

NEW MEXICO LIONS MD40
Minutes
COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair PDG Jeff Kriz at 1:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PDG Rick Jensen. PID Ray Marley led the Lions Prayer.

On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by DG Kitty Callender, the minutes of the Council Meeting on September 6, 2008 were approved.

Treasurer Bernie Holzapfel reported balances in the various accounts amounted to \$11,653.75 as of September 30, 2008. Income was \$15,541.53 while expenses were \$3,887.78. On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by DG Kitty Callender, the financial report was approved.

In his opening remarks, CC Jeff Kriz thanked all for their help in developing the new clubs of ABQ Uptown, Eldorado Basin, and Roswell Mariachi. A new business club is slated to be chartered in Roswell in January 2009. Efforts are under way to start new clubs in Las Cruces, Los Lunas, and Silver City. So far this Lionistic year MD40 has gained 100 new members. He again stressed the need to come up with new fund raising ideas.

DG Chuck Easton reported that District 40N is alive and well and has gained 55 new members since the start of the Lionistic year. PDG Bill Davis has resigned as membership chair on the MERL team. PDG Ruben Vigil will fill this position. DG Chuck and VDG Miriam Stucker visited the Farmington Evening club and presented 12 Melvin Jones Fellowships to members of that club.

DG Kitty Callender stated that District 40S also is alive and well. For the first time in eight years the District membership is growing. The Lordsburg club admitted its first woman member and will shortly have a new President.

FOUNDATION REPORTS

NM Lions Band Foundation: Anna Marvel reporting on behalf of foundation President Bernie Chavez stated that the fund raiser during the State Fair yielded little return in relation to the effort expended. Different ways to raise funds will have to be found.

NM Lions Eye Foundation: PDG Tom Himrod reported that the foundation's finances have been straightened out. Two grants of \$20,000 and \$25,000 have been received from the Con Alma Foundation. A "phantom" eye ball is scheduled for April 1, 2009 as a fund raiser. Operation KidSight is working very well.

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NM Lions Eye Bank: PDG Terry Reed announced that a raffle is being planned with the proceeds to be split between the various foundations.

NM Lions Crane Reading Foundation: George Mulholland reported that the foundation continues to operate a successful program in Las Cruces and conducted its first annual Summer Reading Camp. Permission has been received to run a reading laboratory at the Mesilla Community Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Rick Jensen reported that a request had been received from the Carlsbad Heights Lions club proposing an amendment to the NM Lions Constitution and By-Laws to the effect that the State Council Chairperson "shall cast a vote on issues before the Multiple District Council only in the event of a tie vote between the sitting District Governors". Having researched this proposal PDG Rick Jensen came to the conclusion that this amendment is in violation of LCI and MD40 Constitutions and By-Laws. He, therefore, proposes that the MD40 Council Secretary be required to note on the ballot for the NM Lions State Convention in Farmington that the "**amendment is in conflict with LCI policies and cannot be approved**". The proposal and PDG Jensen's comments will be published in one of the next issues of the Roar.

Protocol/International Relations: No report. PID Gordon Post stated that protocol should be dictated by commonly accepted good manners.

Diabetes Awareness: Jeanette Lang reported that they have started an after class exercise program in Alamogordo to make up for the lack of physical education in the schools.

Special Olympics: PID Gordon Post announced that the Las Cruces Holiday Classic will be held at NMSU on November 22. Phil Marvel is organizing Lions to staff the screening. - The schedule for 2009 is: Albuquerque May 30, Farmington July 25, Las Cruces November 21. The ABQ date is in conflict with the MD40 State Convention. Unfortunately, neither date can be changed.

International Convention: Phil Marvel is working on the caucus breakfast for the convention in Minneapolis (July 6-10, 2009). We will be at the Radison University hotel. The keynote speaker is Colin Powell. Entertainment is by the Beach Boys and Jay and the Americans.

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Leader Dogs: Melissa Washburn announced that we will have to pay for everything to have a representative attend the State Convention in Farmington. Also, transportation from the ABQ airport to Farmington and back will present a problem. Instead she will try to get someone from Canine Companions for the convention.

USA/Canada Forum: PDG Tom Himrod announced the schedule for the next few years. 2009-Memphis, TN (9/24-26); 2010-Milwaukee, WI (9/23-25); 2011-Anchorage, AK (9/22-24); 2012-Tampa Bay, FL (9/14-16). The International Conventions will be held as follows: 2009-Minneapolis, MN (7/6-10); 2010-Sydney, Australia (6/28-7/2); 2011-Seattle, WA (7/4-8); 2012-Busan, Korea (6/22-26); 2013-Hamburg, Germany (7/5-9).

LCIF: No report.

Leo Clubs: PDG Tom Himrod reported that the Santa Fe club is doing well with 12 members, all sophomores. They are raising funds by selling pop corn in school.

Youth Camp & Exchange: VDG Miriam Stucker stated that we have been offered two spots (Germany and Japan) for July 2009. Application forms will be received from California.

Lions Quest & Opportunities for Youth: No report.

MD40 Web Site & Info. Technology: No report since Bryson McCool was attending the KidSight program's committee meeting.

State Pins/Shirts: DG Kitty Callender has the new State pins. Cost is \$3.00/each. She also still has Lions shirts at \$22.00/each.

State Convention: The convention will be held in Farmington, May 28-31, 2009. PID Ray Marley announced that the registration fee will be \$85.00 if paid before April 15, 2009. Thereafter, it will be \$100.00 for each registrant. The convention will end officially Saturday night. Advertising is needed for the journal. Copies of the advertising contracts are available from him. He asks that pictures and short bios of deceased Lions be sent to Bryson McCool for the memorial service. The MD40 Council is working on the schedule for the convention. - The Farmington convention committee asked the MD40 Council for a \$1,000.00 loan as well as for an advance payment of \$0.30 per person (based on membership numbers used the first half dues billings). Payment was approved by the District Governors and MC Chair.

Public Relations: No report.

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MD40 Leadership Development Committee: PID Ray Marley outlined a plan for 2008-2009 suggesting training in Alamogordo, Roswell or Carlsbad, Moriarty, and Gallup. Clovis was added at the request of the District Governors. They also approved payment of mileage expenses to those attending the Colorado Leadership Institute.

Retention: Gemma Ferguson presented a tool from the USA/Canada Forum to help in retaining members. It will be published in the Roar.

Women's Initiative: Melissa Washburn announced that the next symposium will be held on April 4 in Ruidoso. The registration fee is \$30.00. Accommodations will be in the Hotel Ruidoso priced at \$59.99.

Campaign Sight First II: PID Don Reese noted that over that over \$200 million were raised compared to the original target of \$150 million. Pledges and new gifts can still be made and can be applied to Melvin Jones awards prior to December 31, 2008. Thereafter, they will be used by LCIF to support sight programs, but will not count towards these programs.

UNM Project: CC Jeff Kriz reported that the architectural plans are waiting for approval by the UNM Board of Regents. Once this has been given we will receive UNMH's draft agreement for cooperation with the NM Lions. One of the advantages of cooperating with UNMH would be to allow us to serve more people because of UNMH's insurance situation (Medicare, Medicaid).

New Business

1. PDG Jim Brannon reported that he hoped that the NM Lions Hall of Fame could be opened after January 1, 2009, once repairs to the building have been completed. Items for exhibit are still needed. He thanked Lions Chris McCool for making a quilt banner for use in the museum.
2. PDG Jim presented CC Jeff Kriz with a plaque for his sponsorship of the TorC car show which raised funds for veterans and the homeless.
3. DG Kitty Callender announced that PCC Bob Callender has to give up his positions of MD40 Tail Twister and Chair of the Extension Committee. She recommended PDG Jim Brannon as the new Tail Twister. He was approved unanimously.
4. The Las Cruces de Noche Lions Club submitted an endorsement of Phil Marvel's candidacy for Vice District Governor of District 40S 2009-2010 to be voted on at the next NM Lions State Convention.

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5. The High Rolls-Mountain Park Lions Club submitted its endorsement of PDG Rick Jensen's candidacy for MD40 Council Chair for 2009-2010 to be voted on at the next NM Lions State Convention. DG Kitty Callender also endorsed his candidacy.

6. DG Kitty Callender stated that starting with the next Lionistic year (2009-2010) LCI has created the position of Second Vice District Governor. This position needs to be filled by both Districts.

7. PID Ray Marley suggested that the MD40 Council pass a resolution thanking PDG Lee Boyd Montgomery, Jr. for his services to the New Mexico Lions. Based on motion made by DG Kitty Callender, seconded by DG Chuck Easton, the resolution passed unanimously.

Raffle & Fines: The raffle yielded \$52.00 for MD-40. The winner was DG Kitty Callender. Fines collected by Tail Twister PDG Jim Brannon were \$4.00.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Bernhard "Bernie" Holzapfel
Secretary