Start now in gaining sponsors for the convention in February. Lions Quest Grant, any unused funds need to be used or returned.

Cabinet Marketing - OPEN

District Administrator – Michael Ward – Not present. He is stepping down. His report was summarized by DG Lynn. The new portal is not easy and people are still struggling.

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Region/Zone Reports

Region 1 – Allan Oakes – Oral report – East Albany Lions will have their pancake breakfast fundraiser from July 4-7th at the Timber Linn Park in Albany; The meeting time for the Jefferson Lions Club has moved to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Zone 1 – Dave Fitzgerald said that he and DG Lynn visited all clubs at least once or twice; Woodburn gained some people, NE Salem gained two and lost two.

Zone 2 – Craig Urbani – Lion Tom Hilgers told us Lion Craig is recovering from an accident.

Zone 3 – Bill Scheler - Clubs are active, Corvallis will have their 100th anniversary next year; Jefferson has a lot of community support, bring your family to the East Albany Lumberjack breakfast – 4 days. President of Jefferson’s Club, Wendy Sampels, announced the community is having Hero’s Day on 22nd of June, with a 10 am parade, and their club will have a booth with a jam/jelly contest.

Region 2 – PDG Darrell Scott – Not present but his report is available.

Zone 1 – Edwena Matychuck summarized her report, sharing that the Alvadore Club lost Lion Donna Korn. The club has done 1 BBQ, and continues to support the local library. Bethel lost 4 members – have been recruiting, and they will do two BBQs this year. Central Linn will have Stand by Me days in July with a blueberry pie eating contest. Junction City celebrated their 95th anniversary! DG Lynn added that Lion Edwena will be next year’s Region 2 Chair!

Zone 2 – Henry Miller – The Marcola Valley Lions are cleaning up the Lee Downing Memorial Park and had their annual chicken BBQ last Saturday, with community support and fellowship. Scholarships went to high school students, and they inducted 3 new members. Springfield Lions – no golf this year. Mother’s Day plant sale was a huge success! Pizza benefit night had a good turnout. Raffle is still going on. DG Lynn added that Marcola is doing well, a new president is coming in, and they will be starting a Leo’s Club in their community.

Zone 3 – Karen Norton – Karen went to Mohawk Valley to help out for an event. She is looking forward to Lion Edwena being the Region Chair, and she will be taking her place temporarily as Zone 1 Chair. Cottage Grove is having an their 100th anniversary July 20th with a BBQ; Elkton still active with 6 members. Lion Karen took them reading glasses as they are in high demand there. Eugene DT busy will activities, Mall display will include Lions information in the future. Health fair at Methodist Church, took applications there for eyecare grants that were filled out there. Activity Chair is planning fun events for their club! Going to events and meals together. June 27th Camp Millennium – going to help counseling for the day.

Region 3 – PDG Judy Kauffman – Oral report – She is excited to work with Linda – TiAnne is involved in beachcomber days, they have 7 new members in their club, she has been very busy and has done a great job. Lion Judy said President David O’Kelley had done a great job, brought back lunch bunch, serving their community, gave up to \$40,000 to the community.

Zone 1 – TiAnne Rios – Not present

Zone 2 – PDG Linda Stent – Not present, Report is available.

10:15 - 10 min Break

Resuming of Meeting – The Budget report needs to be approved.

Motion: Lion Mike Skinner moved to accept the Budget Report summary as presented by DG Lynn; Seconded by Lion Tom Hilgers. Approved.

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Global Action Team (GAT) Reports

GLT Coordinator (Leadership) – Fran Sibernagel – Not present but report available. DG Lynn added that training has gone well, and Lion Fran is staying in her position as GLT. She is working with Lions Linda and Karen to prepare for **officers training** taking place in Junction City on July 13th at the Moose Lodge and July 27th in Albany at the Sizzler's. Another **officer training** will be in Keizer on September 7th. Our district has done many trainings, while other districts have done none.

GMT Coordinator (Membership) – PDG Steve Moser – Present – has report – added that we are here to have fun! An idea is to make 5th day in a month a social event. He has over 100 Lion lawn signs if anyone wants them.

- Lion Tom Hilgers – Other MD are down many members all over the states. MD 36 is down 51 members! MD 4 in California has less loss in the last 8 years, and is up 218 members this year, possibly because of positive attitudes. He points out that our District is doing well because DG Lynn is optimistic! Many of our Clubs are in rural areas that are resistant to change. We must be open to change. ID Bob Lee at the MD Convention said the key is to bring young people into the Club and then get out of their way - allowing them to make changes. Reevaluate what your community needs and be willing to address those. DG Lynn added his thoughts about this – being friendly, sitting with different people, get out of the rut of doing things the same way, work together, old and new, share ideas. New ideas can be great ideas!

GST Coordinator (Service) – PCC Rod Bach – This is the best job there is! Service is what counts! On our website, there is a list of 100 service ideas, some simple and some more involved. There is a link on “How to do these projects”, hints on how to do these ideas. Communication – Constant Contact – sends out emails but not everyone opens them (technology shows who opens them). He encourages us to please open and take a look at the emails. Boards and members need to be open and try something new. DG Lynn added that next year, Lion Rod will be the MD Global Leadership coordinator.

Committee Reports

Convention Planning – PDG Tom Hilgers; Craig Urbani – Report available. Oral added Feb 8th will be our next District Convention in Corvallis at the Alumni Center. Foundation and Council of Governors Mtg beforehand. He will be asking for help from nearby clubs (Corvallis, Albany East). Sponsorships made a positive impact for funding the convention. Requests from stores like Home Depot/Costco/WinCo/Jerry's must be done months early (October-November) to get in their budget planning in time. Advertising at the convention helped.

Awards, Honors & Contests – Paula Hilgers – No written report as not much has happened. She also expressed frustration at members not opening their emails regarding Awards and such. When information comes in an email, take it to the Club President. She will be stepping down from this position, and will be working with OLSHF as a school sight screener four days a week.

Constitution and Bylaws – Mike Skinner – Each July LCI adopts new C&B and will post the packets for each level for downloading. Each club needs to look for changes, and bring these back to own

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club to adopt and make amendments as needed. Will not be continuing in this position, but will offer help as needed. See his report.

Credentials – Susan Pfanner – Not here, no report.

International Understanding and Cooperation – PID Ed Gear – Oral report – It has been several years since our area qualified to elect a candidate for International Director, due to criteria of number of members that we didn't meet. That criteria was recently changed, and we have held an elected at the MD conference and elected ID Candidate Lion Phylis Carlin (outgoing Council Chair), who is in Australia, campaigning to be elected next year, in Mexico.

Protocol/Parliamentarian – Craig Urbani – No report, not present.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum – Chuck Blanchard - No report, not present.

Service Chairperson Reports

Diabetes Awareness & Action - OPEN

Environmental – Susan Pfanner – No report

Hunger Relief – Michael Cairns/(Daniel Jaffer) – Report is available. (Lion Michael is not doing well.) The property was donated; many grants have come through. This food bank is open to many zip code areas, around 5 counties. There is a need for \$995 left to fund, and 15 Clubs have yet to donate. Please consider doing so soon!

Childhood Cancer Committee – Karen Norton – Keeping in touch with the two “Cancer Camps” but don't have much contact or reports from them. DG Lynn added that Lion Mindy Bean joined the Roseburg Lions Club after our District Convention in February. Junction City will have 4 members going to Camp Millennium on June 24th. Tom Hilgers added that the camp lost their 88 yr. old storyteller and need to replace her. DG Lynn added – see recording!

Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action – Jim Origliosso No report

Canine Services – Betty Levenhagen – No report

Disaster Response – PDG Linda Stent - No report; DG Lynn: *The grant has been approved and the committee has worked for a year towards a goal of preparedness. Donations of goods have been made by stores.*

Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action- Open

Camp Representative – Bruce Schnieber – Report available. Camp Taloali is the local camp. They recently lost their director. South Salem Lions Club has participated in activities around this camp, but things have been different lately. All of the camps in place that we support are a great help for children and families. There is always a need for camp cleanup. The Hull Foundation is a year-round program, and is for older students.

Other Chairperson Reports

District Honorary – PID Ed Gear – No report

Information Technology – David Nielson – Not present. Report available. Comments by DG Lynn - He is doing a great job, and is moving up to be the MD as the Information Tech.

Public Relations & Lions Information – OPEN

LCIF District Coordinator – PDG Steve Moser – Grants topic was covered before. He is stepping down, and Lion Dale Bachman taking over. LCIF contributes so much back to us in grants. Consider being a model club, please donate! Ask for a grant when needed!

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OLSHF – Steve Moser – Getting ready next year with a new “Pride” pin. .27¢ a day earns you a pin. Finished screening 168K kids this year, with a referral rate of 15%. Expanding in Salem, hoping to do 200K kids. Your Club can buy a gift card for the Gala coming up. Online auction too! Lion Judy B added about the Helen Keller anniversary, 2025. Our district or MD could do a Helen Keller book for each club in recognition (She has one).

PDG Association Representative – PDG Dale Bachman – Met March 25th in Junction City, and appointed PDG Linda Stent as 1st Vice and Karen Norton as 2nd Vice for 2023-2024. A “Celebration of Life” recognition for those in our District who had passed, happened in Bandon. Also celebrated the 100th Anniversary for the MD, and ID Bob Lee was there, who was in the same leadership class with Lion Dale and Phylis Carlin. PDG met Sunday morning and elected officers for the PDG association, and elected Lion Karen for the 1st VDG for 2024-2025.

Policy Manual – Kenneth Wells – Not present, Report is available.

Lions “HEART” – Debbie Bach – No written report – She thanked DG Lynn for the award she received in Bandon in May. She made and sent out almost 100 cards this year! DG Lynn added that her award was well deserved, that she serves from the heart!

Opportunities for Youth Reports

Leo – OPEN – Will be filled by someone next year. Lion Cassidy from Mohawk Club.

Lions Quest – OPEN

Peace Poster Contest – TiAnne Rios – Not present, but her report was discussed on how to get involvement from local schools/other programs. Packets were ordered and sent out.

Reading Action Program – Judy Bachman; Monica Hinkle – Summarized her report (Judy). Many activities in the communities, including free summer reading program at the Eugene Library, and Tech help (phone, computer) through the Springfield library. Why are some schools not doing SMART but doing other programs? Junction City will be starting SMART this fall. Please let her know when there is news about school programs.

Scouting – PDG Steve Moser – All groups will be getting ready to go to camp. If you sponsor any, offer to help, and ask the groups to come give a hand for service activities, even if you don’t sponsor a group. Get on their calendar early in the year. Their prices have gone up.

Youth Camp and Exchange – Bruce Schnieber – Has no information.

Old Business – Lion Rod Bach presented a gift (a sugar-free strawberry blueberry pie from Blue Raven Pie Company) to DG Lynn and expressed appreciation. He received a standing ovation and many thanks from the cabinet. DG Lynn thanked Rod for the pie, and everyone for being able to serve with them. Lions are like family! He got to choose the cover for the new Multiple District Directory.

New Business – A Council Chair lapel pin was presented to DG Lynn Coon (Council Chair Elect) by Secretary Diane Bash.

12:10 Adjournment – A group photo was taken

Minutes submitted by Lion Diane Bash, Cabinet Secretary

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Lion Names	(23 Total attendees)	
DG Lynn Coon	Debbie Bach, Lions Heart	David Fitzgerald, Zone Chair
Secretary Diane Bash	Dale Bachman, PDG	Rick Hammel, East Albany Secretary
Henry Miller, Zone Chair	Judy Bachman, Reading Program	Bill Scheler, Zone Chair
Mike Skinner, C & B	Tom Hilgers, Convention	Karen Norton, Zone Chair, Pediatric Cancer, and SVDG
Edwena Matychuck, Zone Chair	Paula Hilgers, Awards, Contests	PID Ed Gear, District Honorary
Allan Oakes, Region Chair	Monica Henkle, Reading Program	Bruce Schieber, Camp Rep
Jefferson Club Pres. Wendy Samples	Judy Kauffman, Region Chair	Steve Moser, GMT, LCIF, Scouting
Rod Bach, GST	Neil Johnson, East Albany LC	