

**International Association of Lions Clubs**  
**District 14-B**

**2nd Cabinet Meeting**  
**November 10, 2002**  
**Pittsburgh Vision Services**  
**Pittsburgh, PA**

District Governor Ken Lloyd called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. with one verse of America, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Father Garry G. Patriquin.

District Cabinet Secretary Greg Borichevsky took roll call. The attached sheet indicates members that were in attendance, absent or excused. District Governor Ken welcomed everyone and established protocol.

**Secretary's Report**

DG Lloyd asked for a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Motion was made by Vice District Governor Richard Kellar to accept the minutes as sent. 2<sup>nd</sup> by IPDG Mike Vudragovich. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Read by DG Ken

**Administrative Account**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002.....	\$3,640.57
Total Receipts.....	\$3,900.17
Total Cash Available.....	\$7,540.74
Total Cash Disbursements.....	\$4,839.09
Ending Balance November 10, 2002.....	\$2,701.65

**Blind Activities Account**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002.....	\$26,288.45
Total Receipts.....	\$15,660.37
Total Cash Available.....	\$41,948.82
Total Disbursements.....	\$31,735.68
Ending Balance November 10, 2002.....	\$10,213.14

Motion made by VDG Rich Kellar to accept the Treasurers Report as read. Second by Lion Dennis McCarthy. Motion passed.

Details of Treasurers report available upon request.

DG Ken Lloyd wished a Happy Marine Corp Birthday to PID Carl Battistone and Happy Birthday to PDG Pauline Waide.

## **Zone Chair Reports**

### **Region 1 Zone A Chair Harold Stitt**

Excused. No Report.

### **Region 2 Zone B Chair Paul Guido**

Excused. No Report.

### **Region 2 Zone A Chair Jim Brubaker (written report)**

Clairton donated \$250 to Clairton VFD

Glassport- Annual Rigatoni Night, White Cane collected \$656

Liberty Boro-no report

McKeesport-Had a joint meeting with White Oak club. Their big event was the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on Oct. 22, 2002 which they awarded 3 Melvin Jones Awards. They held their Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast on Oct. 27, 2002. Bike for Sight raised over \$4000.00. Donations given Alzheimer's Association-\$300.00 Police Department-\$300.00 Jefferson Hills- held a successful White Cane week and had their Annual Jamboree (Breakfast) on November 9, 2002.

Pleasant Hills- held their Annual Halloween Parade. Sold Lazarus and Kaufman's Special Sale Coupons. Club received Governor's Certificate of Achievement for supporting local police.

West Mifflin-had a successful White Cane Day. They conducted a raffle and dinner at the Pittsburgh Elks. There were 200 attendees and the made a \$5000.00 profit.

### **Region 2 Zone B Chair Marge Yurechko (written report)**

M&A's have been coming in regularly.

Zone meeting took place on November 6, 2002 with 32 members present. The speaker was Chris Dell, head of Elizabeth Forward Medical Services. He taught those present the rudiments of the Heimlich Maneuver and explained how today EMS services differ from yesterday's ambulances.

I have two more clubs to visit.

I installed one new member in the Elizabeth Club.

Christmas parties are planned with the White Oak, Versailles and Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon clubs combining them together.

Elizabeth is planning theirs on the Dec. 17.

The past three weeks have had me attending 3 pancake breakfasts.

Boston-Greenock-Mt. Vernon club is making plans to do Elizabeth Forward Kindergarten Orientation in the spring with the Photo Screener.

**Region 3 Zone A&B Chair Dennis McCarthy (written report)**

I have visited eight clubs out of fifteen and the remainders are to be visited by the first week of December. A lot of cancellations had to be rescheduled. All clubs are doing well except for Swissvale. DG Ken has talked to Swissvale club president and has set-up a meeting in January with DG Ken and the MERLO team to visit. DG Ken would like to try to rebuild the club.

A lot of clubs are working together on fundraisers. Most clubs are ready for the Beacon Lodge team to come out for a their presentations.

**Region 4 Zone A Chair Maryann Dayton (written report)**

A joint meeting was held on October 15 with 3 clubs attending from my zone. The program was to MERLO team and the Brentwood Club hosted.

Bethel Park- 64 members held a Fall Fish Fry with 136 man hours and a profit of \$1,600.

Brentwood-21 members had a White Cane Day, selling Entertainment Books and are planning a "Breakfast with Santa".

South Park-23 members and 1 new member held a Halloween Parade for 400 children.

They passed out bags with candy and apples and gave out prizes for the best costume.

Whitehall-28 members are selling Entertainment and Enjoyment Books and Koze Nuts.

They've purchased eye exams and eyeglasses for two youths in the middle school.

Bethel Park Lioness-17 members had a "Southern Living Party" which profited \$95.00 A

bake sale profit of \$100.00. Doris Irr, who was the speaker talked about the "Leo Clubs"

Sunset Hills and Upper St. Clair have no report.

Visited 2 clubs and planning to visit the rest in the near future.

**Region 4 Zone B Chair Jim Engel (written report)**

On October 15 a joint zone meeting for Region 4 Zones A&B was held with Brentwood

as the host. Only two clubs attended from Zone B but there were 15 members from Zone

B. The MERLO Team gave a good presentation. VDG Rich inducted a new member.

After 3 calls to each club to remind them of upcoming events and M&A reports, it looks like I have to make calls 4, 5&6.

Beechview-16 members and 2 new members

Hilltop-11 members and one new member

Dormont-7 members

Grandview-17 members

These clubs are active and raising money for Lion charities.

Carnegie and Mt. Lebanon-no reports

I've visited 2 clubs and plan to visit the other clubs in the upcoming months.

## Committee Reports

### **IPDG/LCIF/Long Range Planning Mike Vudragovich (written report)**

LCIF report- those outside before the meeting got to see the van and truck purchased for the Pittsburgh Vision Services. The District undertook the project a year ago. Both the van and truck display the Lion's logo and are identified as being donated by the Lions of Allegheny County and Lion's Club International Foundation. We had 47 clubs donate a total of \$12,175 toward the project. Lions Clubs International Foundation donated \$12,500 and through the efforts of the Allegheny County Clerk of Courts Lion George Matta, we were awarded a \$5,000 Community Development Block Grant. The total collected for this project was \$29,675 which exceeded our goal of \$25,000. This is addition to over \$10,000 that our clubs gave to the LCIF World Trade Center Fund to the aftermath of 9/11. Congratulations to all Lions for your generosity and a job well done to our clubs for the works our clubs do each year in their communities.

### Long Range Planning Report

Based on a discussion at the June Cabinet meeting regarding the Spring Party and entertaining the International Director, we recommend that the District cover the expenses of the District Governor and guest, and the International Director and guest. The reason: This will define the expenses for which the district is responsible and preclude the District from having to incur additional expenses if additional guests are invited. This would generally be dinner on Friday night or lunch on Saturday. These guests would be obligated to cover their own expenses. At present there is no such policy. I would like to have a motion to make this change to the policy. Will refer to it under new business.

In the last newsletter there is an announcement on PA Counselors and District Counselors Awards. An application was included and sent to every Club president and secretary. When you go back to your club remind them that the qualifications are listed in the directory. This is an easy way for you to recognize someone in your club for a job well done. Presentation of the award is usually done at the Spring Party. Send your application back to me by December 15. I received one so far. We have 4 District Counselors Awards and two PA Counselors Awards.

**Coordinator of District Activities Chair Barb Schimmel (written report)**

Report of Fall Rally on October 24, 2002

89 people attended-127 last year

83 meals were ordered 6 showed up without prior notification.

The guest speaker was Past District Council Chairman Brian McCarl who was PDG 14-N Who spoke on membership.

Receipts

Admission.....	\$1148.00
50/50 Raffle.....	\$115.00
Tail Twister.....	<u>\$7.25</u>
Total Income.....	\$1270.25

Less

Expenses.....	\$1,219.47
Profit.....	50.78

The District next event is the Melvin Jones Breakfast on Sunday, February 9, 2003 at Duranti's Restaurant, breakfast will be at 10:00 a.m. with the Cabinet meeting to follow. Also, please keep the date of Saturday, April 26, 2003 open. Zone Chairpersons, when making visits, encourage each club to have at least one member form the club attend the District Spring Party at the Holiday Inn, RIDC Park, and O'Hara Township. DG Ken thanked Lion Barb for the good work on her job as Coordinator of District Events.

**Beacon Lodge Chair Tom Hurrell (written report)**

It would be impossible to summarize in several minutes all that happened at the Beacon Lodge Camp Director's meeting this past October 19<sup>th</sup>&20<sup>th</sup>.

Highlights of this past event can be found on the back of page 2 in the Governor's November Newsletter.

In the interim the Beacon Lodge Camp Team is taking full advantage of available marketing tools.

- 1) Distribution of Beacon Lodge Camp Dinner placemats for use by the clubs, zones or District Functions. Upon request they are available from either IPDG, Mike Vudragovich, Zone Chair Dennis McCarthy or Beacon Lodge Chair Tom Hurrell.
- 2) Ongoing articles in the Governor's Newsletter are a way of keeping the principles, activities and needs of our camp fresh in the minds of our membership.
- 3) In the past, due to unavailability and inconvenience, slide presentations of the camp were difficult to schedule. To eliminate this limited situation, we are compiling our own personal 14-B slide presentation. Currently we have 61 slides in the carousel plus another 47 slides being copied from Lion Cliff Martin of 14-E. This will put our team in an immediate position to present a slide presentation as requests become available.
- 4) Using these tools, we will have a more informed District that in return will enhance our goal of more campers, additional donations to the operating fund and having all clubs from 14-B register as "100% 365 Club"

Mike Vudragovich is treasurer of Beacon Lodge.

Discussion was held on Lion's Appreciation Day. One complaint was the speeches were too long. Lions Night at the Pirate's Game is Saturday, May 10, 2003. Pirates vs. Arizona @ 7:05 p.m. We receive \$4.00 for every ticket sold. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Blind Bowlers Chair Richard Kellar (written report)**

The tournament will be held February 21, 22 & 23, 2003 at Noble Manor Lanes in Greentree. The Greentree Holiday Inn will be the site for the banquet. I have sent a letter to all clubs in District 14-B asking that they each donate \$50.00 to help in the financial support of the tournament. Also, each region will be responsible for supplying the manpower (Lions, Lioness, Leos, or volunteers from the community). A letter was sent to all clubs in the District with the assignments and information. The assigned dates and times are as listed below:

Region IV ..... Fri., Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Region II..... Fri., Feb. 22, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
 Region I..... Sat., Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Region III..... Sun., Feb 23, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
 Cabinet Members.....Sun., Feb. 23, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Anyone who would like to get more information in the tournament or wants me to visit their club to talk about the tournament please contact me.

**Convention Chair Chris Tognarine**

Absent. No report.

**Diabetes Awareness Chair PDG Clarence Thomas (written report)**

On Thursday, November 7, 2002 in the McKeesport Lion Diabetes Center (Kelly Building Conference Room) a two hour seminar was held on the effects of diabetes on the heart. Over 100 people attended. There were also several companies available for questions and to show their products on the market.

On December 7, 2002, the UPMC McKeesport Lion's Diabetes Center will present "Christmas Around the World" at the Palisades, McKeesport. Leon Daniels and the Elvenos will be the entertainment. Six to Seven is complimentary wine and cheese and from 7:00 to 9:00, there will be various food stations. Cost is \$25.00. This year the party is limited to 400 people. See me if you need a form because there may not be any tickets on sale at the door. The form can be downloaded from our Lion's website.

**District Phone Auditor Dave Finley**

Absent. Report by DG Ken Lloyd. There was a problem with the phone but it has now been corrected.

**Extension Chair Doris Irr**

Absent. No report

**Historian Chair PDG Harold Fletcher**

Excused. No report.

**Pgh. Hearing Conservation Chair Richard Costello (written report)**

Excused. Report read by DG Ken.

Our hearing conservation efforts continue with the support of 14-B clubs. Contributions since March, 2000 total over \$4,400.00. This year an additional 8 people have been helped thru our program at H.D.S., Center for Hearing and Deaf Services.

The efforts of Allison Weber should be acknowledged, as she keeps our program going. A letter was read. The letter was of thanks for services received at the Pittsburgh Hearing, Speech and Deaf Services.

**Center for Hearing, Speech and Deaf Services Chair Allison Weber (written report)**

Excused. Report read by DG Lloyd.

The District 14-B Lions Club Fund was established at the Center of Hearing and Deaf Services, Inc. (formerly Pittsburgh Hearing, Speech and Deaf Services, Inc.) in June, 2001. To date, donations from Lions clubs throughout the district have totaled \$4,425.00. This fund is used to help people who are hard of hearing on a fixed/low incomes (below \$9,800.00 per year) obtain services. Eight persons have been fit with reconditioned hearing aids and five people have had their own hearing aid repaired. In addition, the funds helped to procure a piece of equipment to clean and check hearing aids.

The monies are used on a first come/first serve basis, with potential recipients needing to show proof of income, compose a letter stating why they need help and why they can not afford it on their own, as well as compose a letter to the District 14-B Lions club (forwarded to Lion Richard Costello).

My hopes are to approach the clubs in the areas where the people are asking for assistance resides in hopes to replenish the fund with the amount taken out for services. I hope to have this letter completed in the near future for review.

The Center for Hearing and Deaf Services, Inc. also accepts donations of all makes and models of used hearing aids. Donations can be mailed to our business address or dropped off at Giant Eagle Pharmacy locations.

If any club would like me to speak about the different services offered, the District 14-B Lions Club Fund or our Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP), do not hesitate to call me.

**Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Chair PID Carl Battistone (written report)**

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation last met on October 27, 2002. The report from the treasurer indicates that we are holding our own thanks to the generosity of the Lions club in 14-B.

Since 1997 when I joined the Board of the Foundation approximately 45 requests for assistance have been approved for approximately \$25,000.00 for hearing aids. Total donations received from those who received hearing aids are \$1,276.00 or an average of \$28.00 per hearing aid. The only way we can continue to function is through the generous donations of the Lions clubs in our District to make up the difference. Fortunately lately we are getting a lot of requests for hearing aids and there are no local clubs. When requests come to us we are looking at them very closely for their income and expenses to see if they should be helped. Some are denied because they are above our income guidelines.

Thanks to all the clubs for their generous donations in the past. Please remember us when you allocate your donations this year.

I would like to mention my Club President, Jim Hannan, who is present.

**Information Technology Chair Jim Hartman (written report)**

Started last year under then PDG Mike Vudragovich a website called Lions of Allegheny County.org. Started small until word got out. Started Dec. 2001-50 visitors, Oct. 2002-723 visitors. 471 people have Lion's website book marked on their computer. 229 hits came through search engines. Complete breakdown available upon request. Can e-mail or mail any information to me and I will put it on the website. My e-mail address is [jwhart@adelphia.net](mailto:jwhart@adelphia.net) or my address is 3520 Brinway Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122, cell phone number is (412) 600-0229. This way you can check on the website to see what clubs are doing.

**International Understanding CO-OP Chair Joseph Julian**

Absent. No Report.

**Leader Dog Chair Jim Engel (written report)**

On October 18&19 I visited "Leader Dog School for the Blind" in Rochester, Michigan. Where once stood an apple orchard and green grass is now the future site for the new additions of the Leader Dog School. Things are not only going on schedule but are ahead of schedule and are going to open in June of next year. The staff will do anything possible to make this a success. The Lions are the number one supporters of Leader Dog. Michigan Lions are the #1 supporter and Pennsylvania Lions are #2. PA donated \$165,000.00. Building Fund pledges are \$140,000.00, \$28,000 in the Brick Foundation. Let's keep up the good work.

Comment from DG Ken-Over \$300,000 from PA. According to State Leader Dog chairperson 14-B was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state for money sent to Leader Dog. We have an award for IPDG Mike Vudragovich from Leader Dog of the Blind.

**Liberty Day Chair Bonnie Booth**

Absent. No report.

**Newsletter Editor Chair Gail Titus**

I will try to get as much as I can into the newsletter. There are a lot of flyers sent to me and I try to put as much as I can in the newsletter. Please when you send anything to me mark it with a post-it or something if it is for the newsletter or if is for myself as a Lion. The newsletter is on the website. Lion Gail also explained that she has been getting a good deal on the newsletter printing at Office Depot.

DG Ken commented that he and the District appreciated Gail's work on the newsletter.

**MERLO Team Chair VDG Richard Kellar (written report)**

Summarized reports of Membership chairpersons, Leadership chairpersons, Retention chairpersons and Extension chairperson because we are part of the MERLO team. We have been busy since August and as a team we've gone to Region 1 Zone A&B meetings.

Did a presentation at Region 4 a joint Zone meeting and scheduled to do Region III joint zone meeting November 19, 2002. Region II will not be visited until next year due to scheduling problems with the MERLO Team. All MERLO Team except for Doris Irr attended the Western Region Seminar held by the State MERL Team at Penn Glade Lions Park, yesterday. It was a very informative seminar.

Our Leadership chair, Lion George Burgess is going to do a club orientation at Monroeville Club on Nov. 13.

The MERLO team has started planning a District officer training and new member orientation for the spring of 2003 (sometime in April). Seminars will include the MERLO Team programs, secretaries and treasurer training both new and old. We need outgoing secretaries to help teach incoming ones. Also Cabinet Chairman training. Should be started on an annual basis. One thing I've learned as VDG is that the state is serious on training officers and it is evident by the VDG training. If we train our people properly then our leadership will come forward.

DG Ken comments. The International has asked for a mass induction, requesting that we do a mass induction. Hopefully we can do a mass induction at the Spring Party. Also if you have any new members in your club get Lion George Burgess for orientation and the MERLO team is also available. Call Lion George.

#### **PA Lions Foundation Chair PDG Sylvan Lang**

Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation was founded in 1992. One of the reasons it was founded because any check written to Lions is not tax deductible. The main reason for the Foundation is grants; to issue grants is a 50/50 deal. Since they are a new foundation they need to raise money. One way is through a fellowship and you receive a pin for a \$500.00 donation. The membership pin is \$10.00 a year. Candy sale is another way for the foundation to raise money. This is different in that you buy candy from the Foundation and you do not sell it but ask for donations, 50% goes to the Foundation 50% to the club. Packets here are available with applications for grants, which are only available to clubs in Pennsylvania. A discussion was held on the Foundation grants.

#### **Parliamentarian Chair PDG Jack Schimmel**

No report.

#### **Peace Poster Chair Lou Hoetzlein**

Excused. No report.

Comments. We need peace poster to state office no later than Nov. 30. DG Ken needs to get posters so they can be judged (hopefully at the Art Institute) then to send to the State.

#### **Public Relations Chair Eileen Markowitz**

Excused. No report.

**Sight Conservation Coordinator Jason Altmire**

For those who haven't responded I need your numbers for White Cane so I can finish surveys for the State. I have been in contact with Giant Eagle so I can put Eyeglass Collection Boxes in Giant Eagle stores around the region and heavily promote the month long collection effort. The survey sent out to all clubs in the District 14-B and 14-N for quantity of eyeglasses collected. The feedback has been great and the data collected so far is well over 20,000 eyeglasses collected. I will continue to update the District Governor and Cabinet.

**Eye Prosthesis Chair PDG Robert Friend (written report)**

Excused. Read by DG Ken. We have one eye prosthesis left in the Western District. The request we did have since changed because the man who needs the eye got a prosthesis through another source.

Discussion was held on Eye Prosthesis 1 free prosthesis per year in the Western District (6 Districts in Western District). First come/first served. If eye is gone additional eyes are discounted. Discounts are given to the Lions clubs who are sponsoring the person. Even with the discount it costs around \$800.00 (a prosthesis cost around \$1,800.00). You may want to make it a Zone project to spread the cost around.

**MTI Photo Screener Chair Joseph Molinero**

Excused.

Comments: we need to have individual clubs get into schools, to put on the Photo eye screening. This would be the greatest PR for the District. Our District has been very active this fall thanks to the Versailles and Robinson clubs who both have completed screenings.

**PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation Chair Jason Altmire**

No report.

**Pittsburgh Vision Services Chair Mary Beth Chester (written report)**

PVS newsletter and pamphlets being passed out thanks to PDG Mike Vudragovich and all clubs in District 14-B that have made donations. Anyone who wants me or anyone else from PVS to come to your clubs to talk about PVS services and programs let me know.

In the past week I have made a presentation at the Jefferson Hills club. Outside of the Agency I am on the board of the Pittsburgh Deaf Blind club and one of the fundraisers is the support of the Center of Creative Play. The Center was originally at Station Square but moved to an old Foodland store in Regent Square. The Center is for children of all abilities to come together to play and learn together. What they are trying to do right now is to get accommodations for blind, visually impaired and deaf children. They came to us to help them purchase things for the visually impaired children so they can use computers, etc. The only center in the nation that pulls together children with and without disabilities. The Deaf Blind Club has an Art Auction to try and raise funds.

One fundraiser of the Center is the Coin County Book. When filled it contains \$20.28. When the children take the filled books back to the Center they know they have helped the Center. I have books available. Discussion was held on making this a District project. Maximum from the State Foundation is \$3,000.00. Referred to new business.

**Radio Information Services Chair Samuel Depiero (written report)**

There is some very interesting news about Radio Information Service, first mentioned that RIS would move to Pittsburgh Vision Services, That is on hold right now, so we will not move in April as I reported. The other news is that we have begun the dial-up service. This means that the listeners can dial a special telephone number and request that an item on any of the newspapers that we broadcast be read to them. Anything that was read from the Post-Gazette, Tribune Review, or any of the other newspapers in nearby communities. This is controlled by a computer that has recorded the material as read over the air and will read the item requested. What is even more useful to the listener is that all the shopping materials from grocery and department stores can be read over the phone to the blind listener. This means that almost all of the material read can be accessed by the listener at any time that is convenient to them.

The Patti Burns Guide Dog Walkathon was successful. Several Lions came and walked, had refreshments and a free t-shirt. There was entertainment and it was fun meeting guide dogs and the mountain dogs that pull a cart. The total profit after expenses was a little above \$27,000.00.

Again "I must say that more clubs are donating to this service to the Blind and Print Handicapped Seniors. Since the Cabinet meeting in August, \$1,962.00 was donated. This will continue helping us with new innovations that will promote independence through information.

**Western PA School for Blind Children Chair Robert Cass (written report)**

Excused. Report read by DG Ken.

I am happy to report that the District has been very helpful in supporting my effort to help support the Toddler Program. I also wish to thank all the clubs and individuals who have sent money in for a brick to be placed in the Children's Garden. If any club wishes to have me present programs about Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children please contact me. I have a new tape I can show where a projector is available. In the near future the Early Childhood Center will be completed. If the District would like to set up a time to have the Lions view this center please let me know and I will do my best to have a special viewing.

**Tail Twister/Time Keeper Chair James Emery**

Absent. No Report

**Youth Outreach Coordinator Doris Irr**

Absent. No Report.

**Old Business**

None reported.

## New Business

Discussion on VOSH a group that performs cataract operations in Guatemala. VOSH doesn't have permission from the State. It is not a State project and is not approved by DG to solicit funds in the District. They should not be soliciting funds. VOSH the organization itself is good but it is the individuals at the top that are giving the organization a bad name. There is no accountability of the funds. Comments from PDG Jack Schimmel: The State does not approve VOSH. They cannot solicit from clubs unless approved by DG and the Cabinet. PDG Jack would like to know if any clubs are being solicited. He would rather you send to LCIF for cataract operations. Motion to not permit VOSH to solicit District 14-B made by PDG Mike Vudragovich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dennis McCarthy. Motion passed.

We need a motion to refit two MTI Photo Screeners cost will be \$1,000 to \$1,200. There is money for this. Motion was made to refit and pay for MTI Photo Screener by Lion Marge Yurechko 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dennis McCarthy. Motion passed.

DG Ken would like to get involved in this project the Center for Creative Play as a District and ask to solicit each club in the District. Motion to take on the Center for Creative Play for 2002-2003 as a District 14-B Project was made by VDG Richard Kellar 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dennis McCarthy. Motion passed.

Discussion of project

Total cost is \$7,000.00

Projected Goal is \$6,000.00

District needs to raise \$3,000.00 and will apply for matching funds from the State of \$3,000.00 (\$3,000.00 is the maximum from the State).

Motion was made that the District solicit clubs in 14-B for a donations of \$100.00 to help support the District project the Center for Creative Play, with a letter going to the PA Foundation explaining our project goal of \$6,000.00 and ask for a match grant of \$3,000.00. Motion by VDG Richard Kellar 2<sup>nd</sup> Lion Jim Engel. Motion passed. This project is an earmarked project any funds collected go to the project whatever the amount collected.

Long Range Planning recommended policy changes. To pay expenses of DG and guest and International Director and guest. Motion that we accept recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee for policy changes for expense of the Spring Party. Motion made by VDG Rich Kellar 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dennis McCarthy. Motion passed.

Policy 304 deals with the responsibilities of the Coordinator of District Activities. Long Range Planning recommends that this position be made mandatory and not be an optional position in the District. The reason in the past when there has been no coordinator of the District activities, proper reporting has not been made of the income and expenses of the District activities (Fall Rally, Spring Party). The second part of this is that we recommend that a financial report of the event be presented at the Cabinet meeting following the Fall

Rally and the Spring Party. The format of the report would be established in policy. Motion was made to change the policy by Lion Dennis McCarthy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jim Engel. Motion passed.

Recommend to the Cabinet that we update the District Policy Manual where needed. This would be completed by November, 2003. PDG Jack Schimmel, PDG Harold Fletcher, and PDG Mike Vudragovich have offered to do this review.

The reason the last time the policy manual was updated was in 1990. It is necessary to ensure that the policies are up to date. Motion to update the policy manual and bring it back to the Cabinet for approval was made by Lion Dennis McCarthy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by VDG Rich Kellar. Motion passed.

### **Report on State Council Meeting from PDG Jack Schimmel**

For your information the State Website will be and running by the end of November. The International Convention is in Denver, CO. The PA headquarters will be in the Marriott.

This year the All State Band will be going. The cost per student is \$1,200.00. Students only have to pay \$395.00. The All State Band Fund will pay the difference.

The State Convention is in Williamsport, PA on May 16, 17, and 18. Registration forms will be out in January.

### **Discussion on IRS Laws**

Every club should have an EIN number.

Most clubs don't have to file a 990 form. The only way you have to file is your club raises over \$25,000.00 a year or own property worth more than \$25,000.00. But the IRS wants to know if your club has an EIN number. Clubs can get forms for EIN number at the bank. IRS wants to know who are the new officers are for the clubs and who will receive communication from the IRS.

Lions are not tax deductible because we are an International organization.

### **Other Comments**

There is still an opening at Western Region for the All Star Band see DG if interested.

Four things are to be voted on at the State Convention.

- 1) Change MD constitution to provide for position of Protocol chairman at the State level.
- 2) Provide duties of the Protocol Chairman if accepted.
- 3) Constitutional change defining voting members of the State.
- 4) Beacon Lodge has solicit State Council to become a State Project.

PDG Skip Thomas as in the past the District has provided a \$50.00 basket to "Christmas Around the World". Motion was made to provide a \$50.00 basket to "Christmas Around the World" by Lion Dennis McCarthy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jim Engel. Motion passed.

### **Vice District Governor's Remarks Richard Kellar**

Membership, membership, membership. Told at the Western Region meeting. MERL Team, that the club presidents, zone chair, Governor and Vice District Governor should spend at least 2 minutes talking about membership at their meetings. The problem is not bringing in new members it is keeping them from going out the back door.

Retention, Retention, Retention. PDG Jack Schimmel has a nice presentation for the club level. Lion George Burgess has a wonderful program on orientation.

Next year if any Zone chairs or Cabinet members are interested in serving on my Cabinet next year let me know. I welcome everyone's help. If you know anyone that would like to serve on the Cabinet level. I would like to see some new faces. Let me know.

### **District Governor Ken Lloyd Remarks**

If any member would like minutes e-mailed to you there is a sign-up sheet or let the Cabinet Secretary Greg know.

You have a homework assignment for next meeting. I am asking everyone on the Cabinet would you join your Lions Club tomorrow and how many members you're brought into Lionism? Send, call or e-mail me your answers.

Letter from PI President Joe Wroblewski announcing the Lion's Day with the United Nations, 25<sup>th</sup> annual event on Friday, March 14, 2003.

PA State Convention at Williamsport, PA. May 15-18, 2003

Openings for committee appointments from our District to the State:

- Credentials Committee
- Elections Committee
- Elections 1
- Elections 2
- Necrology
- Registrations Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Sergeant at Arms Committee
- Rules Committee
- Resolution Committee

Anyone interested let DG Ken know.

Important Dates to Remember

February 9, 2003 Cabinet Meeting, Melvin Jones Breakfast at Duranti's,  
Oakland  
April 26, 2003..... Spring Party at Holiday Inn, RIDC Park, O'Hara Twp.  
May 15-18, 2003..... State Convention at Genetti's Hotel/Convention Center  
June 1, 2003..... Cabinet Meeting at Western PA School for Blind Children  
June 30-July 4..... International Convention at Denver, CO

In Closing

Benediction by PDG Bob Johnson

Meeting Adjourn at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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