

DG Phyllis Elsey called the meeting to order. Lion Chris Benson led the members in prayer.

1VDG Cody Chandler led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and in The Texas pledge and then introduced the International Family and the PDG's who were in attendance.

PIP Jimmy Ross, PDG Jim Wilson, PDG Sid Shaw, PCC Ray White, PDG Zoie White, PDG John Nash, PDG Virgil James, PDG Ryan Hodge, PDG James Mahaffey, PDG Don Weeks, PDG Rick Garrett, PDG Jack King, PDG Bill Craddick, and PDG Steve Weigand.

1VDG Cody Chandler then had the club roll call. Clubs in attendance were: Amarillo By Morning, Amarillo Downtown, Amarillo Lonestar, Amarillo North, Borger, Canyon, Dumas, Hereford, Perryton, Quitaque, Wellington and White Deer.

DG Phyllis Elsey directed everyone to please review the minutes from our District Convention. PDG James Mahaffey made a motion to approve and Lion Chris Benson seconded the motion. The members voted to approve the minutes.

DG Phyllis Elsey asked Lion Kevin Cox to give the treasurer report. Lion Kevin advised that the fund had 13,000 balance and that they had set aside 2400 to go toward the amount needed for the state convention. Lion Mike Poole made the motion to approve the report and PDG Don Weeks seconded that motion. The members voted to approve the report.

DG Phyllis Elsey then introduced the Zone chairs who were present and presented them each with a pin. Lion Chris Prock, PDG Virgil Jones, Lion Gayle Henderson, and Lion Henry Wykoff were all presented with their pins.

DG Phyllis Elsey then asked the Zone Chairs if they had any reports to give. Amarillo Downtown advised that they were partnering with "One Chair at a Time" which aids veterans. They also donate to 'Volleys for Vets' and they have been helping to build ramps for the disabled with Texas Ramps Online.

PDG Virgil James from the White Deer Lions Club advised that they were helping to stripe the streets in their community and they were in charge of the Rodeo parade and they would be selling breakfast burritos the weekend of July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Amarillo Downtown also mentioned that they had donated \$5,000.00 to the Panhandle Food Bank.

DG Phyllis Elsey asked District Camp Chairman Jerry Whatley to give a report on the Texas Lion Camp.

Lion Jerry asked that each club elect a Lions Camp Chairman. He said that he would like to have the names of all club camp chairman by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. He also advised that this request was from the Texas Lion's Camp.

PDG Ryan Hodge gave two reports. He stressed the important work that Texas Lions Foundation is doing for wildfire relief. He asked everyone to step up measures to support the organization. He also spoke about the Texas Lions Museum. He has good faith in the new director and advised that he had agreed to come to clubs and give a program on the museum. He stressed the importance of preserving Texas Lionism. He advised that he would like to get outside money so that it will not have to be internally funded.

DG Phyllis Elsey then introduced PCC Ray White and PDG Zoie White to speak about the Centennial celebration. PDG Ray White spoke about the monumental achievement that 100 years of Lionism is. The Centennial will take place on Oct 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup> in Richardson. He also advised that they had registration forms available. PCC Ray White also spoke about the upcoming Fill the Car or Truck on 09/09/2017. The idea is to fill the vehicle up with nonperishable items. He advised the details were on the website. He also advised that he had order forms for the "Second 50 years of Texas Lionism" book if anyone wanted to order. DG Phyllis Elsey asked about ads for the Centennial Book. PCC Ray advised that ads could be purchased and the information was online.

Amarillo By Morning Club advised that they were participating in the centennial project by adding a fountain of a Lion across from the Lion's Den exhibit at the Amarillo Zoo.

DG Phyllis Elsey announced that Melisha Sell, Amarillo North Lions, had a birthday today. All the Lion's sang a beautiful rendition of Happy Birthday for her.

DG Phyllis Elsey then presented pins to her new cabinet members that were present: 1VDG Cody Chandler, Secretary Lion Kim Dennis and Treasurer Lion Kevin Cox.

Lion Chris Benson spoke about the new My Lion app for your phone. He advised that he would be happy to come to the clubs and give a tutorial.

Lion Chris Prock talked about the Borger club obtaining a vision screener and that they were partnering with the school district to get vision screening done for their kids. He said the vision screener and printer cost about \$5,780.00.

PIP Jimmy Ross's wife Lion Velda Ross spoke about her cancer diagnosis and that she is now cancer free and in remission. GOD is good all the time.

DG Phyllis Elsey asked if there was any other business and PDG Jack King announced that he had brought two Texas Lion Camp shirts to be auctioned off. Lion Jerry Whatley, PDG Ryan Hodge and PIP Jimmy Ross all acted as auctioneers and really got the bidding going. We raised \$463 dollars for the two shirts and these funds will be donated to the Texas Lions Camp.

Lion Kevin Cox asked if it could be approved that we have a district wide Parade walk at the Trir State Fair instead of walking as individual clubs. He also said a picnic could be held after the parade. It was approved. DG Phyllis Elsey said an email would be sent with the details.

DG Phyllis brought up a resolution that had appeared on FB regarding a new international director. She advised that in her opinion this is not the time to open that up. She would have more details after the Council of Govenors meeting in August.

DG Phyllis Elsey advised that District handbooks would be given out after 1VDG Cody Chandlers presentation.

1VDG Cody Chandler presented his district project idea. 1VDG Cody advised that he was very inspired by International Director Lewis Quinn and his Episodic Volunteering program at the District Convention. The idea for combining two entities breeds social opportunities, a desire to compete, offers immediate results, an opportunity to work, recognition, incentives and a tangible event day.

For the past six years 1VDG Cody and his father partner with the Tri State Fair and Rodeo to do a Calf Scramble Scholarship program. 1VDG Cody proposes that Lion's becoming a partner in the Scholarship program will expose Lionism to the youth, spark new member interest, create excitement in the district and involve ALL clubs. There would be a formal recognition event for the scholarship recipients and Lions as well.

They have given out \$10,500 in scholarships to 42 kids since the program began. They want to give more scholarships and give bigger dollar value scholarships as well. They want to get the word out and bringing Lion's in will do that. They have corporate sponsors that will stay on. 1VDG Cody's expectations for the district are 1) Donations, 2) Market the Scramble 3) Physical Participation at events etc.

1VDG Cody asked that all Lion's come to the orientation on September 1<sup>st</sup> to check out how the operation runs and meet the kids. No money is needed now as the sponsors will stay in place. Word of mouth and participation are what is needed.

Questions were asked regarding geographical restrictions on participants. 1VDG Cody advised there were no restrictions. A question was asked about a deadline for cashing in your scholarship and 1VDG Cody advised there was no deadline. There are no restrictions on college choice either. Help is needed to get participation up!

1VDG Cody agreed to come to each club and give the program as well. 1VDG showed us a small video of what the scramble is like. PIP Jimmy Ross made a motion to give 1 year of involvement and to reconvene in 1 year and see how the program is going. The motion was seconded and approved.

DG Phyllis Elsey asked that any clubs who want her to participate in fundraising or projects she is more than willing to participate at any time and asked that she be contacted so that she could schedule the time if available. DG Phyllis listed some events that would be put on the calendar and hopefully accessed on the My Lions App.

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Kerrville First Council of Govenors Meeting.

Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> Leader Dogs

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Centennial Celebration in Dallas

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Second Cabinet Meeting at Boys Ranch (Coat and Shoe parade of checks)

Mid-Winter Conference – Hereford will be a 2 day event, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. The Queens contest will be held at the conference in hopes that more Queens can participate. . Lion Sid Shaw invited everyone to come and BRING THE FUN. Possible pig kissing contests etc. Don't wear your dress clothes . Let your hair down and bring back the FUN to Lionism.

April-20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> District Convention - Amarillo.

PCC Ray White mentioned that it used to be a tradition for clubs to bid on the District Convention and he would like to bring that back. Bring banners from all clubs.

DG Phyllis Elsey asked if there was any other business and Lion Chris Prock wanted everyone to know that the last time the cabinet meeting was held in Borger they had left over donuts and not enough people to fill up two sides of the room. Today he had to buy extra donuts and seats were full on both sides, 47 Lions total.

DG Phyllis Elsey spoke about the International convention. 30,000 people in attendance. The parade was wonderful, but long, hot and lots of standing. The American Legion Band kept playing Deep in The Heart of Texas! Our new International President Aggarwal is from India and there were 1500 Indians that participated in the parade. DG Phyllis Elsey spoke about the new platform The Power of We. She would like to adopt that for the District because together WE can do anything. The Power of We, The Power of Service and The Power of Action. She advised that we need to market what we do.

Handbooks were given out and mistakes pointed out and corrected.

DG Phyllis Elsey asked if there was any other business. No other business was brought forward.

DG Phyllis Elsey said she was very excited for this upcoming year. She asked everyone to let her know what they need. She is here to serve.

DG Phyllis Elsey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Kimberly Dennis

District Secretary