

NEW MEXICO LIONS EYE FOUNDATION
Minutes
OFFICERS & TRUSTEES MEETING
STATE CONVENTION MAY 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President PDG Tom Himrod at 8:05 AM.

Present: President PDG Tom Himrod, Secretary Bernie Holzapfel, Treasurer PDG Ruben Vigil, DG 40N Chuck Easton, DG40S Kitty Callender, MDCC Jeff Kriz, Gemma Ferguson, Bryson McCool, Phil Marvel, Melissa Washburn.

Absent: Chuck Galusha, Rita & Juan Lucero*, PID Ray Marley, Heidi Martinez, John Miller, George Mulholland, PID Gordon Post*. Note: *Working at Special Olympics Eye Screening in Albuquerque.

President's Comments: PDG Tom Himrod welcomed all and briefly reviewed activities since the last meeting. He announced that the Foundation received a \$65,000.00 grant from St. Joseph's Community Health with the possibility of another grant next year. The money must be spent on Foundation activities rather than being added to the endowment. He suggested that a five member committee be formed to decide on assistance requests and other expenditures from this grant. On motion made by Melissa Washburn, seconded by Phil Marvel, the following were selected for this committee: DG Chuck Easton, Gemma Ferguson, PDG Tom Himrod, Bryson McCool, PDG Ruben Vigil.

The contract with the NM Dept. of Health for screening of dilated diabetics is being increased to \$5,000.00. - A pilot project is under consideration by the Dept. of Health for transportation of dilated patients in the Las Cruces area. - The reporting requirements (Federal & State) were brought up-to-date.

Secretary's Report: On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by MDCC Jeff Kriz the minutes of the February 21, 2009 meeting were approved without comments or changes. Secretary Bernie Holzapfel noted that other than some thank you letters for donations there was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: PDG Ruben Vigil reported account totals of \$173,462.00 as of May 30, 2009. Receipts amounted to \$70,695.00 consisting primarily of the St. Joseph's Community Health grant of which \$10,000.00 were placed in the checking account and the balance of \$55,000.00 in a savings account. On motion made by Gemma Ferguson, seconded by Melissa Washburn, the treasurer's report was approved.

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Committee Reports

Condition of Eye Van: Tom Himrod stated that the NM Lions Eye Van needs a new slit lamp at a cost of \$9,400.00. On motion made by Melissa Washburn, seconded by DG Chuck Easton, the purchase and installation of a new slit lamp was approved. - The van eventually will also need new shock absorbers.

Fund Raising: Rose Himrod reported that the Phantom Ball raised almost \$2,000.00 at minimal costs. She gave special thanks to the ophthalmologists and optometrists who helped at eye screenings throughout the year.

Operation KidSight: Bryson McCool announced that ten cameras are now active in New Mexico. Silver City and Lea County Lions have money for PediaVision cameras. Las Cruces Lions are going to purchase one of these cameras. We have the following new rates:

iScreen - \$8,000.00 to purchase, 1st three years no charge for evaluation of pictures, thereafter \$1,500.00/year

PediaVision - \$9,000.00 to purchase, thereafter no yearly charge.

An LCIF grant application for \$150,000.00 has been submitted. Chances of getting it look very good. It is primarily intended for hiring a state coordinator with an office in Albuquerque.

UNM Project: MDCC Jeff Kriz reviewed the terms of a Memo of Understanding (MOU) between UNM and the NM Lions Eye Foundation (NMLEF) to raise \$3 million by the end of June 2012 for the UNM Lions Eye Center. He stressed that no individual Lion or Lions club will be required to make a financial commitment (unless they wish). Rather they are asked to provide UNM with the names of potential donors (individuals, businesses) who will then be contacted by the fund raising personnel of the UNM Foundation. Clubs are asked to invite UNM administrators and/or medical staff to speak at their club meetings to educate the club and the community about the project. - On motion made Gemma Ferguson, seconded by DG Chuck Easton, the project was approved.

New Business

On behalf of District 40N DG Chuck Easton presented the Foundation with a donation of \$300.00. PID Don Reese presented a donation of \$100.00 on behalf of the Eunice Lions Club.

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Election of Officers for 2009-2010

On motion made by Gemma Ferguson, seconded by Phil Marvel, the following officers were elected for 2009-2010:

President:	Juan Lucero
Vice President:	Lucky Sells
Secretary:	Bryson McCool
Treasurer:	PDG Ruben Vigil.

Appointment of Trustees

The following were appointed as four year trustees:

District 40N (appointed by VDG Miriam Stucker)
DG Chuck Easton
PDG Tom Himrod

District 40S

_____ no appointees at this time

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted.
Bernhard "Bernie" Holzapfel, Secretary

Attachment
UNM Memorandum of Understanding