

**NM/AZ 40N Convention/Cabinet Meeting**  
**Live/ZOOM**  
**3/13/2021**

Lions present: DG Deborah Bryan, 1st VDG Wesley Brown, Jr., GLT/Lions Alert Chair Jesse Dudley, TT Jeff Sakasitz, Region Chair PDG John Sakasitz, Diabetes Awareness & Action Team/Cultural & Community Activities Chair Jannette Dudley, GMT PDG Frank Lasky, Parliamentarian/Sergeant at Arms KR Scott, Bill Bryan, Theo Brown, Dr. Debra Moy, PDG Duane Broshious, Brian Gebert, Santos Tapia, Jr. and Cabinet Secretary PDG/PCC Bill Whatley. Lions on ZOOM: Cabinet Treasurer/Leader Dog for the Blind Chair Christie Boyer, Zone 4 ZC Lucky Sells, Celita Foy Castillo, Services for Children/District Convention 2021 Co-Chair Jane Wells, Sly Paquin, Peter Doerfert, Pat Montoya, Zone 3 ZC Buck Rackley, Connie Balram, Logan Craig, Special Olympics Co-Chair Lenny Bean, GST/Sight Preservation & Awareness Co-Chair PDG Rose Himrod, Zone 6 ZC Gerry Jones, Youth Programs Chair PDG/PCC Tom Himrod, Reading Action Program Chair Carol Marshall, IPDG/CC Ed DeArmond, Sandra Stewart, Zone 2 ZC Roxanna Yazzie, Duane Yazzie, Valerie Harrison, and Peace Poster Chair Mary Clyde.

The meeting was called to order by DG Debbie Bryan at 1:06 p.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending both in person and on Zoom. She then introduced all PDG and PCC in attendance.

1st VDG Wesley Brown, Jr. asked for a moment of silence for all deceased Lions and then led us in the Lions Prayer. CS Bill Whatley led us in the Pledge.

CS Bill called the roll. We had a quorum.

1st VDG Wesley said it's been a trying year.

1st VDG Wesley read a letter from 2nd VDG Linda Hite. She's in Oklahoma visiting family. She said we need to prepare to start getting ready to go to one district. She said we voted in 2018 at the MD 40 Convention if we dropped below 1,000 members in MD 40 we would go to one district. It will not happen for several years.

Cabinet Treasurer Christie Boyer had sent out the financial statement: (Item #1).

The minutes of the last meeting were sent out by CS Bill. Lion Carol Marshall asked if I had received a message from Lion Rita Graham about what she had said. She didn't say we would get our \$500.00 deposit back from the hotel. She said we MIGHT get a deposit back if the New Mexico Governor's Pandemic rules are still being forced upon us. We have a signed contract and it didn't make any mention of being cancelled. The minutes will be corrected. The minutes were approved with the correction. The motion to approve was made by Lion KR Scott and seconded by Lion Jeff Sakasitz.

**Zone Reports**

Zone 2 ZC Roxanna Yazzie had no report at this time.

Zone 3 ZC Buck Rackley said the Northern New Mexico Lions Club is no more now. The Los Alamos Lions are still meeting by ZOOM and is still having food drives and members are still shuttling patient to the hospitals and to doctor visits in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. He said the Espanola Lions are down to a few members. The Santa Fe Host Club isn't doing a lot right now. He said his own club, Santa Fe Capital City is still meeting by Zoom and still has a few projects. Lion President Celita Foy Castillo said the club has donated to numerous charitable organizations.

Zone 4 ZC Lucky Sells said the Albuquerque Breakfast Club has been most active Lion President Sandra Stewart said they had helped the Ranches get health and athletic equipment. Lion Carol said that the club was also collecting used eyeglasses. They had stating collecting for the Albuquerque Northeast Lions and the Rio Rancho Host Lions. She said she and Lion Rita were doing most but Lion President Sandra and Lion Glenna Ladegaard were doing a lot. The Albuquerque Uptown Club is also making donations to other groups. The presidents of the Albuquerque Rio Grande Lions and the Albuquerque Northeast Lions are at the meeting so they can report on their clubs.

Zone 6 ZC Gerry Jones reported that there are 88 members in her three clubs. She gave a detailed report on the activities of the three clubs both orally and written so it's (Item #2).

### **Committee Reports**

GLM PDG Frank Lasky had no report at this time.

GLT Jesse Dudley had no report at this time.

OST PDG Rose Himrod said some of ZC Gerry's report showed services clubs in Zone 6 were doing. She's also awaiting more information from Farmington and Lower Valley on services they are providing. She said the Santa Fe Quota Lions had a food drive. She said hey have in the past had a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner to raise funds for scholarships but they won't do it this year.

Diabetes Awareness & Action Team Co-Chair Jannette Dudley said they are still actively providing guidance to seniors and within the community.

Youths Programs Chair PDG/PCC Tom Himrod said he still has contacts in California with Lions Youth Outreach Leaders and they have some students that want to be exchange students in Japan and he will keep us informed. He said since the Desert Academy closed the Leos are not active. He needs to get in touch with the leaders of other Leo Clubs within MD 40.

Special Olympics Co-Chair Lenny Bean said there are no in person competitions scheduled so we can't do vision checks for special Olympic athletes. He's going to reach out to Special Olympics if they can find a way to screen some of these people. As president of the Albuquerque Rio Grande Lions he reported on the club. He said that they still meet by Zoom and a few in person. The Casinos reopening maybe his club can have their Poker Tournaments, not this year, but next.

Peace Poster Chair Mary Clyde said there was only one Peace Poster submitted this year to the Artesia Downtown Lions.

Parliamentarian/Sergeant at Arms KR Scott said every motion has to have a point. One point, make a motion to recess and for how long if you need a bathroom break or point to the door and go!

Tail Twister Jeff Sakasitz has had a very slow year with no in person meetings!

Services for Children Chair Jane Wells had no report.

Reading Action Program Chair Carol Marshall had no report at this time.

### **Club Reports**

Albuquerque Breakfast Lions: Lion President and Lion Carol Marshall reported on the club in the Zone Reports.

Albuquerque Northeast Lions: President Dr. Deborah Moy reported that the club was going to have a contactless raffle for a piece of Acoma pottery valued at \$600.00. The club will have to figure out how. She will get with Lion Jesse Dudley for help. Lion Gerry Jones said their club had an online raffle and she would get Lion Debbie the information. One member of our club, Lion Joseph Dickmeyer, is a totally blind teaching assistant and he has been tutoring during this pandemic. He also collecting for a charity, items like pots and pans. Sandia Visions is donating a low shallow spot auto-refractor to the club.

Albuquerque Rio Grande Lions: President Lenny Bean reported on the club when he reported on the Special Olympics.

Edgewood Lions: President Brian Gebert reported they had joined with another club for a very successful food drive. Get more details from Lion Gerry Jones' report (Item #2). The club is looking to get into the KidSight program. They have two new members. DG Debbie also wanted Lion Gerry to make one change to her report: It wasn't 500 items collected but over 2,000.

Farmington Evening Lions: President Pat Montoya reported the club has been meeting through ZOOM but did have an in person meeting on Monday. They purchased a pig from a 4H student and had a very successful raffle. The butcher

donated his services for free. They are still collecting used glasses, readers and prescription. Some members of the club are delivering Meals on Wheels. They are going to have a spaghetti luncheon on Father's Day. They are looking to have some more yard sales.

Gallup Lions: Lion Jeff Sakasitz reported they will have a pancake breakfast in April. He had tickets for sale. The club is meeting by ZOOM every other week.

Moriarty Lions: President Jesse Dudley said the club has been cleared to resume Bingo, probably in May. They meet in person every other week. They will be spinning off their business group branch club hopefully by sometimes in May.

Santa Fe Capital City Lions: President Celita Foy Castillo reported in the Zone Reports.

Sandia Mountain Lions: Lion Gerry Jones said in addition to her report the club had a very successful basket raffle and will be holding another auction soon. The company that helped them was Betterworld.org or some such name. She would find the name and get it to CS Bill and Dr. Debbi of the Albuquerque Northeast Lions.

### **Old Business**

None at this time!

### **New Business**

Nominations for District Governor, 1st Vice-District Governor and 2nd Vice-District Governor for NM/AZ Lions 40 N for 2021-2022.

Lion Bill Whatley nominated 1st VDG Wesley Brown, Jr. for DG for 2021-2022. It was seconded by Lion KR Scott. President Pat Montoya of the Farmington Evening Lions told of 1st VDG Wesley's many activities in Lions.

1st VDG Wesley Brown, Jr. nominated 2nd Vice-District Governor Dr. Linda Hite for 1st VDG for NM/AZ Lions 40 N for 2021-2022. Council Chair Ed DeArmond seconded and then added to what 1st VDG Wesley had said about 2nd VDG Dr. Linda about her many accomplishments in Lions.

Lion Lucky Sells nominated Lion Jeff Kriz for 2nd Vice-District Governor for NM/AZ Lions 40 N for 2021-2022. Lion KR Scott seconded. DG Debbie then read a list of Lion Jeff's many Lions accomplishments.

CC Ed DeArmond made a motion that nominations cease. It was seconded and approved.

CS Bill Whatley is working on the ballot through Election Runner. He needs the list on club delegates no later than 9:00 p.m., Sunday, March 14, 2021! The ballots should go out Monday, March 15, 2021.

DG Governor brought up the subject of going to one district. 1st VDG Wesley had read 2nd VDG Dr. Linda's letter in the opening remarks. At the MD 40 Convention in Carlsbad in 2018 the delegates and PDG voted to start the process of going to one district if MD 40 dropped to under 1,000 members. We are at 900+ now. Technically we would not be a viable district because a district is composed of at least 1,250 members. There are other stipulations, too, but this is the big cause for concern.

Lion Dr. Deborah Moy wanted to know why clubs weren't given more information. DG Debbie said she had sent out the proposal along with her last newsletter. CC Ed said MD 40 is at a crossroads. We need to be proactive before Lions Clubs International decides to arbitrarily make a decision.

DG Debbie said she's been a Lion for 35 years and she wants the current 40 N strong regardless of what happens. CC Ed said we will get the clubs up to date.

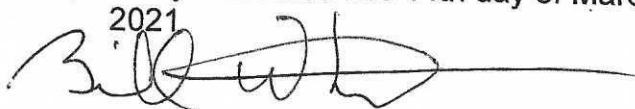
Lion Bill Bryan asked DG Debbie to tell him what she learned from Wyoming Lions after they voted to go to one district. She said Wyoming is a big state but New Mexico and the part of Arizona in 40 N is bigger. We want the clubs to have the opportunity to have the DG visit each club. It was suggested that the two VDG make some of the DG's visitations. The problem with that is that LCI only reimburses for DG visitations.

DG Debbie gave out awards and gifts to her cabinet.

The Convention/Cabinet meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Lion KR and seconded by Lion Brian Gebert.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of March,

2021

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

Lion Bill Whatley  
Cabinet Secretary NM/AZ Lions 40 N

**Treasurer's Report**  
Lions Clubs 40N  
January 16, 2021 thru March 12, 2021  
**Income and Expenses**

Item #1

<b>BALANCE ON HAND January 16, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 11,822.12</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$ 11,822.12</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
02/25 LCI Store	\$	270.69
03/08 1074 MD-40 Dues - 2nd half (478)	\$	2270.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 2,541.19</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND March 12, 2021</b>		<b>\$ 9,280.93</b>

TO: DG Debbie Bryan, CS Bill Whatley

FROM: Gerry Jones, ZC 6

DATE: March 13, 2021

Item # 2

On March 6, nine members of the Edgewood Lions Club held a food drive at the Edgewood Smiths for the East Mountain Food Pantry, collecting 500 items and \$400. Members are planning to meet in person this spring. They continue assisting Wildlife West and are gathering information about assisting KidSight operations with Clubs in Albuquerque.

Moriarty Lions Club continues to work on grants for a pilot program of growing food in greenhouses and involving the community's young people. A 20' X 30' greenhouse has been constructed with the purpose of providing food for community needs and getting youths familiar with Lions service to promote membership. Because the schools will no longer allow Lions inside for KidSight, PDG Don Trumbull held a weekend training for school nurses to perform that function.

Sandia Mountain Lions Club held a food drive at Triangle Grocery in Cedar Crest on March 6 to benefit the East Mountain Food Pantry. Five members collected 425 food items, 14 pet food items and \$71 cash plus one person's donation of her \$1,200 covid relief check. The Club is also participating in a February/March Diabetes Awareness project of exercising 1,000 miles.