

Lions District 2-X3
Second Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, October 25, 2008
Hillsboro, Texas

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

LEAD Board meeting and Presidents' and Secretaries Council met at 8:45 a.m.

The cabinet meeting was called to order by Hillsboro Lions Club President Lea Sanders. The invocation was given by Lion Matt Thomas. Lion Jerry Barker led the pledge to the U. S. flag. Lion Terry Sutcliffe led the singing of the National Anthem. The pledge to the Texas flag was led by Lion Bobby Landrum. Leos Mike Holt and Tamara Lee led the Leo pledge. Lion Sutcliffe led the singing of "My Wild Irish Rose" and "Lions Roar." Lion Sanders welcomed everyone to Hillsboro and then introduced District Governor Charles L. Stout.

Lion Stout expressed to everyone for attending the cabinet meeting. He recognized all Leos in attendance. He also introduced three potential Leos from Hill County.

The governor appointed Lion Tim Riley to serve as tail twister for the day. The proceeds from the tail twister will be sent to the Texas Lions Camp.

The governor advised that the Hillsboro Lions Club had a special presentation that they wanted to make to Dr. Bill Auvenshine. Lion Dr. Auvenshine was presented an award for his 50 years in Lionism. PDG Auvenshine recounted how he became a Lion.

District Leo Chair Daisy Butz gave a report on the Leos. Today is the first district cabinet meeting for Leos. After the cabinet meeting in Fairfield, Leos toured a children's home. They have also donated school supplies. We have four active Leo Clubs in the district. Lion Butz asked the district to support the Leos by adding an expenditure line item to support the district Leos in upcoming budgets.

Governor Stout asked those present to make corrections to the district item by writing them on a directory corrections sheet which was passed around during the meeting. He also announced the opening of a new low vision clinic at the Temple VA hospital. Services are provided for vets without charge. The governor also announced a winter newsletter with the deadline for submitting information to be included as November 26.

The governor made appointments for the meeting: PCC Dick Robinson, Protocol and Parliamentarian; and appointed a sergeant at arms and timekeeper.

Lion Eddie Hambrick reported that the Corsicana Lions Club held a golf tournament to benefit the Texas Lions Camp. He presented a life membership in the camp to Lion Daisy Butz for her work with the Leos.

The governor presented the minutes from the July cabinet meeting. There were no corrections noted. On a motion by Lion Bill Gohring, seconded by Lion Lawrence Sanchez, the minutes were approved as presented.

Cabinet treasurer Glenn Brandt presented the first quarter budget report for review. Lion Brandt also reported on the state convention fund which stands at \$44,925.77 as of July 31. On a motion by Lion Ann Gatlin, seconded by Lion Tim Riley, the reports were accepted. There was no report on the district contingency fund. Lion Brandt reported that the 07-08 bank account had been closed and all remaining funds transferred into the district account at ExtracoBank in Temple.

On a motion by Vice District Governor C. C. Sirkel, Jr., seconded by PDG Gilbert Gatlin, the cabinet approved a motion to allow all Lions in good standing to be able to vote on all agenda items requiring a vote.

The governor reported on a couple of new LCI programs. The Lions Go Green program encourages clubs and individuals to participate in "green" activities such as tree planting. The Lions ALERT program focuses on Lions providing a coordinated response to local and district emergencies.

VDG C. C. Sirkel reported on his trip to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The governor announced that November 14 is the World Diabetes Awareness Day for LCI. The governor also reported on the extension effort in the district.

Lion Stout reported that we now have 12-14 certified guiding Lions in the district. The governors have been challenged to start 5 new clubs in each district. Lion Gary Tooke, the governor, and Lion Wayne Meachum canvassed Harker Heights in early October and it appears our first new club will have about 50 members. Fire Chief Jack Collier is the charter president. The charter night is scheduled for January 24, 2009. We are exploring options to begin new clubs in Troy, Lorena, West, Teague, Coolidge, Centerville plus campus Lions clubs are the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and at Baylor University. He reported a request to start a new Lions Club in Chilton. The downtown area was destroyed by fire a few years ago and the community needs an organization to take the lead in that redevelopment. It was great that they asked the Lions to step up and lead the effort.

The following reports were given to the cabinet members:

Opportunities for Youth: Lion Richard Surface encouraged clubs to get students to participate in the district contests. We need a minimum of six contestants in each of the three contests. The contests will be held at the mid-winter conference in Killeen at Ellison High School.

Peace Poster: Lion Ray Harper reported that the theme for this year is "Peace begins with me." Posters are to be submitted to Lion Harper by November 15. Winning poster will be forwarded to the state contest by December 1, 2008. He reminded

clubs that only one entry per club is permitted. Although you can hold contests at more than one school, only one poster is to be submitted for judging.

Texas Lions Camp: Lion Diane Waite thanked the clubs for submitting their 100% contributions to the camp. She reminded Lions that the specialty license plates for the camp can still be purchased when you renew your plates or at any time during the year. Of the additional \$30 paid for the specialty plates, more than \$20 goes back to the camp.

Lions World Services for the Blind: Lion Johnnie Tramp explained what vocational training is provided by LWSB. He also gave certificates to clubs who were 100% for 2007-2008.

Lone Star Lions Eye Bank: Lion Alex Kachura reported that a new brochure is available for the eye bank and that November 14-15 is National Donor Sabbath and clubs are urged to place announcements and donor cards in church or synagogue bulletins for that weekend. With the help of eye bank directors from the three regions, club patches were presented to those clubs who were 100% clubs for last year.

Constitution and By-Laws: PCC Richard Robinson reported that since LCI has added a second vice district governor position, there were several changes that will need to be made on the district constitution and by-laws and a vote on the changes will be taken at the district convention in Temple in April 2009. He still is expecting clarification from LCI about the qualifications for replacements of vice district governors under the new plan. To meet the qualifications for running for VDG, a Lion cannot count two years experience on the cabinet for holding two cabinet level positions simultaneously. Resumes for those running for office must be submitted to the governor at least 90 days prior to the district convention. He will report on the changes and the voting at the mid-winter conference in Killeen.

A new video from LCI entitled "Lions are everyday heroes" was shown and the cabinet meeting was adjourned for lunch. During lunch, Lion John Versluis, director of the Hill College Texas Heritage Museum, showed a video produced by the museum and he invited all to visit them on the Hill College campus. Cabinet meeting resumed at 12:55 p.m.

Continuation of Reports:

Lions Efforts Against Drugs: Lion Jon Gear reported on the activities of LEAD. He reported that they had served 3700 kids with programs they sponsor. He also reported on the LEAD essay contest that is underway.

Leader Dogs for the Blind: Lion Al Waite reported that 22 clubs had donated to Leader Dog. Lion Waite was presented a certificate for serving as Leader Dog chair and recognized for 100% of the clubs making contributions, some made in the name of clubs who had not contributed. New brochures and CDs about the Leader Dog program are available from Lion Waite.

Women and Family Membership Development: Lion Lori Roller reported that 19.3% of Lions Membership is comprised of women. Of 1778 Lions in the district, 411 are women (23%). Forming a team to help reach more women to join Lions.

Texas Lions Foundation: PDG Gladys Tramp reported on TLC. She thanked those clubs who had supported TLF and reported on a new "Cornerstone" award from TLC.

Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center: Lion Ron Boyda thanked the clubs for bringing eyeglasses to be sent to TLERC.

White Cane Day: Lion Bill Buckner urged all clubs to hold a "white cane day" fund raiser. There are new flyers and advertising forms available.

Region and Zone Reports: Lion Kevin Scheler reported that they are working on organizing a new Leo club in Hill county. They are also working on trying to get another club started in his zone. Region B Chair Bill Gohring reported that there is a need for someone to step forward to serve as zone chair in Region B, zone 3. He is working on getting a campus club started at Baylor. Region Chair Jackie Condon reported zones did hold meetings but she was not advised of when they met. Region C Zone 1 Chair Lawrence Sanchez reported his zone met on Sept. 6 and three clubs attended. Their next zone meeting is scheduled for November 15 in Lometa. Region C Zone 2 Chair John Conner reported that the first zone meeting was held on August 28. Region C Zone 3 Chair Elle Fowler reported that the first zone meeting was held in September with the second scheduled for next month. Lion Fowler also encouraged us to recognize first time attendees at our district meetings.

Lion Brandt reported that we had raised \$76 for the Texas Lions Camp.

The attendance report stated that we had 72 in attendance for the cabinet meeting, 56 Lions from 16 clubs and 16 Leos.

The governor thanked all Lions for attending the meeting. A special thanks was expressed to the Hillsboro Lions Club for hosting the meeting. A special thanks was also extended to Hillsboro President Lea Sanders and Zone Chairman Kevin Scheler for the leadership and organization of the meeting.

The governor announced the mid-winter conference for January 24 in Killeen at Ellison High School. The meeting will be hosted by the Killeen Noon Lions Club.

Lion Stout reported that he sees this as a time of opportunity for us to grow our district. With the possibility of several new clubs and campus clubs being started, we need to move quickly to grow our district. We will be exploring the offering of additional certified guiding Lion training in our district. He thanked all for serving their communities and being part of an active Lions district.

Lion Tim Riley presented a mug to auction from the Leader Dog school. It sold for \$50 to the wealthy Lion Bill Gohring.

The cabinet meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Jan Bohls, Cabinet Secretary
PDG Gladys Tramp, Recorder, Acting Secretary