



Lions Clubs International  
District 2-X1: 3rd Cabinet Meeting  
MidWinter Conference  
DG Fred Conger 2022-2023  
Saturday, January 21, 2023  
Region 10 Education Service Center, Richardson, TX

Meeting Minutes

**Welcome / Call to Order** – DG Fred Conger  
**Invocation** – District Chaplain PDG Mark Dean  
**Pledges** – 2VDG Radha Kaphle  
**Introductions:** 1VDG Prakash Gautam (absent)

**Song** – Woody Schober  
“God Bless America”

**Officer Presentation of Pins & Awards** – DG Fred Conger  
LCIF Chair PDG Bill Smothermon awarded a Melvin Jones to  
Dr. Vishnu Upadhyay, President of Dallas Everest

**Tail Twisters** – Lion Christine Harvey and Royse City Lions (Absent)

**Old Business:** Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting – CS Peggi Smothermon  
Posted on District Website

Financial Report – CT PDG Keith Murray

District 2-X1 Charity Events/Status – IPDG Esmeralda Rodriguez/  
PDG Keith Murray & Lion Danny Fletcher  
Down Syndrome Awareness – Wear crazy socks – March 21  
Autism Awareness – Wear blue – April 2  
Both at Playground Adventures, Grand Prairie, 5:00 – 7:30

District Picnic and Cornhole Tournament, Greenville, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

Nomination Letters – DG Fred Conger

Nomination of Prakash Gautam for District Governor, 2023-2024.

Nomination of Radha Kaphle for First Vice District Governor,  
2023-2024.

LCI Food Pantry Grant Request – PDG Bill Smothermon

Mobile Food Pantry will be operational by mid-February.

Request from Mabank-Cedar Creek Club – endorse project  
\$100,000 grant from LCIF

PDG Don Johnson moved to endorse the project; Lion Karen  
Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Horizon Diabetic Day Camp Status (Replacement?)

The Day Camp is not working; need to vote to replace Camp  
New Horizon with another project.

PDG Keith Murray moved to change the contribution to another  
project; Lion Roy Chirayal seconded the motion. Texas Lions  
Eyeglass Recycling Center Support was suggested.

PCC John Eads moved to table the motion. PDG Bill  
Smothermon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Lions Clubs International Foundation Grant Status –**  
PDG Bill Smothermon

\$100k Humanitarian Grant for “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” Bed Build.

Project Status:

The first Build-a-Bed event will be February 18 in Waxahachie.

Please bring volunteers.

So far, Coppell Lions Club has raised over \$31,000; Waxahachie Lions Club and Dallas Trinity Industrial have also raised money.

Total raised so far is over \$80,000.

LCIF Grant was approved for \$21,850.

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

Three tiers of teams – Directors, Medical Team, Advisors

New Club, Dallas Health Club, will help to operate the Clinic.

Currently raising money; need LCIF matching grant funds.

Enhance Lions Quest Program – PDG Billy Ketner

He was approached by Lion Juneria Burgess to start the program.

They received a \$15,000 grant from LCIF, but COVID hit, the schools closed, and the program was suspended.

It is now working at three schools in Pleasant Grove area and is so successful, there is a waiting list to get in.

Grand Prairie \$125,000 Humanitarian Grant to support all-inclusive Play Grand Adventures expansion – IPDG Esmeralda Rodriguez  
Modified to be a mural wall for blind and autistic children, so the Grant would be \$100,000.

Vision and Diabetes – Lion Gloria Mathur  
Diabetes Webinar – January 26 – “New Hope for Children with Cancer”  
Diabetes Essay Contest – deadline March 1  
Webinar – Low Vision – February 16  
Vision Screening Training – February 17-18  
DAWN Project Grant from LCIF – Collaborate with Baylor Scott & White.  
It will start soon and go through 2024.  
Screening for diabetes in low-income areas – February 11 in Irving, March in South Dallas  
Stride Contest – started in November, only 3 clubs in our District participated.  
Winners – Most Miles – PDG Alice Conway and PDG Vinod Mathur

### **District Cabinet Reports:**

Mike Rogers, Lion Sight and Tissue Foundation; they have over 1800 pairs of glasses and prosthetics. Please let him know when your club plans to hold a Vision Clinic. They are holding a raffle for a truck, \$100 per ticket; limited to 1000 tickets; deadline June 1. The prize (truck) at Denim & Diamonds in June.

Nominations needed for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 2-X1 Charities, JC Hyer, Lions Sight & Tissue

Must have letters turned in by March 14.

Upcoming changes in By-laws and Constitution.

Vote electronically April 15.

Lion Karen Murray, Julian C. Hyer – June 24 – July 30; looking for Host Families

Lion Ron Harrison – Lions Alert; Working on Disaster Relief; there is a woman in Irving who needs help with buying and installing new items in her house.

PDG Mark Dean – Texas Lions Foundation; Provided money to Balch Springs for emergency relief.

Nia Mackay - Lions Opportunity for Youth; Forms are on the website; deadline is March 1.

PDG Julia Johnson – Sports Extravaganza; Moving to Grand Prairie; taking place October 21-22.

PDG Vinod Mathur – Global Membership Approach; has recently dropped many people; need to reach goal by June 2023.

Gloria Mathur – Vision Screening; State Certificate Training, 3 year certificate.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Radha Kaphle – send nominations for Grass Roots Awards to him,

Please send Cabinet Reports to Cabinet Secretary Peggi Smothermon.

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Lion Nia Mackay moved to adjourn the meeting.  
PDG Keith Murray seconded the motion.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 PM**

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**Addendum:** Over January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the final report to LCIF regarding the Balch Springs Disaster District Community Grant was approved by a majority of District 2-X1 Cabinet Members by a vote of 29 to zero of those voting via email as the report was not ready for approval at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting. A majority constituted at least 26 members voting to approve.

## Other Important Dates:

- New Voices Seminar – Northgate UMC Irving, TX, Jan. 28, 2023
- Executive Council Meeting – (Zoom) Feb. 15, 2023
- **Texas Lions Leadership Forum – San Marcos, TX, Feb. 25-26, 2023**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting – Dallas Oak Cliff, March 11, 2023
- **Emerging Lions Leadership Institute – Texas Lions Camp, March 25-27, 2023**
- District 2-X1 Convention – Hilton Regency Richardson, Dallas, April 14-15, 2023
- MD-2 State Convention – Fort Worth, May 18, 19, 20, 2023
- Lions Clubs International Convention – Boston, MA July 7-11, 2023