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DISTRICT 20-N
CABINET ORIENTATION MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2009

CALL TO ORDER; The Cabinet Orientation Meeting of District 20-N was held at the American Legion Post in West Seneca, NY on Aug. 8th, 2009. Registration took place @ 10:00 AM & Packets with the Govn's directories were presented to officers. The meeting was called to order by DG David Gehring at 11:00 AM. VDG Gary Carini led us in The Pledge Of Allegiance, followed by Lion Clancy Burkwit leading us in singing God Bless America. The Invocation was given by District Chaplain Lion Rick Jachimiak. There were 71 Lions in attendance representing 29 of 55 clubs. Attendance attached.

PDG- Jim Muscoreil, purchased & presented 2 new flags to District 20-N. An America & a Canadian.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE; Chair Lion Sheila Jones will give a full report @ the September Meeting

MINUTES; The Minutes of April 2009, were approved as received on a motion by PCS Lion Dan Dunn & seconded by Lion Sheila Jones, and unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTIONS; DG Dave, introduced VDG Gary Carini, CS Bob Smyczynski, & CT Roger Lis, to the voting cabinet.

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE; PDG Jim Luckman presented the 2008-2009 year end for CT Roger Lis. Motion to accept the report as presented was made by RC Joe Biondo & seconded by PCS Dan Dunn, and unanimously carried. (See Attached).

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009-2010: DG Dave, (in the absence of CT Roger Lis) presented the 12 mo. Budget and a motion was made by RC Joe Biondo, & seconded by Lion Jim Martin, to accept & was unanimously carried.

2010 STATE CONVENTION REPORT; PDG Tom Reinagle reported for PDG Roger Haas, (Chair for Buflo Convention) that the 1st organizational meeting for the 2010 NYS convention in Buffalo will be held @ the Buffalo Convention Center on Wed. Sept. 23rd, @ 7:00PM. Lions interested in helping, should attend this meeting. A sign up sheet was passed around and several Lions at the meeting signed up to attend.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING & ORIENTATION; DG Dave announced that on Aug 30th, a leadership training & orientation meeting/ seminar, Co-Chaired by PDG Mike Curran & RC Joe Biondo, should be attended by especially newly elected officers. Cost is \$20.00 per Club. Registration Starts @ 12.00 & is held @ The Blessed John XXIII Parish (formerly St. Bonaventure) located on the corners of Harlem Rd. & Seneca St. in West Seneca. A roast beef lunch will be served. Please RSVP ASAP.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT THEME FOR 2009-2010: DG Dave reported on IP E.Wirfs slogan of "MOVE TO GROW" & the IP Wirfs 14 points. (see attached). DG Dave also spoke of the INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS GINKGO recognition award for 100 Lions around the globe to be awarded at the gala celebration at the International Convention in Sydney Aus. The award will be given out based on the following: For unique relations idea; For Outstanding service, Project Innovative Fundraising; For valuable leadership development initiative; & For selfless service to the association.

A global youth Violin Music Competition is planned for the finals in Sydney in 2010. Any Violinist under the age of 25 yrs., in the MD20 & Bermuda District is eligible and must be available for competition, on Sept 24 thru Sept 26th in Nashville Tn. In summation DG Dave described the International Convention as Fantastic.

GMT-MERL: The report was given by VDG Gary Carini, that PDG Jim Muscoreil, PDG Robert Shively, PDG Ron Bolanger, PCS Dan Dunn & ZC Shiela Jones are his team members. A training of this team, will take place in late September. VDG Gary then announced the dates of upcoming events. (see attached).

BEACH SWEEP & 20N REGION SOCIAL: Lion Jim Martin reported that a (Beach Sweep) will take place on Sept. 19th, cleaning beaches from Buflo, to Dunkirk/Fredonia. Lion Jim also reported that the Evans Township Lions Club is coordinating a social event for the Lions of District 20-N.(see attached) Also Lion Jim will be looking for some help on Mar. 11 thru the 14th to answer some phones for The WNED fundraiser. He then gave the following dates of Mar. 11 thru the 14th as the dates the Lions will have a booth at the Sportsmans Show. The dates of April 1 thru the 4th, the Lions will have a booth at the Boat Show.

PEACE POSTER: Lion Tracy McLaverty spoke and promoted the benefits and importance of this contest. Last years winners were announced

DISTRICT GOVERNORS THEME AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2009 -2010: DG Dave presented his personal theme for the year 2009-2010: "ROAR WITH PRIDE". He's requesting & pursuing a Matching Grant from LCIF, for \$1750.00 to promote & make the community more aware of what Zionism is, by using advertising billboards with Slogans such as: "ROAR WITH PRIDE", "LET THEM SEE AND HEAR WHAT WE DO", "DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED" & "WITH MORE HANDS MORE CAN BE DONE". DG Dave is very enthused about being your Gov. He plans on attending one ACM meeting in each Zone Region, if he's available without a clash of date commitments,(not to run the meeting but to observe.) He would like to expand

the # of clubs in our district by 2clubs. His challenge is +1 member per club or 60 new members in 20-N. As an incentive, if a club nets+2 from their current membership, the club will be entitled to one free lunch at the next Cab. Meeting. If the club nets +4 then they are entitled to two free lunches, plus if a club nets +5 by April, they will receive a free ticket to the Gov's Testimonial Dinner. DG Dave announced that January is Lions Awareness month, in Honor of Melvin Jones Birthday which is Jan 13th. The Gov. intends to use his leftover funds as scheduled (see attached).

At the Nov. 7th, 2010 Fall Conference, International Director Ron Johnson will be the main guest speaker. He is the very First ID that started as a LEO. The cost to attend this conference will be forthcoming. The Next cabinet meeting will be held at The Shea's, on September 19th & the cost for lunch is \$15.00. DG Dave said that the most important are his 1st level of Zone & Region Manager Chairs. They are his Eyes & Ears of the District. He is in need of a Zone 2 & a Region 5 Chair. He said he would rather be told 4 times then not be told once.

Any Articles that a Club would like to see published in the Niagara Frontier Lion, should be sent to DG Dave or Cab. Sec. Bob. Or directly to West Seneca Printing, with the understanding that it will be screened and must be approved by DG Dave, subject to space & cost. DG Dave said that he preferred that in the State Publication Pictures with captions be submitted rather than lengthy write ups.

Regarding MMR's /MMA's, if a Club's dues are not received by January 2010, they are subject to having their Charter removed. MD dues are \$18. per member, (billed semi-annually based on membership) District dues are \$1.00 per member and \$6.00 per household & should be paid by November 1, 2009. A \$.25, per member late charge will be added, if not paid by 11/01/09. The District lost 25 members based on July 09 report. Any Club in our District that has a member that's interested in running for VDG please contact DG Dave. Any District Club members that would like to help celebrate Lewiston's Charter Nite please contact President Thomas Huisgen.

On Sept. 12th "ANGEL FLIGHT" is having their fund raiser, at the Hamburg Fairgrounds. All Aluminum can Pull Tabs collected should be earmarked for them.

A motion to adjourn was made by PDG Jim Muscoreil & seconded by PCS Dan Dunn, and unanimously carried @ 12:45PM.

Lunch was donated by the West Seneca Lions Club, and was served following the meeting.