

MD 40 Convention Minutes
Raton Community Center
Raton, NM
May 6, 2017

Non-MD 40 Guest: ID Melvyn Bray, Lion Ginny Bray of New Jersey, PID Ken Schwols of Colorado, Lion Sharon Kemp of the Dripping Springs Lions in Texas, and her husband Kevin. MD 40 Lions and guest registered were 128, representing 16 clubs from 40 N and 11 clubs from 40 S. Besides our 2 PID, Ray Marley and Gordon Post, we had an additional 15 PDG from MD 40.

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by CC Ruben Vigil. CC Ruben welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The invocation and Pledge were given. CC Ruben introduced our guest and recognized our 2 PID. He asked all PDG to stand, and then our PCC to stand.

The minutes of the previous meeting, February 18, 2017 were approved with 2 corrections. MD 40 GLT Melissa Washburn did not state that the monies left over from the GLT/GMT fund would go into the general fund, but would remain in the GLT/GMT fund. PDG Terry Reed reminded us that CC Ruben had said that the foundations except for the NM Lions Eye Bank would be asked to present their cases for a share of the funds from the dissolved NM Lions Band Foundation. The minutes were approved with these corrections noted.

MD 40 CS/T Bill Whatley explained that the total was off by \$65.90. A check for \$65.50 had been destroyed and 2nd VDG Ursula Garcia had a check short of \$.40.

CC Ruben then relinquished the meeting to DG Vern Leavitt, 40 N.

DG Vern welcomed everyone to the 1st plenary session. He then asked for nominations for MD 40 Council Chair for 2017-2018.

PDG Randy Rhue nominated PDG Melissa Washburn and PID Gordon Post seconded. MD 40 CS/T Bill Whatley nominated PDG Joseph Jaramillo and Lion George Mulholland seconded.

The MD 40 C&BL change was explained.

PDG Randy Rhue asked that Clovis be considered for the 2019 MD 40 Convention. No other city asking to host the convention, Clovis was approved by acclamation.

Lion Jennifer Long said that Carlsbad would host the 2018 Convention May 4-6, 2018.

DG Ruth Wilkes, 40 S, had a drawing to give prizes to those who had attended her meetings. PDG Randy Rhue won the windmill, and PDG/PCC Terry reed won the platter.

1st VDG Gemma Ferguson, 40 S, had order forms for the shirts to be worn at the LCI Convention in Chicago. One doesn't have to attend to order.

PDG Randy Rhue said that if one didn't want to drive or fly to Chicago, Amtrak has an excellent deal. \$500.00 round trip per person from Albuquerque. It's 26 hours each way, but a great opportunity to see the country.

Lion President Jane Wells, Albuquerque Northeast Lions, asked everyone wishing to attend the Lions Night with the Isotopes, June 3, 2017, 7:05 p.m., to see her or PDG Duane Broshious for ticket information.

Lion Dottie Butler, Albuquerque Northeast Lions, showed the quilt that the club is raffling for a fund raiser.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. for the Melvin Jones Luncheon.

The 2nd plenary session was called to order by DG Ruth Wilkes at 1:33 p.m. The two candidates for Council Chair were asked if they would like to speak. Going alphabetically, PDG Joe Jaramillo spoke first, asking for our votes. PDG Melissa Washburn then gave her presentation. The ballots for Council Chair and the changing of wording to the MD 40 C&BL were then distributed. We had 16 delegates from 40 S, and 27 delegates from 40 N. We also had 17 PDG eligible to vote.

Once the ballots were collected and given to the election judges, Lion Rosemary Ferguson, Alamogordo Downtown Lions, Lion Diane Miller, Albuquerque Breakfast Lions, and Lion Carol Michael, Albuquerque Rio Grande Lions Club, they withdrew with 1st VDG Gemma Ferguson, Carlsbad Downtown Lions, for PDG Melissa, and Lion Bryson McCool for PDG Joe, as observers. Lion Melissa Washburn is our Council Chair for 2017-2018. The constitutional change was approved.

ID Melvyn Bray highly recommended a book, Stop Recruiting/Start Attracting, by Bill Wittich.

With no further old or new business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of May,

2017


Lion Bill Whatley
CS/T, NM/AZ Lions MD 40