



Lions Clubs International
District 2-X1: 2nd Cabinet Meeting
DG Fred Conger 2022-2023
Saturday, October 22, 2022
First United Methodist Church, Forney, TX

Meeting Minutes

Welcome / Call to Order – DG Fred Conger

Invocation – District Chaplain PDG Wayne Meachum

Pledges – 2VDG Radha Kaphle

Introductions: 1VDG Prakash Gautam

PCC John Eads, PCC John Landrum, PDG Don Johnson,
PDG Julia Johnson, PDG Wayne Meachum, PDG Alice Conway,
PDG Bill Smothermon, PDG Keith Murray, PDG Vinod Mathur,
PDG Billy Ketner, John Wicker, Tami Kraus, BN Panta,
Pamela Baker, Joe Kyle
Head Table: DG Fred Conger, IPDG Esme Rodriguez,
2VDG Radha Kaphle, CS Peggi Smothermon,

Welcome and Comments from Host Club – Forney Lions Club,
President Lee Carter

Song – PDG Wayne Meachum
“God Bless America”

Officer Presentation of Pins & Awards – DG Fred Conger

International Presidential Pins were awarded to Suresh Basyal, Saraj Sigdel, Mark Russo, Kedar Timalina, and BN Panta

IPDG Esmeralda Rodriguez received a recognition pin for having 75 members in the club; her club received Ed Flood Award; and a PDG pin.

Global Action Team pins awarded to IPDG Esmeralda Rodriguez, 1VDG Prakash, PCC John Eads, PDG Bill Smothermon, 2VDG Radha Kaphle, PDG Wayne Meachum, Pamela Baker, Thala Raj Panta

1VDG Prakash – Mabank Service

Waxahachie – LCIF Donations, Dallas Everest – Membership

Checks for the Bed Project are due by October 31; make checks payable to Waxahachie Lions Club Foundation; Leading Club – Coppell Lions Club; Leading Zone – Zone 1

Quarterly Trophy Winner Presentation – DG Fred Conger

1VDG Prakash – Mabank Service

Waxahachie – LCIF Donations

Dallas Everest – Membership

District Goals Status Update – DG Fred Conger

Service – goal – 185,000 people served; as of now 47,000 people served, 51% of clubs reporting

Membership – goal – Charter 3 new clubs; as of now, chartered 1 new club, net growth 49 members

Training – 100% of Zone Chairs have been trained;

40% of Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers have been trained.

LCIF Contributions

Increase participation
2 Clubs have donated
Personal donations - \$1000 donation – member receives
Melvin Jones Award

Lions Project for Canine Companions – Lion Tm Martin (MD-2 Area Director)

Regional facility located in north Irving. It was founded in 1975 to breed, raise, and train service dogs for those that have needs other than vision. Examples:

General Service, Hearing Assistance, Therapy (emotional problems, PTSD veterans), and Facility Dogs – classrooms, courtrooms, and hospitals.

Perhaps we can replace Camp New Horizon with Canine Companions.

Tail Twisters – Lion Christine Harvey and Royse City Lions 2 winners

BREAKOUT Sessions – PDGs, Zone & Region Chairs, Childhood Cancer

Old Business: Minutes 1st Cabinet Meeting – CS Peggi Smothermon Posted on District Website

Financial Report – CT PDG Keith Murray
Some clubs owe LCI dues.

District Charity Report Events/Status – IPDG Esmeralda Rodriguez/
PDG Keith Murray & Lion Danny Fletcher – Polar Plunge Dec. 3,
8:30 AM at Epic Waters; Bowling Tournament Oct. 23; Goalball
Tournament Oct.29-30; ELI March 24.

State Fair Parade Results – PDG Darla Wisdom
21-22 people came

New Business:

Finance Topics – Finance Committee Chair PCC Joe Montag –
Absent

Nomination Letters – DG Fred Conger – None

Sports Extravaganza – PDG Julia Johnson
Colorado Springs (10), Oklahoma City, others need to register

Balch Springs Disaster Project – Status – LCIF Funds Vote
Roy Chirayal – 2X-1 Charities for donations, \$1033 so far,
Maybe \$4000 from 2-X1 Charities; Vote to send up to \$2000
at this time.*** Let people of Balch Springs know about help
from 2X-1.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Grant Status –
PDG Bill Smothermon

\$100k Humanitarian Grant for “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” Bed Build
Project Status:

Paperwork has been filed – raised \$18,750 so far.

Upcoming;

Hunger Grant for Mabank to build a better dock and a
storage area for \$100,000.

Playground Adventures, an all-inclusive play area in Grand
Prairie, for a cost of \$125,000.

Mobile Pantry Truck should be available by December.

Mobile Health Care Clinic – Dr. Vishnu Maya Upadhyay
(Dallas Everest LC President)

Team of medical personnel

Propose using community funds and LCIF grant (\$50,000)***

Serve people – uninsured, poor, indigent.

Cyber Security Presentation –

Lion Rupesh Neupane (Dallas Lumbini LC President)

Club wants to help with any computer issues; helping students and adults with computers.

Cyber Security – important to avoid being scammed; awareness of cybercrime.

Cyber Bullying – especially with kids; can cause much stress, even suicide.

District Cabinet Reports:

Vision – examined 1300+ individuals; provided glasses to more than 1000; 2 dozen clinics scheduled for next 2 months; need bus drivers – contact PDG Wayne Meachum, Tom Richardson, or Danny Fletcher.

After the first of the year, there will be only one clinic/day.

Eliminate Sunday clinics, evening clinics.

They need all clubs to contribute through 2-X1 Charities.

They are raffling off a truck; \$100 per ticket, 1000 tickets.

Peace Poster – Karen Murray

Remember: Peace Posters are due next month.

Texas Lions Camp – Harry Wickersham Golf Tournament needs Contributions. PDG Billy Ketner and IPDG Esmeralda Rodriguez received awards for their support last year.

Other:

PDG Wayne Meachum proposed that we restart the “gavel travel” in the district.

We need to bring more people to cabinet meetings; suggest bringing at least 2-3 more people with you at the next Cabinet meeting.

DG Fred Conger has stated a goal of having a LEO/Omega Club in every community college in Dallas County.

Tail Twisters – Lion Christine Harvey and Royse City Lions
Results of the Silent Auction were announced.

Cabinet Votes:

- 1) PCC John Eads moved that the District apply for a \$2000 DCG for Balch Springs for recovery aid; Joe Kyle seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- 2) Joe Kyle moved to request \$50,000 from LCIF for the Mobile Health Care Clinic; PCC John Eads seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- 3) Joe Kyle moved to adjourn the meeting; 2VDG Radha Kaphle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 AM

Minutes submitted by Cabinet Secretary Peggi Smothermon