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District 20-N
Cabinet Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 28th, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: : The Cabinet Meeting of District 20-N was held at the Holiday Inn in Lockport, NY on Saturday, March 28th, 2009. Registration took place from 9:00 – 10:00 am with coffee, tea and pastries being served. The meeting was called to order by DG James Muscoreil at 10:00 a.m. VDG Dave Gehring led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Region One Chair Clancy Burkwit leading us in the singing of “God Bless America”. The invocation was given by Lion Rick Jachimiak. **(Attendance sheets are attached.)**

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 8th, 2008 Sub District Convention/Cabinet Meeting were approved as received on a motion by RC Lion Joseph Biondo, seconded by ZC Lion Sheila Jone, unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: CT Charles Landry presented the Financial Report covering the period October 31st 2008 – February 28th, 2009. A motion was made by ZC Dan Dunn, seconded by ZC Gary Wells that the report be accepted as presented, unanimously carried. **(Attached)**

MERL REPORT BY VDG DAVE GEHRING

VDG Dave announced that we currently stand at +17 for the 2008-2009 year. VDG Dave thanked all clubs who have inducted new members and asked all clubs to continue this important work. A District MERL Meeting will be held following today’s Cabinet Meeting to plan for bringing in the Global Membership Team in the upcoming months to help with our membership. VDG Dave also reported that there has been no word from the Texas Club that challenged DG James on membership!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT: The following reports were given by DG Muscoreil.

- Congratulations to Lion Paul Grimble on being selected as the winner of the PDG Leadership Achievement Award.
- PU-101’s are due by May 1st at the latest. Lions International uses this form to send out important information to your President, treasurer, Secretary and Membership chair, and VDG Dave uses it to fill in his Directory for the upcoming year. Paper copies are available if anyone needs them.
- The MD-20 Convention is being held May 22-24th in Binghamton. DG James reminded all clubs that if you they are planning to attend, they should make sure that their club dues to International and MD-20 have been paid or they will not be able to vote

As of March 27th, our Membership for the year is up 17 members. DG James thanked all the clubs in the district for sharing the light that is Lionism and asked them to keep up the good work! All sponsors are being put in a drawing for a special overnight package at Russell's Steakhouse. That drawing will be held on May 29th at the Cabinet Recognition Dinner.

DG James auctioned off an overnight package to Salvatore's Italian Gardens which included a Jacuzzi room, dinner for two and breakfast. The winning bid of \$175.00 was made by CT Lion Charles Landry. The proceeds from this auction will be used to offset the cost of the DGNFL.

- The winner of the district 20N Environmental Photo Contest was Lion President Richard Teetsel of the Amherst Lions, and Lion Richard went on to also win the MD-20 Contest. His photograph has been sent on to the International Competition which will be held during the Convention in Minneapolis July 6th – 10th. Lion Richard is currently hiking in the Grand Canyon and will be recognized at the dinner May 29th.
- DG James submitted an application for the International Hero Award on behalf of the Grand Island Lions Special Kids Picnic and a copy of the application is available to view. He asked all Lions to attend the Special Kids Picnic in July of this year –and he guarantee it would change your life.
- The applications for 100% Secretaries, Presidents, Zone Chairs and Region Chairs are available on our websites. The Secretary Application is due back to the DG by July 31st, and the other forms are due by September 1st so I can submit them by the 30th of September. DG James asked all Region/Zone Chairs to contact their clubs Presidents and make sure they nominate their secretary.
- The application for the Vision Beyond Sight grant in the amount of \$75,000 was approved by the Intl. Board of Directors at their March meeting. Matching funds are needed by VBS to get this money, so if any clubs are looking to make a donation, this would be the time!
- If you are free this evening, please consider attending the Buffalo Host Club Spaghetti Dinner from 4:00 – 7:30 pm at the North Buffalo Community Center, or the Barker Lions Mystery Dinner, "The Lion Overslept Tonight" beginning at 6:00 PM at the Barker Fire Hall.
- DG James encouraged all Lions to use our website, 20nlions.org. He asked all clubs to send their events to Lions Diane or Sheila to add to the calendar, and to remember to check out all the information that is available.

LONG RANGE PLANNING REPORT: VDG Dave thanked all the clubs who responded to the survey sent out regarding possible changes to the DGNFL for the 2009-2010 year. He thanked PDG Tom Reinagel, PDG James Luckman, ZC Joseph Biondo, Lion Ruth Munson, DG James Muscoreil and CS Diane Muscoreil for the work they all put into this project. The survey results showed that 18 clubs wanted to keep the paper edition of the DGNFL for an additional \$2.00 per person, and 36 clubs wanted to switch to an electronic copy for a \$1.50 per person cut in cost. After much deliberation and discussion over the past two years, VDG Dave reported that the committee recommended we stay with a paper edition of the newsletter and charge an additional \$1.00 for a final cost of \$6.00 per household to each club. It was felt that there is not enough time left in this year to enact the changes that would be necessary to make the switch and the cost savings would not be large enough to make it a worthwhile idea. If your club has two members in the same household, they will only be charged \$6.00 and receive one copy of the DGNFL. After discussion, a motion was made by RC Joseph Biondo and seconded by CC Ken Butkowski that we stay with a paper edition of the newsletter and increase the fee by \$1.00 to \$6.00 per household. Carried.

CABINET REPORTS: DG James reminded all Cabinet members that they were being given three minutes to give their reports, and that Sergeant of Arms Lion Dan Dunn would be the Timer. The following reports were given:

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES CHAIR LION STEVE TOROK:

- Lion Steve Torok reported on the new Lions Alert Program. The objective of the Lions Alert Program is to have each club develop a plan of action to implement in case of pandemic disasters. More information will be sent to every club in the upcoming year regarding the goal of having a Standardized Emergency Plan in place for each club.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR LION SHEILA JONES

- Lion Sheila submitted her report to the Cabinet Secretary and presented it to those in attendance. (Attached)

VBS CHAIRMAN LION RICK JACHIMIAK

- Lion Rick expressed his gratitude to all those who have helped VBS this past year. He read the letter approving the \$75,000 grant from LCIF and explained that VBS needs to not only sign the approval letter but show proof of the matching \$75,000 in order to get the grant funds released. This money will be used to purchase three pieces of equipment for the Lions Diagnostic Center. He is encouraged by all the clubs who have donated so far this year, and asked all clubs to rethink their budgets for this year and the upcoming year to see if they can donate funds toward this great project to help raise the matching grants. VBS is now a part of the United Way and donations can be made directly to VBS through them.

DISTRICT MTI EYE SCREENING CHAIRMAN PDG ROBERT SHIVELY

- Submitted his reported to the Cabinet Secretary, and gave a report on all the eye screenings being done throughout the District. District 20-N has held 24% of the screening sessions and 31% of the student results for the MD. (Attached)

DISTRICT 20-N LCIF CHAIRMAN IPDG/CC KEN BUTKOWSKI TOM REINAGEL

- CC Ken gave a report on the background of LCIF and the grants available thru the program. He reported that District 20-N has received 4 grants over the past 2 ½ years for a total of \$104,500.00, including \$10,000 for the October 2006 ice storm, \$17,000 for the West Seneca Habitat for Humanity house, \$2500 for the Clarence Plane Disaster and the \$75,000 VBS grant. He asked all clubs to include LCIF when they prepare their budgets for the upcoming year so we can continue to receive funding for worthwhile projects. (Attached)
- DG James reported that the \$2500 received for the Clarence Disaster was returned to LCIF as the Clarence Lions Club felt that they would like to handle the situation themselves and felt the money could be better spent on other catastrophes.

JOURNEY FOR SIGHT CHAIRMAN ZC LION TOM WITKOWSKI

- April 25th, 2009 will be the date for the 20th Anniversary of the Journey for Sight. \$123,000 has been raised by the walk over the past 20 years and donated to various group. The Niagara County Lions Clubs will be the sponsors of this year's event, which will take place at Tuscarora State Park in Wilson, NY. Registration will take place at 10:00 AM and there will be food, entertainment and prizes. He thanked the following Lions Clubs who have sponsored the event: Wilson, Barker, Gasport, Olcott, Newfane, Pendelton, Ransomville, Town of Niagara, Youngstown, Amherst, Hamburg, Kensington, Lancaster, South Bflo/Lackawanna and West Seneca, and Vision Beyond Sight and Lion Joe Kloc for their donations. All necessary forms are available on the District website, www.20nlions.org.

RAY WHEELER CHAIRMAN LION M.J. SILLIMAN

- Lion MJ reported that the RWHF has received donations from 43 clubs so far, which is an outstanding response. There have been six requests for assistance this Lions year. She told all clubs to continue to request assistance when needed. (Attached)

MERL RETENTION CHAIRMAN ZC LOIS KAMINSKI:

- Lion Lois reported that the Youngstown Lions Club has taken a bold step in the challenge to keep the members that we have. Of the 14 new officers for the 2009-2010 year, nine of them are members who have been in the club for less than two years. The club feels that giving their new members a leadership experience will help to keep them interested in Lionism for many years to come as well as build up their self esteem.

RECYCLING CHAIRMAN LION PHIL SILLIMAN

- Lion Phil reported that he had the opportunity to take a flight with Joe DeMarco of Angel Flight and see the outstanding work that they can accomplish. He encouraged all clubs to continue support of this group.

NYSBLF VDG DAVE GEHRING

- VDG Dave reported that 52 \$100 tickets have been sold so far this year in support of the NYS Bermuda Lions Foundation by the following clubs: Alden, Amherst, Barker, Blasdell-Woodlawn, Clarence, Dunkirk-Fredonia, Evans Township, Gasport, Kenmore, Kensington, Lancaster, Lockport, Orchard Park, Salamanca, S. Bflo/Lackawanna, Town of Hamburg, West Seneca, and Wilson. If our District sells 100 tickets, we will receive a check for \$1000. District 20-N continues to be the biggest purchaser of the tickets, and if your club purchases 3 tickets, they will receive an Uplinger Award to present. The drawing for the raffle will be held at this year's convention in May, where 14 prizes will be awarded.

PEACE POSTER CHAIRMAN TRACY McLAVERTY

- Lion Tracy reported that he had several of the winning posters from our District Clubs, and asked that those clubs present pick up their posters today. Lion Tracy also spoke of the Peace Poster Quilts that are available to every club to use for a fund raising event, and asked each club to consider purchasing five sets of Peace Poster Cards at a total cost of \$75.00, which could then be sold by the clubs at a profit. He also had with him current Peace Poster Kits which can be purchased for \$12.00.
- The drawing for the Peace Poster Quilt was held and the winner was Troy Sellers of Newfane.

THE LIONS SPINNING WHEEL WAS AGAIN SPUN AND WINNERS REWARDED.

THE RANSOMVILLE LIONS DONATED A REFLECTIVE 911 ADDRESS SIGN, WHICH WAS WON BY LION PAUL GRIMBLE OF THE NEWFANE LIONS.

REGION/ZONE REPORTS:

REGION 1 CHAIR CLANCY BURKWIT reported that a Region 1 AC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31st, 7:00 pm at the Wilson House Inn. He also reported for Region 1 Zone 1 Chairman Lorna Burkwit, who has laryngitis. All clubs in her zone are doing well and she thanked all who supported the Wyndham Lawn Christmas for Special Kids and Lion Linda Grimble for her help with power shopping.

REGION 1 ZONE 1 CHAIR LOIS KAMINSKI reported on the Wilson, Ransomville, Youngstown and Town of Niagara Clubs. (Attached)

REGION 2 CHAIRMAN JOSEPH BIONDO reported all clubs are doing well and had a special request for any clubs who know the managers at any Target Stores. Troopers Toys for Tots are in need of new toys for the upcoming year, and if you can help by providing the name of the managers, contact Lion Dick at 625-9555. The Region 2 AC Meeting will be held on April 8th at the Knights of Columbus on Grand Island, 6:45 pm.

REGION 2 ZONE 1 CHAIR TOM WITKOWSKI had no report.

REGION 2 ZONE 2 CHAIR SHEILA JONES filed her report with the Cabinet Secretary and reported on the Amherst, Kenmore, Sheridan Drive, and Williamsville clubs. (Attached)

REGION 3 CHAIR HAROLD DEUTSCHLANDER filed his report with the Cabinet Secretary and reported that a joint AC meeting is planned for Monday, April 13th at Magruder's Restaurant in Depew, NY. (Attached)

REGION 3 ZONE 1 CHAIR BEN DOCKERY reported three new members in the Inner City Lions, and that they are now off of Status Quo standing with LCI. April 24th is the date for the Ben Dockery Awards. Riverside Lions inducted two newmembers and are planning fundraisers. Buffalo Host has their Italian night this evening from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Kensington Lions will be donating \$10,000 to Kids Escaping Drugs on April 4th, 2009 and are planning the annual All Star Football Classic for 2009.

REGION 3 ZONE 2 CHAIR GENE MORAN asked all Veterans and First Responders to stand and they were applauded for all they have done and continue to do. His report on the Akron, Alden, Clarence, Depew and Lancaster Clubs was filed with the Cabinet Secretary.. (Attached)

REGION 4 CHAIR JAMES MARTIN reported that all clubs are functioning well. He reported that 10 Region 4 Club members went public on the WNED member drive March 15th. (Attached)

REGION 4 ZONE 1 CHAIR DAN DUNN reported on the West Seneca, Blasdell Woodlawn, and South Buffalo/Lackawanna clubs. All clubs are functioning well. The South Buffalo Club is holding their Meat Raffle this evening, and the West Seneca Club has planned its community Outing for August 12th.

REGION 4 ZONE 2 CHAIR DAVE CONLEY filed his report with the Cabinet Secretary and reported on all of the activities of the Boston, East Aurora, Evans Township, Town of Hamburg and Orchard Park Lions. (Attached)

REGION 5 CHAIR SCOTT SAMPSON filed his report with the Cabinet Secretary on all clubs except Falconer and Jamestown. He gave kudos to Lion Secretaries Nancy Palmer of Sherman, John Rizzo of Dunkirk Fredonia, Bob Sandberg of Frewsbury, Jeanne Sampson of Gerry and Ann Akin of Mayville/Chaurauqua and Oliver Davis of Pine Valley for continuing to perform the duties that their clubs elected them to do. (Attached)

REGION 5 ZONE 1 CHAIR GARY WELLS reported on all of his clubs and submitted his report to the District Secretary. (Attached)

REGION 5 ZONE 2 CHAIR DON DOVE reported on the clubs in his Zone – Frewsburg, Jamestown, Gerry, Randolph and Falconer. Randolph finished their home for a single parent with three kids. Frewsburg now has 30 members in their Leo club.

REGION 6 CHAIR JOSEPH GIBLIN submitted his report to the Cabinet Secretary on his eight clubs. (Attached)

REGION 6 ZONE 1 CHAIR JAMES MILLER No Report.

REGION 6 ZONE 2 CHAIR BOB CAMPBELL reported that his Zone is doing well and their AC meeting will be held in Olean on April 16th, 2009.(Attached)

DG James thanked all the Region and Zone Chairs for their reports.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: DG James called IPDG Ken Butkowski II forward and presented him with the **100% District Governor Award** for the 2007-2008 year from Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya.

IPDG Ken thanked all the members of District 20-N and stated that it was a district award, and that he would not have received this award without the help of all the Lions in our District.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

RC James Martin reported that he has secured a booth for the upcoming boat show at the fairgrounds and needs lions to help man the booth which will promote Lions. The dates are April 2nd – April 5th. He would like to run two shifts on Friday and Saturday. All clubs were also encouraged to bring flyers for any of their events that will be held in the next 45 days. Please contact Lion Jim to sign up .

DG James reported that this is his last cabinet meeting for the year, and thanked **EVERYONE** for making this such a fun year! His cabinet Recognition Dinner will be held on May 29th at Salvatore's Italian Garden and everyone is welcome to attend. He wanted to especially thank all of his Region and Zone Chairs for their outstanding work all year long. VDG Dave Gehring and Cabinet Treasurer Charles Landry were thanked for putting up with him all year long and being such great help in everything he did, as well as being such great friends.. Lion Kathy Landry was thanked for doing such a terrific job at organizing and planning all of his meetings and for making all of those phone calls! His wife, Cabinet Secretary Diane, was thanked for everything she has done for him, and especially for making his years as VDG & DG so easy for him.

The 50/50 Split Club Drawing was held with the following Lions winning:

Lion Bill Rosenburg, Olcott Lions \$100.00
CC Ken Butkowski, Kenmore Lions \$55.00

A motion was made by ZC Tom Witkowski, seconded by ZC Don Dove and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion A. Diane Muscoreil
Cabinet Secretary

