

MD 40 Council Meetings Minutes
San Miguel Catholic Church Parish Hall
Socorro, NM
February 18, 2017

Lions Present: CC Ruben Vigil, DG Ruth Wilkes, 40 S, DG Vern Leavitt, 40 N, PID Ray Marley, Lion Ken McDaniel, 2nd VDG Ursula Garcia, 40 N, 40 N CT Jerry Lopeman, Lion Carol Marshall, Lion Lucky Sells, Lion Gail Stark, Lion Doug Day, PDG/PCC Don Trumbull, Lion Karen Trumbull, PDG/PCC Tom Himrod, Lion Mike Perrone, 40 S CS Annie Miller, PDG Bobby Richardson, Lion Gerry Jones, Lion Linda Cuenco, PDG/PCC Bob Jones, PDG Randy Rhue, Lion Brenda Dunn, Lion Bryson McCool, PDG Joe Jaramillo, Lion Jeff Sakasitz, PDG John Sakasitz, PDG Claudia Jensen, PDG/PCC Rick Jensen, 1st VDG Rose Himrod, 40 N, Lion Rosemary Ferguson, PDG/PCC Terry Reed, Lion Bette Reed, PDG Melissa Washburn, 1st VDG Gemma Ferguson, 40 S, Lion Diane Miller, Lion Jane Wells, PDG/PCC Jim Brannon, Lion Betty Brannon, Lion Anthony Martinez, and VDG Ursula's daughter, Zooey.

The Meeting was called to order by CC Ruben Vigil at 1:00 p.m. The invocation was led by IPDG Randy Rhue, 40 N, and the Pledge was led by PDG/PCC Rick Jensen, 40 S. After welcoming everyone for attending, CC Ruben recognized PID Ray Marley, who asked for the MD 40 endorsement of PID Judge Haynes Townsend of Dalton, GA. for 3rd LCI vice-President. So endorsed.

DG Ruth Wilkes, 40 S, said it was great to see new faces at this meeting, and also the increase in attendance. She hoped both would continue! She said they would like to interview Lions of many years experience to get new ideas. She thanked everyone for attending.

DG Vern Leavitt, 40 N, said he couldn't improve on what DG Ruth had said, but he did present IPDG Randy Rhue's certificate from LCI for his year of service as DG.

The minutes of the MD 40 Council meeting of November 12, 2016 were approved as was the current financial statement.

MD 40 Centennial Chairperson Lion Mike Perrone asked that clubs get up to date on Centennial reporting. He stated that every club needs a Centennial Chairperson; only about half of the clubs do. Lion Mike said that the Centennial committee is trying to collect pictures of earlier times Lions' activities and Lions so they can put them on a disc, and maybe have a collage. The best picture submitted will win a prize. B&W, Color, Digital, or rock art, it doesn't matter! Just send them to him, 40 S Centennial Chairperson Lion Bette Reed, or 40 N Chairperson Michael Dugas, but please send them ASAP! Lion Mike already has several thousand pictures, but you never know when you'll receive a real gem! 2nd VDG Ursula Garcia, 40 N, said PDG/PCC Wesley Brown might have some, and Lion Frank Mahannah of Raton would probably have some. Lion Mike presented a bill to MD 40 for \$179.15. It was approved to pay.

MD 40 GMT Chairperson, PDG/PCC Tom Himrod said that he received a call from his superior in GMT and was told that NM and maybe Window Rock, AZ had too many clubs without growth-8 in 40 N and 7 in 40 S. DG Ruth said clubs are adding members, but not reporting. For any club wanting help, we have certified guiding Lions ready and willing, as well as PDGs.

MD 40 GLT PDG Melissa Washburn stated that 11 MD 40 Lions have gone to leadership training in CO and AZ. She presented MD 40 with a bill for \$1715.30 to reimburse these 11 Lions for registration expenses, coming from the MD 40 GLT/GMT fund. PDG Melissa said we currently have **\$2,625.00** in the fund. (Actually, that is the projected revenue. 1st half dues brought in only **\$1,336.26!**) PDG Melissa said this is exactly why we have fund, and if we don't use it, it rolls into the MD 40 general fund next year! This was approved. PDG Melissa stated that 40 S Cabinet Secretary Annie Miller needs some additional training, NOW! We need to groom our future leaders yesterday!

MD 40 Youth Chairperson 1st VDG, 40 N, Rose Himrod said the state winner of the Peace Poster Contest, Anjelica Trillo, won \$300.00: \$100.00 from Sandia Mountain Lions, \$100.00 from 40 N, and \$100.00 from MD 40. The Gallup Leos club is growing, having both Alpha and Omega Leos. There will be Leos training class at 40 N Convention, March 25, 2017. Also, the USA/Canada Forum will begin an annual Leos training program. In addition, this was the 1st year for the Peace Essay Contest, and participation wasn't what was hoped because it was so new and explained so late.

PDG/PDG Tom Himrod said we have request for host families for several potential youth exchange students. He would pass around a sign-up sheet for host parents.

DG Ruth Wilkes said one of her zone chairs, Lion Philip Vanveen was pumped on starting new Leo Clubs in Las Cruces. He has 40 students ready to form a Leos Club and he's working on getting clubs at 3 of Las Cruces' High Schools. IPDG Joe Jaramillo said the way this is being accomplished is by inviting these students to club meetings.

MD 40 Diabetes Awareness Chairperson Linda Cuenco announced the New Mexico Lions Diabetes Awareness Program will host a Strides Expo on November 18, 2017.

MD40 Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Chairperson PDG Bobby Richardson reported on what he called the unmagnificent seven, vision problems predominant for the over 65 crowd, what they are and how they affect people. They are 1.) Presbyopia, 2.) Aging: Dimmer Vision, 3.) Cataracts, wet and dry, 4.) Dry eyes (Ladies 3 to 4 times more likely), 5.) Age related Macular Degeneration, 6.) Glaucoma, and 7.) Diabetes Retinopathy. PDG Bobby said by age 65, 1 in 3 Americans will have one of these problems. The sad part is that 75% of all blindness or vision impairment is preventable.

MD 40 LCIF Coordinator PDG/PCC Bob Jones reported that 43% of clubs from 40 N and 31% of clubs from 40 S have donated so far this year, which 37% of clubs in MD 40 have contributed. the goal was to collect \$29,500.00 MD 40 wide. So far, only \$14,537.00! PDG Bob thanked DG Ruth for featuring LCIF in her newsletters. PDG Bob requested that the district and multidistrict officers donate as an example for the membership. LCIF is \$13,000,000.00 short on commitment to the measles campaign. Next year is LCIF's 50th anniversary.

MD 40 Constitution and By-laws Co-chairperson PID Ray Marley said that delinquent dues may be paid up to 15 days prior to close of credential certification of rules as established for the conventions effective July 1, 2016. PDG Bill Whatley said this is a problem for the 40 N Convention scheduled for March 25, 2017, since dues are based on membership established on March 2 and sent out on March 10. No club will be eligible to vote. What's the solution. NO ANSWER! There will be a proposed change to MD 40 C&BL, a minor housekeeping issue, to be published in the March Roar.

MD 40 Leader Dog Chairperson Bette Reed that we have 4 active leader dogs in New Mexico: 2 in Albuquerque, 1 in Edgewood, and 1 in Alamogordo. Lion Bette also reported that for the current Lions year, 7 clubs from 40 N have donated a combined \$1,700.00 and 4 clubs from 40 S have donated a combined \$950.00.

MD 40 International Convention Chairperson Lion Carol Marshall said 13 Lions from New Mexico are registered for the LCI Convention in Chicago. She's getting excited just from the article in the Lions Magazine. Lion Carol is a transplanted Chicagoan and is ready to hit the old and new clubs and restaurants. She'll take the NM Lions to places they wouldn't normally go. She would like to know how many would be willing to march in the parade.

MD 40 Reading Action Program (RAP) Chairperson Carol Marshall explained a program she's trying to institute in Albuquerque and see how much response she gets. She's sent a letter to the Bernalillo County Library Assistant Director offering to allow a Lion spend 2 hours 1 day a week to help people find books and help them read or other things in the way of literacy to help the clients. If Lions are allowed and the response is good, then she'll try to get it going statewide.

MD 40 Public Relations Chairperson Gerry Jones reported that the 3 East Mountain clubs, Moriarty, Edgewood, and Sandia Mountain are creating a Centennial 100 ad for EXPLORE!, an annual tourist magazine published the Mountain View Telegraph. Lion Gerry recommends that each club or groups of clubs work to promote 100 years of Lionism and promote the devil out of it within your community. The Lions website Centennial Planning Guide offers many ideas. June 7, 2017 is the actual 100th anniversary of LCI.

MD 40 Convention Chairperson 1st VDG Ursula Garcia, 40 N, invited everyone register and come to Raton for the convention. There are many activities planned for Lions and not only that, we can partake of the Cinco de Mayo festivities as an added bonus. A schedule will be out shortly listing activities for the convention. The motel is the Microtel, (575)445-9100, and can be called Monday through Friday to make reservations. The registration is \$75.00 per person and motel rooms or suites are \$60.00 a night, days an added bonus. The whole town of Raton is looking forward to our MD 40 Convention!


PDG/IPCC Jim Brannon ran the 50/50 raffle. He collected \$168.00. DG Vern won \$84.00 and the other \$84.00 was donated to Leader Dog. Lion Bette Reed thanked us very much on behalf of MD 40 Lions and Leader Dog for the Blind.

PDG Melissa Washburn introduced herself, said she is a candidate for CC for 2017-2018, and asked for our votes.

PDG Joe Jaramillo introduced himself, stated that he was also a candidate for CC and said he would appreciate our votes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of
February, 2017,



Lion Bill Whatley
MD 40 CS/T