

LIONS OF GEORGIA - DISTRICT 18-F  
MINUTES OF THIRD CABINET MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2010, WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA

District Governor Harvey Ware called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

PDG Don Glover gave the invocation.

1<sup>ST</sup> Vice DG Paul May led the Pledge.

PCC Bill Craig of the Centerville Lions welcomed everyone to Centerville on behalf of the club president.

District Governor Harvey welcomed everyone and introduced the head table, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Paul May, Cabinet Advisor PDG Richard Henderson, ID Beverly Stebbins, Cabinet Secretary June Phillips, Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jon Winters. Also introduced PID Myers Banister, Council Advisor Kembra Smith, sitting DGs Berry Broach, 18A, Grace Clower, 18D, Doc Clinton Holloway, 18C, PCC/GMT Sandy Mercer, all incoming VDGs and all PDGs.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary June presented the December 5, 2009 Second Cabinet Meeting minutes for approval. Upon motion and second, the minutes was approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jon Winters presented the financial report from 12/4/2009 through 3/5/2010 for approval. Total receipts were \$7,485.00 and total disbursements were \$5,877.42. Total receipts and bank balance after total disbursements were \$6,311.90. Jon also indicated that most clubs have paid their dues. Upon Motion and second, the Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Elections:

Nominations & Elections Chair Frank Jensen announced that there were 4 open positions for 2010-2011: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Paul May of the Milledgeville Lions for District Governor; David Murray of the Sparta Lions for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG; PCC Bill Craig of the Centerville Lions for 18F Lighthouse District Director and PDG Olin Newby of the Washington Lions for re-election as 18F District Librarian. All candidates have been certified as Lions in good standing and their credentials met the qualifications required. PDG Don Glover nominated Paul May, seconded by DG Harvey. PCC Kembra Smith nominated Lion David Murray, seconded by PDG Hank Barks. Floor was opened to have nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG. Having none, that was tabled to a later date. Voting was done by secret ballots.

Election Results: Paul May, DGE, , David Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, Bill Craig, 18F Lighthouse District Director and Olin Newby, District Librarian.

PCC Kembra Smith announced that the Lions Lighthouse Foundation is launching a \$2.75 million Capital Campaign to purchase a new 14,000 square foot facility which will more than double the current space. A portion of the facility will be leased for three years, providing earned income and the option for future growth a fully-equipped onsite eye clinic with two exam lanes; an optional shop that will give the Lighthouse the ability to fit, adjust and dispense eye wear, reducing the cost of eyeglasses from \$35 to \$5 per pair. As a result of the campaign, the program volume will increase by 67% by 2013. Lions are asked to pledge and complete their pledges by June 2012. Different levels of recognition are 1) \$2,500 donor wall name recognition for individuals; 2) \$5,000 donor wall name recognition for clubs and 3) \$20,000 naming opportunities for rooms in the new building.

Tail Twister:

PCC Bill Craig's tail twisting theme was the state of Texas. Questions such as, what is the state flower, shrub, tree, song, bird, butterfly, vehicle, animal and boots were part of the tail twisting fun. Tail twister and Sam, the pig fined everyone who had the wrong answer. A great time with lots of laughter was enjoyed by all. Tail twister collected \$97.00. A motion was made by PDG Jon Winters, District Treasurer, that the funds be deposited into the District Governor's discretionary fund. So seconded, motion carried.

District Reports:

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Vice President Lion Helen Troha asked that when clubs make donations, please indicate on the memo line what the donation is for. There will be a basket silent auction during the 2010 State Convention and Lion Helen asked clubs to bring items to donate to the silent auction. From the century club, Frank Jensen donated \$100, Covington club donated \$1,750.00, \$100 from an individual and \$2,000 from the Grovetown Lions.

PDG Olin Newby reported on Send-A-Kid-to-Camp, encouraged all clubs to budget \$175.00-\$200.00 for that purpose and help the campers who are less fortunate to go to the camp.

Used Eyeglasses/Recycling - PDG Ken Massingale reported so far for 2009-2010 (7/1/09 to 2/28/10), cell phone income of \$1,293.00, and he has a couple of shipments ready to go. 50,740 pairs of used eyeglasses have already been shipped between 7/1/09 - 2/28/10. He and Lion Don Smith picked up from a Delta warehouse 6,000 pairs of glasses.

Lighthouse - Mary Goldenburg, Lighthouse District Director, reported that there are organizations who are willing to donate money based on how many eye screenings are done. Lighthouse appreciates all the volunteers' help. Covington Lions donated \$1,750 to the General Fund, \$1,250 to White Cane and \$1,000 to Children's Eye Care.

White Cane - Don Smith, District White Cane Chair detailed some priorities and suggestions of doing White Cane fund raising. Lighthouse needs that money to operate and do surgeries etc. Every day in Georgia is White Cane Day. Lion Don urges all clubs to organize White Cane days and/or initiate a White Cane fund.

PCC Sandy Mercer reported on behalf Chair Mark Miller that as of 1/31/10, Lighthouse has received 61% of its budget, spent 55% of budget. Lighthouse is in good shape particularly with White Cane coming up, it usually receives large sums of money. Did 1,011 eye examinations, 168 in 18F; issued 1,690 pairs of eye glasses, 269 pairs in 18F; performed 269 eye surgeries, 32 in 18F; did 500 hearing aids exams with 65 in 18F; issued 925 brand new digital hearing aids and 121 in 18F. Total donations from 18F not including Capital Campaign is just short of \$20,000.

Camp President Frank Spinney reported the camp is having a great and busy year. Kristen is doing an outstanding job with the Camp. First work weekend is just around the corner on March 26-28, 2010. Frank encouraged all to register if interested. The Grand Tour of Georgia (a motorcycle event) starts April 1 and lasts until the end of September. Expected revenues from this event is \$35,000. Flyers for this event will be out in March.

USA/Canada Forum - DGE Paul May advised that this year's Forum is on September 23-25, 2010 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There are over 70 seminars on various topics, and it is well worth the time. He encouraged everyone to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Milwaukee.

Cabinet Advisor's Remark - PDG Richard Henderson talked about Extension in the district. He has been working with the Conyers Lions Club and the Centerville Lions Club about forming new clubs. Extension team coming next week to form new club in Rockdale county and one in DeKalb county. Augusta Lions talked about possibly forming a new club in Waynesboro. DGE Paul May and DG Harvey will both be working with the team. Anyone interested in working with the extension team is welcomed to join them next week. He thank DG Harvey for doing a great job this year as the District Governor.

ID Beverly Stebbins - DG Harvey introduced ID Beverly Stebbins from Arlington, TX for her remarks. ID Beverly reported some decisions by the International Board at their last meeting: 1) The Extension award will now be awarded to the new club when the new club has been chartered and in existence for one year and one day instead of receiving the extension award immediately after the club is chartered. 2) Club Branches must have a minimum of 5 to charter a club branch instead of the original 2 members. The club branch will have a President, Secretary and Treasurer. 3) Study going on to see if MERL teams globally needs to be gotten rid of, kept or tweaked. If to be tweaked, how. 4) International dues text is currently in the main body of the Constitution, there's a proposal to

move this dues language to the Bylaws.

Membership - IP Wirfs idea of dual strategies - existing club members and new members. Think of it as a two-layer cake. We must help to keep the existing members, keep them interested and involved while forming new clubs and recruiting new members. Currently, the new members are being swallowed up by the drops of existing club members. We must work and serve in our local communities, and recruit from the local communities.

Other Reports:

LCIF/Leader Dog Chair, Ed Hashbarger - talked about the kids and coins card. Pass them out and imagine the money that can be collected. A new Leo club may be formed, and when the kids go to college, a new Campus club may be formed. Think of the possibilities. PCC Richard Brown, LCIF/Melvin Jones Award Chair asked the clubs to contact him if they are interested in hearing more about LCIF.

Leadership - 18F Leadership Development Chair Kembra Smith announced that she will be conducting Leadership seminars on May 15, 2010 in Warner Robins, somewhere in the Mayor's office building on club officers and certify guiding Lions and club rebuilding seminar. A second leadership workshop will be at the Madison Lions clubhouse on June 5, 2010 and a third seminar possibly in the Augusta area in August. She encouraged everyone to sign up for these leadership training. More information will be disseminated in the next month.

Lion JC Coefield announced that there will be a Zone VI meeting on March 14 @ 2:00 p.m. As the MD 18 Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind Chair, JC challenged everyone to reach out and touch someone who is visually impaired and recruit these folks into the clubs. Contact JC or PDG Hank Barks who is our Sight Conversation Chair for further information.

Announcements:

Towels to be distributed after the cabinet meeting by June.

DG Harvey read a poem to closeout the meeting:

He stood upon the podium so tall.  
Looked out into the great big hall.  
He opened his mouth to say his speech.  
The words in his stomach, his lips did not reach.  
He thought to himself this will not do.  
I must tell these people, before I am thru.  
Tell them my story so they will all know.  
I'm doing my best to put on a good show.  
I may not stand out in a crowd.  
But to be a Lion leader has made me proud.  
I'm leading the district the best I can.  
But I may not have had the best of a plan.

Adjourn: DG Harvey recessed the meeting until the Banquet Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 18-F CABINET MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

MARCH 6, 2010, WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA

**THESE NUMBERS BELOW ARE BASED STRICTLY FROM THE CABINET MEETING ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN SHEETS. THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT BUT DID NOT SIGN-IN ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TABLE.**

District Governor	1 (Warner Robins)	)
Disrict Governor-Elect	1 (Milledgeville)	)
Second Vice Dist. Gov.	1 (Sparta)	)
Council Advisor	1 (North Decatur)	) 7
Cabinet Advisor	1 (Oxford)	)
Cabinet Secretary	1 (North Decatur)	)
Cabinet Treasurer	1 (Hephzibah)	)

<u>Clubs:</u>	<u>PRES.</u>	<u>SEC.</u>	<u>TREAS.</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
Centerville				7 (7 total)
Conyers	X			3 (4 total)
Covington	X			9 (10 total)
Decatur	X	X	X	0 (3 total)
Eatonton		X	X	0 (2 total)
Grovetown	X	X		1 (3 total)
Hephzibah				2 (3 total)
LaVista			X	2 (3 total)
Madison	X			
Milledgeville		X	X(same as 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG)	4 (6 total)
North Decatur				0 (2 total)
Oxford	X			0 (2 total)
Sandersville				1 (1 total)
Social Circle	X			0 (1 total)
Sparta				0 (1 total)
Thomson Camellia City		X		1 (2 total)
Warner Robins	X		X	6 (9 total)
W.R. Houston Peaches				1 (1 total)
Warner Robins Noon				1 (1 total)
Washington				1 (1 total)
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Guests: 15      Grand total: 77      Clubs: 20

Respectfully submitted by:

June W. Phillips, 18F Cabinet Secretary

March 9, 2010