

DISTRICT 2-A2
CABINET MEETING
Pleasanton, Texas via Zoom Virtual Platform
October 2, 2020

Call to Order

The Cabinet Meeting of District 2-A2 was held on October 3, 2020 via the Zoom platform from Pleasanton, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. and presided over by the District Governor Lion David Splitek.

Clubs Represented

There were 17 Clubs represented at the 'in-person' meeting. They were Converse, Del Rio San Felipe, Del Rio Host, Floresville, Guide Dogs of Texas, Kerrville Host, Kerrville Heart O' the Hills, La Vernia, SA Alamo Heights, SA Edgewood, SA Founder, SA Hill Country Retreat, San Antonio Highland Hills, SA North SA Hills, SA Northside, SA Windcrest, Stockdale. There were 39 Lions in attendance.

Invocation- Lion Sid Lawrence gave the Invocation.

Pledge to US and Texas Flag- Boy Scout Troop 194 hosted by the Pleasanton Lions Club presented the United States flag and to the Texas flag. Pleasanton Vice President Bill Meadows led the pledge of alliance. District Governor Dave Splitek present the Pleasanton Lions Club with the District's friendship banner.

Introductions- 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Mays introduced the distinguished guests among those in attendance.

1st Cabinet Meetings Minutes Presented- District Secretary Lion Rose Ann Barajas presented the minutes from the July 18th and August 8th meeting minutes. A hard copy of the minutes was submitted for the historical records. A motion to accept the minutes was presented by PDG Lion John Cole from the Del Rio Host Lions Club and seconded by Lion LaJuana Newman-Lues from the Floresville Lions Club. All were in favor. None opposed. Minutes stand as presented.

2020-2021 Budget Review- District Treasure Lion Irene Guzman presented the District budget as of September 30, 2020. A hard copy of the treasury report was submitted for the historical records. Administrative account revenue is \$25,470.30. The Administrative account expenses are \$9,407.63. Bring the balance of the District 2-A2 administrative account to \$16,062.67. The District 2-A2 Restricted Activity account revenue is \$153,933.50. The Restricted Activity account expenses are \$104,165.00. This brings the Restricted Activity account funds available to \$49,768.50. The Leos Club balance is \$1,109.22.

District Treasure Irene Guzman noted 15 clubs from District 2-A2 have not paid the July to December 2020 dues. The clubs noted are Boerne, Castroville, Crystal City, Dilley, George West, Laredo Noon, Poteet, Sabinal, San Antonio Highland Hills, San Antonio Hill Country Retreat, San Antonio UIW, San Antonio OLLU, Stockdale, Three Rivers and Tilden. Zone Chairs are encouraged to reach out to these clubs.

Highlighted are the clubs participating in the Governor's 100% Contribution program. Those clubs are Brackettville, China Grove, Del Rio Host, Del Rio San Felipe, Kerrville Host, Kerrville Sunrise, Leakey, San Antonio Alamo City, San Antonio Founder, San Antonio West Side, San Antonio Alamo Heights and Uvalde.

District Treasurer encouraged clubs to sponsor one of the District's Opportunities for Youth scholarships.

TJ for ID- PCC Lion Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina reported 'It is on to Canada in June of 2021!' The International Convention in Singapore was cancelled and there was no voting for new International Directors. PCC Lion Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina's year of eligibility remains the same. He has been contacted by LCI and have responded his intention to be a registered candidate for International Director representing MD -2 Texas. He hopes there are many lions from District 2-A2 that will join him at the International Convention in Canada to witness him cross the stage.

GMT Update- District Governor gave the report on behalf of PDG Janie Garza. The 3 main points are 1) We need more members. The District is down 2 members for the quarter. 2) We need more members. You are encouraged to ask one person to join you at a meeting or service project. 3) We need more members. Although many clubs are not meeting in person or virtually, you are encouraged to get innovative in ways to come together.

GST Update- PDG Chris Lloyd asked those in attendance if their clubs are doing service projects. He has noticed that many clubs are not reporting these service projects on the MyLion.com website. He mailed out a reporting form with a self-addressed envelope to 25 surrounding club to assess what service projects are being conducted.

PDG Chris Lloyd presented the membership with a service project opportunity through the Broken Warriors Angels partnership. The BWA strives to provide veterans the tools and means to have an excellent quality of life. The BWA non-profit works with veteran who are ~~dishonorably~~OTH discharged and do not have access to services offered to other veterans. The Lion Sight Research Foundation's MESU will be out at the BWA event on December 12th located at the VFW 76 in downtown San Antonio conducting eye screenings. Lions clubs are encouraged to come out to support this event.

GLT Update- 2nd District Vice Governor Steve Mays imparted that Leadership is critical to the overall success of any organization and it is his goal to grow District 2-A2's leadership pool by identifying and engaging potential leaders. Lion Club International offers many online courses that enhance one's leadership skills. In addition, the LCI University offers a pathway to bachelor, master's or PhD degree in this area of focus.

The District is in the process of doing some online videos on how to do some basic tasks for the club and district. As well, it is the goal to publish some officers training and new member orientation on the District's website. The District is taking measures to ensure all District business is video recorded to view later. If any lion wishes to join 2nd Vice Governor Steve or Lion Chris Condren on the Leadership Development team, please do not hesitate to contact him or District Governor Dave.

Lions Children Services Program- Chair Ken Book presented an update on the activities of the program. The vision and hearing screenings have begun as of September 2nd of this year. Lion Ken took a moment to thank the following Lions for their service in this endeavor: David Silva, Faith Porras, Christopher Porras, Floyd Daigle, Pat McGuire, Lisa Workerists, Jack Dugas, Rose Mary Paletta, Janie Garza and Debbie Book. From September 2nd thru September 17th, the Lions Children Service Program has conducted 512 vision screenings with 84 failures and 510 hearing assessments with 84 failures in 4 campuses. Although a lion may not be certified for vision or hearing screenings, there are opportunities for service. You can help sanitize headphones or be on hand to ensure student are wearing the headphones correctly.

Chair Lion Ken Book highlighted the recent newsflash regarding the certification classes hosted by the Region 20 Education Center. If you are SPOT certified, you can attend the certification classes at no cost. Lions Ken and Debbie Book will be hosting virtual SPOT certification classes.

The LCS program wants to thank the clubs participating in the 100% Governors Contribution as the LCS program is the recipient of 9 checks totaling \$1,079.80. This has allowed the program to purchase Personal Protection Equipment to conduct screenings. Today, the balance in the bank account is \$21,183.68. Lion Ken made a special note of thanks to the San Antonio Founder clubs for the funds donated to purchase more PPE.

District Diabetes Awareness- Chair Lion Rose Ann Barajas highlighted that November 14th, World Diabetes Day is fasting approaching. Chair Lion Rose Ann encourages club to contact her for diabetes resources to distribute to club members and their community at large in November. Chair Lion Rose Ann informed clubs that the medical community at UT Health Science Center and at the Texas Diabetes Institute would be willing to do a zoom presentation in November to clubs regarding diabetes. She can be contacted via email or phone at the listings in the District's directory.

Human Needs Board – Chair Lion Joseph Guerra reported that the Board has met via the ZOOM platform on a couple of occasions thus far. The current Human Needs Board bank balance is \$24,974.84. They have received dues from those 100% clubs in the amount of \$428.45. The Human Needs Board received one request for assistance with no further follow up communication for the requestor. The HN Board is currently reviewing a proposal submitted by the District Governor that will allow us to reach the community in a more extensive manner.

Texas Lions Camp – The newest Texas Lions Camp Director Lion Tim Flick reminded the membership that the Camp is currently assembling its 2021 camp staff. If you work with Leo clubs, this is a great opportunity for high school students to help during summer vacation. Direct Tim Flick spoke about the upcoming Polar Bear challenge hosted by Mo Ranch. The Texas Lions Camp has been chosen as the beneficiary of the funds raised on the New Year Day's event. Funds received will be restricted to the Building fund. The recent storms did extensive damage. Thus, 35% of the Master Plan's Capital Improvement will take place in 2021.

Texas Lions Foundation – Lion LaJuana Newman Leus reminded those in attendance the purpose of the Texas Lions Foundation is provide humanitarian grants and disaster relief grants for reconstruction of public facilities and services. Lion LaJuana provide a history of the development of the foundation and its various means of

funding the grants provided. Currently, the clubs can recognize members within their clubs with the TLF awards. It is through these awards that the TLF raises the money for grant distribution. Lion LaJuana has brochures on the Texas Lions Foundation for any club interested in learning more about the services and awards. As part of the Governor's 100% contribution program, aside for the mandatory 4 programs there are 3 other programs a club can support. The Texas Lions Foundation is one of the optional 3.

Texas Lions Museum – PDG John Lee updated the District on completion of the Phase I buildout initiative at the Texas Lions Museum in Kerrville. Phase I involved the remodeling of the entrance and State Office area. Phase 2 is underway which involves the display area of the museum. The cost for the building remodeling of Phase 2 is \$60,000. PDG John Lee asked the District leadership to encourage clubs to contribute to the museum via the Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff Fellowship at \$500 or TLM Life Membership award at \$100.

PCC Mike Rourke reminded the lions of District 2-A2 of the challenge he made. Should our District reach its goal of \$125,000 pledged funds, he will the District leadership to cut his hair and his beard off.

New Member Welcome Kits- Governor Dave Splitek announced to all in attendance that he has an ample supply of New Member welcome kits for clubs who bring in new members.

Lions Sight Research Foundation – CEO Sam Pantusa, on behalf of Chair PDG Rod Chisholm, presented the LSRF report. As with many in the community, the LSRF struggle with raising funds during the COVID-19 pandemic. But we are fortunate that we can continue to serve the people most in need of our services. One of the two areas to highlight is the Lions Low Vision Center on the grounds of UT Health San Antonio. Recently a woman who has vision loss in one eye and has a glaucoma in her remaining viable one decided it was time to purchase a large dot brail typewriter to enable future communication. The second highlight for the Lion Sight Research Foundation is the news regarding the capital project upgrades at the Texas Diabetes Institute. The equipment upgrades and the renovation of the Gene Eberlin Center from the matching grant provided by LCI will allow for 1000 more patients to be seen for diabetic retinopathy.

LSRF CEO Lion Sam Pantusa named the Governor's 100% clubs that would be receiving banner patches: Alamo Heights, Brackettville, China Grove, Comfort, Converse, Del Rio Host, Del Rio San Felipe, Floresville, Helotes, Hill Country Retreat, Kerrville Host, La Vernia, Leakey, San Antonio Founder, San Antonio Northside, San Antonio Northwest, San Antonio Westside, Stockdale, Three Rivers, Tilden, Uvalde, Windcrest.

LSRF CEO Lion Sam Pantusa then recognized the club who donated the most per member during the March Save Your Sight campaign. The club is Kerrville Host Lions Club. In addition, Lion Sam recognized the club with the largest contribution to the Lion Sight Research Foundation. The Juan Alvarez award goes to the San Antonio Northside Lions Club.

Past District Governors Association- on behalf of PDG Janie Garza, PDG Lion Sam Pantusa announced the approval of the PID Mike Butler Ambassador Award. This recognition will serve to recognize long standing lions in the community who have not served in the capacity of Governor nor have been inducted into the Lions Hall

of Fame. These lions must have 15 years of service and have proven leadership. The letter for nominees will be forthcoming in November. Please keep a watch for this correspondence.

District Leo Program- PDG Lion Chris Lloyd introduced the Leos' State Chair Lion Alejandra Hernandez. State Chair Lion Alejandra reported there are 147 Leo clubs in Texas with a membership of 1377 Leos. District 2A-2 currently has 5 Leo clubs. We are no longer an official District Leos organization due to so few active clubs in the District. It should be noted that with more members more service can be done in our communities.

3rd Vice President of the Leos of Texas encouraged our District to support the global service program, Pediatric Cancer. The Pediatric hospital in Temple, Texas has an opportunity for Lions across Texas to be involved in. The Food Pantry initiative allows Lions to make a monetary contribution or a non-perishable donation of pantry items for children and their families while undergoing treatment at the facility. PDG Lion Chris further highlighted the potential for a partnership by stressing the unused funds currently held in the District 2A-2 account.

District Treasure Irene Guzman re-stated the amount in the account is \$1,109.22. Lion LaJuana Newman Leus motioned to have the funds in the District account donated to the Leos of Texas in support of the Pediatric Cancer service program. Lion Norman Fulkerson seconded the motion. The Governor opened the motion up for discussion. There were none. All were in favor and none raised opposition. The motion stands.

Zone Program at the Witte Museum- Zone Chair Norman Fulkerson announced the Witte Museum will be hosting a community fair on October 10, 2021 for the various programs the Lions deliver. The Lion Sight Research Foundation will be having the Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) there to do vision screenings. There will be a Texas Lions Camp booth with information. You can bring the used eyeglasses your club has collected to this event. There will be diabetes information in support of the LCI Global Service Program. Lion Norman shared that WE SERVE. Let us be ever mindful of this truth. PDG Lion Chris Lloyd added that for every club that reserves and host the MESU in their community, he will give every child screened a hand sanitizer bottle with the Lion logo on it while supplies last.

Youth Contests – District Governor Dave announce the vacancy of the Drug Awareness Chair. If you know of someone who would be interested in filling the position, please contact him.

District Governor Dave highlighted his Lion pin. It is the triangle. On one side is the word Communication. As big as the district is, it is important that we are communicating. The other side is the word Collaboration. We can not do it ourselves. We must collaborate with our members, clubs and community. The final side says Compassion. We are living in difficult times. We do not know what many are experiencing. We haven't walked in their shoes. Kindness matters. Chaplain Sid Lawrence was called to give the benediction.

The Cabinet business meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Rose Ann Barajas

Cabinet Secretary, 2020-2021