

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL – DISTRICT 23-C CONNECTICUT

Official Minutes: Cabinet Meeting, April 21 2014
East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Rd, CT
Hosted by: East Haddam Community Lions Club

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00pm by District Governor Steve Novic

FOLLOWING WERE IN ATTENDANCE: DG Steve Novic; IPDG Jan Miller; 1st VDG Nanette Burdick; 2nd VDG Nancy Tucker; CS Frank Rowe; CT Diana Grisé

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS: PCC Armand La Fleur, PDG Denise Dudek; PDG Fran Gregoire and PDG Bill Allen.

REGION CHAIR PERSONS: George Salpietro; Hilary Kumnick; Larry Updyke; and John Bradshaw.

ZONE CHAIR PERSONS: Linda Bradshaw; Tim Foreman; Laura Rowe; Ray Shinkiewicz; Greg King; Ric Tetrault; and Susan Jensen.

CABINET CHAIRS: Millie Burke; Tom Langlois; Renee Anderson; Chris McCormack; Marie Salpietro.

OTHER LIONS/GUESTS: Members of the East Haddam Community Lions Club

THE FOUR POINT OPENING was conducted as follows: The Pledge of Allegiance led by RC George Salpietro; Verse of America led by RC John Bradshaw; Invocation given by VDG Nanette Burdick; Lion's Toast led by RC Larry Updyke. The Thought for the Day was given by VDG Nancy Tucker.

BREAK FOR DINNER

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Cabinet Secretary Frank Rowe stated that the minutes from the previous meeting (January 6, 2014) were emailed to all cabinet members. A motion was made by VDG Nancy, seconded by VDG Nanette to accept minutes. Motion carried. He also reported that the delegate information and proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws for both District 23-C and MD 23 had been mailed to Club Secretaries. CS Frank requested assistance in getting clubs to make timely submission of 2014-2015 Officers and to verify that the individual officer information was accurate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cabinet Treasurer Diana Grisé. The report is attached.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CT Diana stated there was one request to disburse an additional \$3,000 to Hearing and Speech account. She stated that the Finance Committee recommends approval. CT Diana made a motion to disburse the \$3,000 to the Hearing and Speech account, seconded by VDG Nanette. The motion was carried.

GMT: PDG Fran made his Global Membership Team report. (Full report attached)

GLT: PCC Diane Bielski was unable to attend. CS Frank read her Global Leadership Team Report. (Full report attached)

LOW VISION CENTER. RC Hilary Kumnick made his report on the Lions Low Vision Center of Eastern Connecticut. (Full report attached).

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE: IPDG Jan reported that the MD23 Midwinter Conference was a huge success. (Full Report Attached)

STATE CONVENTION: IPDG Jan also reported on the upcoming MD23 Connecticut Lions State Convention. (Full Report Attached)

EYE GLASS COLLECTION: VDG Nancy reported on the success of the Eye Glass collection, adding her appreciation for all those who participated. (Full Report Attached)

BOOK COLLECTION: VDG Nanette reported that, since she was out of town, CC Millie Burke did a great job standing in for her. It was a modest success. This year only children's books were solicited. Approximately 100 were collected. The total year's figures were not available. But, the goal of 5,000 does not appear to have been reached. We will continue to work with New London based "Whales Tales" Book Bank in collecting children's books. If you are aware of anyone who has a large donation of adult reading, she will find a venue. She has been in contact with Norwich Lion Kevin Harkins about distributing adult books.

The East Haddam Community Lions were called up by DG Steve and thanked their great job in hosting the meeting. The cabinet gave them a rousing hand for their terrific Lasagna (and dessert).

HEARING & SPEECH: Hearing and Speech Chair Chris McCormack made his report. (Full Report Attached)

LIONS TALE NEWSLETTER: CS Frank read report from Lions Tale Advertising Chair Shirley Annunziata. (Full report attached).

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS:

Zone 1. RC George reported on Zone 1. (Full Report Attached)

Zone 2. ZC Laura reported on Zone 2. (Full Report Attached)

Zone 3, RC Larry reported on Zone 3. (Full Report Attached).

Zone 4, RC John reported on Zone 4. (Full Report Attached)

Zone 6, ZC Tim Foreman reported that most of the clubs in his Zone were doing well. He also reminded all of the upcoming Middletown Lions Clubs 85th Anniversary.

Zone 7, ZC Ray reported that most of the clubs in his zone were active and doing well. The zone has only lost one member.

Zone 9, ZC Linda Reported on Zone 9, as well as Rebuilding Lion for the East Hampton Village Lions Club (Full Reports Attached)

Zone 10 ZC Susan Reported on Zone 10 (Full Report Attached)

Zone 11 Ric, Reported on Zone 11. (Report Attached)

Zone 12 ZC Greg reported on zone 12 (Full Report attached)

LEO CLUBS: CT Diana Reported on the District Leo Clubs. (Full report attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

DG Steve reported that the paperwork was complete and the District was incorporated. Also, MD 23 was also working on incorporation.

Chairman of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, John Bradshaw reported that the committee's recommendation to change the District's name to "District 23-C Lions Clubs International, Inc." as a result of the incorporation had gone out to the clubs and would be voted on at the state convention.

IPDG Jan presented RC Hilary Kumnick with his District Leadership Institute Certificate which had not been previously delivered.

NEW BUSINESS:

CC Millie Burke reported that this was Vaccination Month. Further, that the Oswald Foundation had pledged \$500,000 to match donations for Measles inoculations. Together with the Gates Foundation, this means each \$1 donated would result in a \$4 donation, helping four individuals to get shots.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

ZC Reminded all about the East Haddam Community Lions Club Tea Party May 10, ZC Greg said that Thompson Lions would have a Comedy Night, also on May 10. Marie spoke about their upcoming Colchester Lions Comedy Night. CT Diana stated that the Montville Lions Club was also having Comedy Night that night. PDG Denise also spoke about the Deep River-Chester Lions Comedy Night. Reminder was given that Journey for Sight would be this weekend.

Benediction: by VDG Nanette Burdick

Meeting Adjournment: VDG Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by VDG Nanette. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Frank Rowe
Cabinet Secretary 2013-2014