

Lions Clubs International

District 37 Cabinet Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2018 ~ 6:00 p.m. via conference call

The third District 37 cabinet meeting of the 2017-2018 Lionistic year was called to order by District Governor Lary Garrison at 6:05 p.m. on January 17, 2018 via conference call.

District Chaplain Elaine Black shared the following quote from Mother Theresa: *The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.*

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Verna Love introduced the cabinet members connected to the meeting. Fourteen cabinet members were connected. There were no guests present.

PCC Dan Krum made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2017 Cabinet meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis Kopitske. Carried.

Cabinet Treasurer Dan Krum presented the Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2017. The Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss and Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual were reviewed. Current Assets: Checking & Savings (Stockman Bank) - \$67,102.27; CD's (Edward Jones) - \$60,000; Total Current Assets - \$127, 102.27. Total Income to date - \$95,008.79; Total Expenses to date - \$83,236.69; Net Income - \$11, 772.10. Dues statements have been mailed to the clubs. Three clubs have paid thus far. As of 12/31/17 the Ennis Lions Club has used \$51,495.39 of their LCIF grant.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

***2018 District Convention Update*** – PID Dave Hanjy shared an update from PDG Steve Hadnagy on the 2018 District Convention which is being held April 27 –28 in Butte. Plans are to have the registration form available in 3 days. The registration fee will be \$70 and the room rates are \$60 (includes tax and breakfast). There will be an auction on Friday evening (proceed benefactor(s) to be determined). International guest speaker will be PIP Joe Preston. PDG Rich Gessling asked if the convention agenda was available and if there was someone in charge of promotion.

***Future Conventions*** - The 2019 District Convention will be held in Sidney. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis indicated that the Sidney Convention committee is actively working to provide a memorable convention. Butte was suggested as a possible location for 2020.

***Future Guest Speakers: Seated International Directors vs Excellent Speakers*** – Consensus of the Cabinet that convention speakers need to be motivational/entertaining but not necessarily a seated International Director. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis will work with PID Dave Hajny on a speaker for the Sidney convention.

**2018 Forum Update and Future Forums** – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis Kopitske will be meeting with PDG Rich Gessling tomorrow. They will consider the options and draft a proposal for next steps for Montana forums.

**2018 Leadership Retreat** – The 2018 leadership retreat will be held in Butte. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Verna Love shared that progress is being made to finalize the agenda and presenters. Question raised as to whether the 2017 retreat participants are being contacted for follow up care and nurturing. DG Lary will provide a list of the 2017 participants. He will also work on a follow up procedure.

**District Credit Card Update** – Treasurer PCC Dan Krum reported that a credit card has been secured with a \$6,000 credit limit.

**2018 International Convention** – The Convention will be held June 29 – July 3 in Las Vegas, Nevada. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Verna and DG Lary have been researching the possibility of chartering a bus for traveling to the convention. Prices range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 plus expenses for a 56-passenger bus. Consensus that bus chartering may not be feasible for our district but further research will be done.

**PID Brian Sheehan and PID Patti Hill's bids for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of the Association** - PID Brian has been endorsed and will be running for 3<sup>rd</sup> VP in Las Vegas. If anyone would like to help with handing out flyers at the convention in Las Vegas, the help will be greatly appreciated.

PID Patti Hill has support from “the powers that be” for 2019 and may step aside this year and run for 3<sup>rd</sup> VP in 2019. Discussion held re financial support for PID Patti. Motion by PID Dave Hajny with a second by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Verna Love recommending the Friendship Committee donate \$5,000 to the PID Patti Hill for 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President campaign. Carried. PCC Ben Apeland will be attending Canada’s District C’s convention and encouraged others to attend to show their support for PID Patti.

**Hall of Fame Update** – PCC Ben Apeland has found an option for Hall of Fame medals from a local vendor. There will be less cost up front as it will not be necessary to purchase a large supply. PCC Ben should have a prototype in a few weeks. Clubs are being encouraged to submit nominations for the Hall of Fame. The criteria and application form can be found on the District website.

**Rocky Mountain Lions Proposal from International Directors (PID Dave Hajny)** – Past International Directors from eight states (Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, Utah, Montana, Idaho, New Mexico and Nevada) have been in conversation about forming a coalition to promote future International Director candidates. Following discussion, a motion was made by PDG Rich Gessling to continue this conversation and affirm the possible District 37 involvement. The motion was seconded by PCC Ben Apeland. Carried. The next meeting of the group will be held at the International Convention in Las Vegas.

**Rocky Mountain VDG Training** – The District has received an invitation for a February training event for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's in Arizona. There is no cost for the actual training but districts sending VDG's are encouraged to donate to the cost. Participants are responsible for their own transportation and lodging. Consensus by the cabinet that the training would benefit both 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Verna. PCC Dan Krum made a motion to send both VDG's to the training event. Second by PID Dave Hajny. Carried.

**Zone Chair Training** – PID Dave Hajny indicated that he would like to hold training for Zone Chairs on the Friday afternoon prior to the start of the Butte convention.

**Club Visitation Progress** – The District Governor team members each gave a brief report on official visits made to date and visits yet to be scheduled.

**LCIF Update** – DG Lary reported on the projects currently being supported by LCIF grants in our District. Work is progressing well on the senior center in Ennis. There is no final word on the requested grants for Baker (generator), Fort Benton (hospital) or Seeley Lake (community center). Grant requests are in the works for Lolo (park playground), Superior (swimming pool), Sidney (children's room at library) and Great Falls (park playground).

District LCIF Chair PDG Monte Weisser shared that 2018 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LCIF. There is a push on to raise 50 million dollars for LCIF worldwide. More information can be found on [LCIF50.org](http://LCIF50.org).

DG Lary lifted up an article in the January Lions magazine on the "Farm to School" program started in 2011 by the Whitefish Lions Club.

**GMT Report** – PDG Richard Gessling indicated that he is running out of ideas for recruiting members, especially younger people. If anyone has ideas to share or would like to work with the Global Membership Team, they are encouraged to contact PDG Richard.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for 2018-2019** – At the present time there are no candidates for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for the upcoming year. Cabinet members present were encouraged to contact DG Lary with suggestions.

**Peace Poster Contest Winners** - Peace Poster contest winners were announced. They are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lily McFaidyen (Bozeman); 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Noni Dilshneider (Ennis); 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Eldila Smith (Helena); Honorable Mention – Rylee Klasma (Ennis), Easton Hanson (Winnett) and Parker Hanson (Winnett). Congratulations one and all!

DG Lary announced that the Dillon Lions Club has been awarded the **Club Excellence Award**.

**RMC Campus Club** – Treasurer Dan asked if the RMC Campus club should be billed for dues. District Policy Manual and cabinet meeting minutes will be checked for the answer. PDG Jim Johnke has been in contact with the campus club. The president of the

club is currently attending school out of the country and the club vice president indicated that the club would begin meeting in January.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2018 USA/Canada Forum** - The 2018 USA/Canada Forum will be held September 20-22, 2018 in Columbus, OH. A great line up of speakers is on the agenda. DG Lary and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis have flyers available. A volunteer is needed to promote the Forum.

DG Lary summarized the **December Club Health Assessment** and **December Club Finance** Reports. District 37 has a total of 1,711 members as of December 31, 2017 – a net loss of 2 for the year. DG Lary has issued a challenge to all clubs in the district: to pick up one new member by July 1, 2018. Only one club has a past due balance with International more than 90 days old. All in all, the health of the District is good.

**Region Reports** – North Region Chair PDG Jack Beckman summarized his written report. PDG Jack asked if there is any progress on Lewistown. He is willing to help in any way.

**Zone Reports** – Zone reports were given by the following Zone Chairs: Lion Jon Kimble (Zone 1); PDG Jim Johnke (Zone 11) and Lion Bob Hansael (Zone 6). Written reports were received from Lion Jessica Falcon (Zone 3).

A “Thank You” was extended to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis Kopitske for the excellent first edition of the **District Governor’s Newsletter**.

**Leo Club Update** - Lion Jon Kimble shared that Leos from his area may be interested in attending the NW Lions Leadership Institute. The institute will be held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. Lion Jon was wondering if District funds are available to support this young person.

The Leo that participated in the Leo Forum at the 2017 USA/Canada Forum has been invited to present at the District convention in Butte.

The groundwork is being done for a new Leo club in Whitefish.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind** - District Leader Dog Chair PDG Jim Johnke asked if there was interest in having a Leader Dog representative at the Butte convention. DG Lary will check with the convention chair, PDG Steve Hadnagy.

**Date and Location of 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting:** Quality Inn; Butte, Montana; Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Past District Governors will meet at 6:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lion Elaine Black*, District Cabinet Secretary