



'Serving Those Who Can Not Serve Themselves'

District 7-L Cabinet Meeting

June 18, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Western Sizzlin, Arkadelphia, AR

ATTENDANCE:

(CABINET MEMBERS): DG Maxine Crittenden (Texarkana Evening), DGE John Collier (Hope), 1st VDG Larry Ketcham, 2nd VDG/Z3Chr./Webmaster Don Draper (HSV Breakfast), Sec. Nell Rockett (HSV Evening), Treasurer/PDG Claude Jamerson (Jesse D. Hawkins); PDG Bob DeVinney (HSV Evening), Z1Chr. Rene Roberts (Mena Lioness), Z2Chr. Toni Shockey (HS), GLT/Z4 Chr. Claudia Griffin (Hope), Z6Chr. Jimmie Crittenden (Texarkana Evening), Leo Co-Chr. Elane Cecil (Texarkana Evening); Eye Bank Chr. Dennis Williams (Arkadelphia), Mid-South Coord/PDG Art Ritter (Bryant).

(CLUBS/GUESTS): Lions Anita Williams and Mark Overturf (Arkadelphia); Lion Austin Blake Styles (Bryant); Lions Betty Collier, Adien Duncan, and Barbara Duncan (Hope Evening); Lion Joanne Blos (HS Jesse D. Hawkins); Lion Carla Mosley (Mena Lioness); Lions Venus Pace and Irene Lewis (Texarkana Evening).

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by DG Maxine Crittenden. She introduced Lions Venus Pace and Irene Lewis from the Texarkana Evening Lions and Lion Dennis Williams introduced the incoming Arkadelphia Lions' president, Lion Mark Overturf.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: by 1st VDG Larry Ketcham

PRAYER: by DGE John Collier

APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2015 MINUTES: Minutes were emailed to cabinet members and club officers prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Lion Dennis Williams and seconded by Lion Rene Roberts to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Claude Jamerson passed out the treasurer's report ending on June 18, 2016. Reports show a beginning balance of \$6,033.42 and a deposit of district dues in the amount of \$108.00. After withdrawals for expenses of \$779.00, the ending May 31, 2016 was \$6,033.42. Outstanding withdrawals for June equal \$387.85 leaving an end of June balance

of \$5,671.57. Motion was made by Lion Toni Shockey and seconded by PDG Art Ritter to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- It was reported that the safety vests have been purchased from the Alert Funds and are now in the Disaster Relief Trailer.
- In lieu of Alert Chair Charlotte Young, DGE Collier reported, after the purchase of safety vests for \$176.68, a balance of \$3,620.72 in the Disaster Relief Fund.
- DGE Collier also reported on a Lions partnership with the Red Cross to distribute smoke alarms. The district will try to get all clubs in the district to get these smoke detectors out. These alarms have a 10-year battery. Can give a maximum of three per person. Will need to work with local fire departments to install or have local Lions trained to do so. Details on getting the smoke detectors will be forthcoming from the State Alert Chair Don Ellis, and District Alert Chair Charlotte Young will be the liaison to get the smoke detectors to clubs.
- All were reminded to schedule the use of the Disaster Alert Trailer through Alert Chair Charlotte Young. She will schedule and pass along the contact information in Arkadelphia.

NEW BUSINESS:

- WSB Visitation Day: PDG Bob DeVinney encouraged Lions to sign up for WSB Visitation Day on July 30, 2016. A sign-up sheet was passed around. He reminded all that this visitation day is exclusive to Arkansas.
- USA/Canada Forum: All were encouraged to get registrations in ASAP for this forum in Omaha, NE scheduled for September 16-17, 2016.
- District Centennial Celebration: PDG Bob DeVinney reminded all to get busy with centennial celebrations and the Legacy Projects. He announced a partnership of Hot Springs Village Evening Lions and Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions for a Legacy Project in the village. DGE Collier mentioned that the distribution of the smoke detectors and be a Level One Legacy Project.
- DGE Collier also reminded clubs to use the District Centennial Chair Richard Wade as a consultant. His contact information is: rtwade@hotmail.com or 903-701-0797.

REPORTS:

Zone Team Chairs/VDG:



Zone 1 Chair Rene Roberts reported:

- Hatfield Lions have begun work on their Legacy Project, rebuilding a kitchen.
- DeQueen Lions have a project for children entitled "Take a Kid Fishing Day."
- Lockesburg Lions are planning a 5K/10K Run to raise money for Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing.
- Mena Lions and the Mena Lionesses are working together on a Legacy Project.
- Mena Lionesses are planning their annual auction.
- Had officer training with most of the clubs in zone.

DG Crittenden presented Z1Chr. Roberts with a Certificate of Appreciation.

  Zone 2 Chair Toni Shockey announced:

- Hot Springs Noon Club has folded.
- HS Diamondhead is a very active club but don't get the word out as to their many accomplishments. They are working on a Fishing Day with Special Education Kids, Bingo (2 days a month), and a Garage Sale to raise money for resurfacing the tennis court.
- H.S. Oaklawn Lions have a Barbecue scheduled for September 30, 2016.
- Hot Springs Lions now have a new member and will have a program by PDG/GMT James Griffin in July. The club has also begun work on a Legacy Project.
- Hot Springs South is also very active with projects.

Z2Chr. Shockey was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

  Zone 3 Chair Don Draper reported:

- Have three clubs achieving Club Excellence.
- Been conducting officer training with only one club (Magnet Cove) not trained at this time.
- Magnet Cove's membership is up by one.
- He announced the demise of the Glenwood Club.
- Bryant and Benton are working on their Legacy Project; park benches and flags are some of their ideas.

Z3Chr. Draper was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

  GLT/Zone 4 Chair Claudia Griffin announced:

- Malvern Club has grown in membership.
- Prescott Lions have a dynamic president and active Leo Club.
- Arkadelphia Lions are active and growing.
- Lion Wendell Hoover (Nashville) will be the new Zone 4 Chair.
- Have been working on officer training in zone.

Z4Chr. Griffin received a Certificate of Appreciation.

  Zone 6 Chair Jimmie Crittenden reported that:

- He held a Zone Meeting on June 11th with 50% participation of clubs in the zone.
- As a part of the Zone Meeting, an officer training by GLT Claudia Griffin was held.
- The Saratoga Lions have collected approximately 400-500 pairs of glasses from their small community. Saratoga Lions are applying for a grant from the State of Arkansas. They have had several fundraisers and catered three school reunions.
- Little River Lions have several projects: adoption of a mile of Hwy 32, a community affair for three days later in June, collection of eyeglasses, purchase of three tents for the Boy Scouts, and a Lions sign placed on the west end of town.
- Texarkana Evening Lions have adopted a mile on Broad Street in Texarkana, had a food drive for Harvest Texarkana, served at Randy Sams, sold raffle tickets for a \$100 gift card, and participated in the Black History Parade.

Z6Chr. Crittenden received a Certificate of Appreciation.

Cabinet Reports:

  1st VDG Larry Ketcham announced:

- Started the year with 17 clubs in his zones.
- Lost two (Glenwood and Hot Springs Noon).
- Three zones now have five clubs each.
- Zone chairs need to check with clubs to determine if any qualify for Club Excellence.
- Magnet Cove is the only club not submitting a PU101.
- Two clubs have no 1st Vice Presidents and four clubs have no membership directors.

Lion Ketcham praised Z2Chr. Toni Shockey for being an active zone chair and stepping up to save the Hot Springs Lions from folding. He also thanked Guiding Lions Joanne Blos and Art Ritter for their work with the HS Noon club. Lion Ketcham will be inducting officers for Hot Springs South and Lion Pete Beck will induct officers at Bryant.

  GLT Claudia Griffin announced that she is working hard to get officers in the district trained.

  PDG/Mid-South Coordinator Art Ritter announced a large turnout from Hope and Texarkana for Leaders Weekend at Mid-South Lion Sight and Hearing. There are plans in the works for another leader weekend in April. Notice of that will be forthcoming. There is a need to get Mid-South events on the district website. Mid-South is still having some financial concerns; therefore, it is important for clubs to lend their financial support. Lion Ritter asked all to consider signing up to become a champion (\$10 monthly taken directly from checking account). The form can be found on the Mid-South website. PDG Ritter also reminded all that he is available to clubs for a program on Mid-South.

  GMT/PDG James Griffin reminded clubs that the membership goal for the upcoming year is membership: recruitment, retention and new clubs. He passed out a guide entitled “Steps to Creating a Membership Plan.” This guide will assist membership directors in each club in writing a Membership Plan. The district plan is to be sent to GMT Griffin. GMT Griffin is available to clubs for membership programs.

  Webmaster Don Draper announced that he needs the meeting dates for Zones 1, 2, and 3. He has already placed some district dates on the website.

  DGE John Collier reminded:

- get dates on the District Calendar (important in order to increase participation, avoid conflicts of dates, and glean ideas),
- clubs should utilize the Mid-South board members for club programs,
- WSB and Mid-South have similar “champion” programs, participate and lend your support.

  DGE Collier encouraged “city limit” clubs to get out and support other clubs and state projects. The 2016-17 district theme is “Taking Pride in the Pride.” He stated

that Lions are trying to help over 100 million people and we are celebrating 100 years of service. He stated, "That's a big deal! It takes a lot of hard work to reach over 100 million people. The first half of the upcoming fiscal year will be devoted to membership retention. We've had a burst of memberships in some clubs. When looking at membership reports, it is obvious that the more active clubs have increase in membership." DGE Collier will continue the Club Visitation Challenge. The Visitation Certificates were handed in to Secretary Rockett and after the tally she announced that the Hot Springs Village Breakfast Lions are the 2015-16 winners. The club will receive a patch for their banner along with a certificate.

RECOGNITIONS:

- DG Crittenden presented Treasurer Claude Jamerson a Plaque of Appreciation for serving as Treasurer for 2015-16.
- DG Crittenden handed out Guiding Lions Certificates to Lions Elane Cecil (Texarkana Evening), Pete Beck (HSV Evening), Dave Phillips (Hope), and Claudia Griffin (Hope).
- The Service Challenge Certificate was presented to Malvern Lions.
- Centennial Awards to Lions Patty Young and Jenae Sweeney.
- Each member of the cabinet received a gift bag from DG Crittenden.

PRESENTATION AND VOTING ON PROPOSED 2016-17 DISTRICT BUDGET:

DGE John Collier presented the proposed 2016-17 district budget. Based on the financial report, the beginning balance of **\$4,340** is a little low. There are perhaps a couple of invoices still to be paid; however, the beginning balance or carry-over from 2015-16 is around \$5,500. The proposed budget's income from membership dues is based on around 800; however, membership is up to approximately 820 which will change the amount of \$14,832 to a higher amount. Therefore, funds available for 2016-17 will somewhat exceed the proposed budget's amount of **\$19,597**. The expenses outlined in the proposed budget are as follows:

District 7L dues	\$ 9,888 (subject to change based on # of members)
State Directories	150
GLT & GMT	500
Public Relations	100
Name Tags/Awards	300
District Supplies	300
Website	100
Treasurer Bond	100
USA/Canada Forum	2,100
Miscellaneous	
Dist. Governors (\$750 ea.)	1,500
Cabinet Secretary	200
Cabinet Treasurer	150
Zone Chairs (6)	600 * (This item was originally 0, \$600 added)

International Convention	<u>750</u>
Total Expenses	\$18,288
Balance Forward	1,461 * (This will probably be a higher amount)

A discussion followed the presentation of the above proposed budget. PDG Art Ritter questioned not putting in an amount for the Zone Chairs. DGE Collier said that could be added if our income amount increases, as it is projected to do. It was brought to attention that last year the Vice District Governors were budgeted \$500 each and that amount is increased to \$750 each this year. DGE Collier explained that travel far exceeds the \$500 amount; thereby, justifying an increase for travel. PDG DeVinney cautioned that there is a need to be careful with reducing the balance forward which would make it difficult on the incoming district governor for 2017-18. 2nd V. Dist. Governor Draper recommended dropping the proposed budgeted amount from \$750 for each vice district governor back to \$500 and reducing the amount of \$2,100 for USA/Canada Forum to \$1,500 then adding \$600 for the six zone chairs. Since the funds available will be higher than proposed in the budget, VDG Ketcham suggested to leave all as is in the expenses and simply add \$600 for zone chairs. VDG Ketcham made the motion to accept the amended proposed budget with the addition of the \$600 for zone chairs. Lion Renee Roberts seconded. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: The first meeting of the 2016-17 fiscal year will be August 13, 2016 at Western Sizzlin in Arkadelphia beginning at 10:00 a.m.

APPRECIATION PRESENTATION: DGE Collier presented a Plaque of Appreciation to DG Maxine Crittenden for her year of service to the district.

CLOSING REMARKS: DG Crittenden expressed an appreciation to all cabinet members for their work and commitment to the district.

GMT James Griffin encouraged all clubs to send auction items for the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing auction on August 6, 2016.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,
Nell Rockett, Secretary