

MD 40 Council Meeting Minutes
Sam Miguel Catholic Church Parish Hall
Socorro, NM
November 12, 2016

LIONS PRESENT: CC Ruben Vigil, DG Ruth Wilkes, 40 S, DG Vern Leavitt, 40 N, Lions Alex Glock, 1st VDG Gemma Ferguson, 40 S, PDG Melissa Washburn, John Williams, IPDG Randy Rhue, Cynda Bellamy, Rita Vigil, PCC Rick Jensen, Jane Wells, IPDG Joe Jaramillo, Bryson McCool, Linda Hite, Jeff Sakasitz, PDG John Sakasitz, PID Ray Marley, PDG Bobby Richardson, Linda Cuenco, Doug Day, Carol Marshall, Lucky Sells, Betty Miller, and CS/T Bill Whatley.

CC Ruben Vigil called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. He welcomed everyone and said he'd like to see more attendance.

DG Ruth Wilkes welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. She said she had had a great turnout at her cabinet meeting. DG Ruth had a Lions quilt (beautiful!) to be raffled at the MD 40 Convention in Raton in My, 2017. She also said her district is growing. IPDG Joe Jaramillo said that he had inducted 10 new members in 3 clubs.

DG Vern Leavitt, still in some pain from his recent surgery, also welcomed everyone. He said that Lion Betty Miller would have something to say about the NM Lions Diabetes Stride walk.

The minutes of the last meeting of August 13, 2016, as amended were approved.

The financial statement was presented. The CS/T had some issues.

1) The CS/T stated that we had \$2,025.00 in the Centennial Account. \$1,025 is for the MD 40 Centennial Chair, and there is \$500.00 each for the 40 S & 40 N Centennial Chairs. 40 S Centennial Chair Bette Reed has been purchasing some items like flags and balloons. CS/T Bill reminded her to send him her receipts so he can reimburse her. MD 40 and 40 N chairs have not submitted anything this year. PDG Melissa Washburn asked that the CS/T break the \$2,025.00 into 3 line items in the financial statement and CS/T Bill stated that it would be done.

2) The CS/T Said he had the dues statements for the DGs to give to their respective treasurers, and also a bill for the directories for 40 N.

Then: PDG Melissa presented to the MC the dissolution papers from the NM Secretary of State for the NM Lions Band Foundation. PDG Melissa said it's taken almost 4 years and she said when the process began the MC at that time had planned to give \$8,000.00 to the NM Lions Eye Foundation to help pay for surgeries, and the rest to be split between the KidSight Foundation and the Crane Reading Program, and none to the NM Lions Eye Bank as it had plenty of money. However, now the present MC must determine how to split the money, and Lions now have a NM Diabetes Foundation. She also request a \$20.00 reimbursement from this

fund for the fees she had to pay to file this application and obtain this dissolution. It will be granted.

Then: PDG Melissa presented the MC with the invoice for the MD 40 international pin, a total of \$1,536.25, along with a list of preorders. She will be reimbursed.

CC Ruben then corrected an oversight. He introduced PID Ray Marley, the PCCs and the PDGs in attendance.

MD 40 Global Leadership PDG Melissa said she had gotten MD 40 removed from the WY, UT, CO, ID, & NM 5 state training session for VDGs and GLT and GMT chairs. The training this year will be with AZ. It is MANDANTORY for GLT, GMT, and DGs elect. This is in conjunction with LCI IP Bob Corlew's 3 year plan. This means that the next 2 IPs are bound to continue this plan. PDG Melissa said they had training in CO in September. New Lions attending consisted of 4 from 40 S and 5 from 40 N. Lion Alex Glock said it was very intense training. He learned to speak in Braille. 1st VDG Rose Himrod, 40 N, was unable to attend today because she was in Houston at ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institute) training. PDG Melissa said 1 from 40 S is signed up for ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) and more can attend.

Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Chair PDG Bobby Richardson said that the NM Commission for the Blind has offices in larger cities throughout NM. A person doesn't have to be totally blind for services; one with a progressive condition may be eligible. Social Security does have some restrictions. Blindness as defined by the NMCFTB is central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in better eye with corrective lenses or real tunnel vision. 2 services are provided: Vocational Rehab for those wanting employment, 14 or older, or those wanting to maintain independent living. Braille is still the best for these individuals: Nothing else has come close. There are over 200 newspapers available. Training is available on using public transportation and shopping. The phone company has free directory assistance for those that can't read the phone book.

Reading Action Program (RAP) Chair Carol Marshall said she has made presentations for this program before the MD 40 Council Meeting in August, the Albuquerque Northeast Lions Club, and the Albuquerque Rio Grande Lions Club. She presented ideas for presenting literacy training services to the community. She has 2 members from her club (Albuquerque Northeast) who have taken hands on approaches to get involved. Lion Doug Day has volunteered to organize the library at Joy Junction, NM's largest homeless shelter. Lion Doug has had to discard 25 bags of unusable books. He's getting there. Lion Dottie Butler and other Lions go to the NM Boys and Girls Ranches twice a month to teach the kids crafts that require being able to read and measure. Lion Carol said she can get speakers from the Commission of the Blind.

Lion Cynda Bellamy said there is now only 1 English Braille Code. There is free training for teachers of the visually impaired.

Diabetes Awareness Chair Linda Cuenco said the NM Lions Diabetes Foundation is sponsoring a is planning a Strides Walk on Sunday, November 13, 2016 in Albuquerque. Even

Lions have to sign a waiver per LCI. Lion Linda had proclamations from the Albuquerque City Council and the Bernalillo Board of Commissioners. The Bernalillo County Extension Service is offering 4 cooking classes for people with Type 2 diabetes. Lion Betty Miller is selling pins and t-shirts to commemorate this event. she said they will give away bottled water and diabetes strips at the event. She asked Governor Susannah Martinez to proclaim November as NM Diabetes Awareness Month but has not received a response. Smith's has not given a grant. Lion Jane wells asked that we get our friends and neighbors to participate.

Constitution and By-laws Co-chair PID Ray Marley said he had inadvertently sent out his report 2 days before the meeting. It is calling attention to MANDATORY changes to the LCI Constitution and By-laws regarding district elections. The nominating and the election committees must be chosen 60 days before the Cabinet Convention, AND NO Member can be a current council or cabinet member! I will have a short synopsis as an attachment, rather than the complete C&BLs. PID Ray has asked to have the new updated MD 40 C&BL published but Lion Jennifer Long said it's too long (23 pages) for the Roar. Lion Shelly Smith needs put in on NMLions.org website. Co-chair PCC/PDG Rick Jensen asked if the 40 N C&BL needed to reflect these mandatory changes. PID Ray said eventually, but the LCI C&BL overrides everything in MD, District, and club C&BL.

USA/Canada Forum/International Convention Chair 1st VDG Gemma Ferguson, 40 S, said Omaha was great. The next forum is September 21-23, 2017 in Portland Oregon and 8 NM/AZ Lions are already registered. With registration for Portland, a free transit pass for Portland's Public Transportation System is given. Upcoming forums: Columbus, OH-2018, Spokane, WA-2019, and Louisville, KY-2020.

A number of NM/AZ Lions will be attending the Centennial Convention in Chicago. Lion Carol Marshall, a Chicago native, will be helping co-ordinate activities.

Lion Linda Hite said the Gallup Lions built a building in 1952 and in 1969 gave the building to UNM Gallup by a quitclaim deed. The building is now in need of major repairs. They are trying to raise funds to refurbish it. There are no funds for equipment. It would be used for a middle college for high school Juniors and Seniors. While attending they can earn and graduate with an Associates of Arts Degree at the same time they graduate from high school.

Reports in Absence

CS/T Bill Whatley read the following written reports:

Global Membership Team Chair PCC/PDG Tom Himrod's report: As the MC meeting is progressing, PDG Frank Lasky, PDG William J. Guss, Lion Shirley Milton, and possibly other Lions are meeting with the Alameda Lions Club to listen to concerns and to discuss the future of the club. New clubs are being formed in Tse Bonito, Belen/Los Lunas, and Portales (ENMU). 40 N is currently at +3 for the year, but 40 S is -5.

Youth Committee Chair Rose Himrod's report: Both 40 N and 40 S will have Peace Posters. Also, Santa Fe Capital City will have 1 essay. 4 active and 1 inactive Leos Clubs:

Anthony (12-14 members) Partnering with K of C to serve Thanksgiving Dinner for approximately 600 adults and children. Had 3 week eye glass collection at high school. Edgewood (20 members) will continue melodrama and donated \$200.00 for the NM Boys & Girls Ranches annual shoe drive. Gallup (14 members) "Giving Thanks to our Elders" project have made 250 fleece tie blankets for nursing homes. Desert Academy (35 members) planned a school addition in Haiti, but built a water catchment system instead. Las Cruces Lions still have a Crane Reading Program Lab. No clubs are involved with Quest. KidSight; As of October 31, 2016, 15,961 screened, 164 vouchers issued and 71 processed.

LCIF Chair PCC/PDG Bob Jones reported that 12.3% of NM/AZ Lions Clubs have contributed \$4,200.00, \$3,600.00 40 N, \$600.00 40 S. MJF accounts credits \$33,882.92, \$19,364.92 40 N, \$13,458.00 40 S, and \$1,060.00 MD 40.

Leader Dog for the Blind Chair Bette Reed reported that as of November 6, 2016, 40 N clubs have donated \$600.00 and 40 S clubs have donated \$450.00. Lion Bette is asking each club to donate so we can be 100% MD. Lion Bette also sent a Leader Dog (Service Dog) Etiquette Guide.

Public Relations Chair Gerry Jones reported that information on the NM Lions Diabetes Awareness Strides Walk was placed in the Mountain View Telegraph and The Independent Newspaper. The Sandia Mountain Lions Club has purchased an ad in the 2017 East Mountain Directory advertising the club.

Information Technology/MD 40 Website Chair PDG Shelly Smith reported that she currently has 479 email addresses. She has 37 unsubscribed addresses: These members have to renew their addresses. Contact PDG Shelly at shellyjsmith@hotmail.com for information. PDG Shelly said since July 1, 2016, she and Lion Jennifer Long have sent out 18 emails with an average open rate at 25%. She wants to know if we Lions want more messages. She is investigating ways to offer an online calendar.

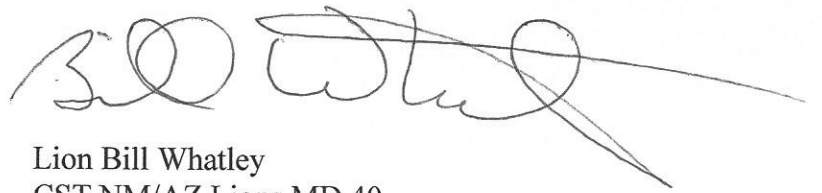
CS/T Bill Whatley stressed that when a visitor comes to a club everyone should greet and welcome these visitors. If a member is host, he/she should take guest around and introduce to each member.

CC Ruben Vigil stated that a decision needed to be made on whether to help offset, and if so, how much, the loss at last years convention. The MC voted to reimburse in full.

The winning raffle ticket was drawn, MD 40 keeping \$65.00 and Lion Luck Sells won the other \$65.00

Meeting Adjourned!

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of November,
2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Whatley", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lion Bill Whatley
CST NM/AZ Lions MD 40