

Lions of Mississippi District 30-M
Minutes of Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, May 5, 2018, Columbus, Mississippi

District Governor Arland "Ace" Eilert called the meeting to order in the Castleberry Room of the Hilton Garden Hotel at 12:30 p.m. with 58 Lions present, of which 42 came as registered delegates from their club or a Past District Governor.

After the invocation by 2VDG Mike Dowd, and Pledge of Allegiance, DG Ace called on Lion Rob Collins, who is the chair of the Melvin Jones committee. Lion Rob totally surprised Paula Gray with presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Paula provides great service to Lions from MD-30 as the office manager in our state office. She probably is as good a source of factual information as our CEO Lion David Barham. Congratulations Paula.

At that point the tail twister PDG Mike Columbus fined Cabinet Secretary Andy Kalinowski for a mistake in the minutes of the January 27th meeting about his grandson's name. He then made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. Numerous seconds. Motion carried.

Cabinet treasurer Wayne Ebelhar presented the financial report. After a brief discussion, PCC Richie Dickson move to accept the financial report as presented. Numerous seconds. Motion carried.

DG Ace noted there are printed reports from each zone chair. None of the zone chairs present wanted to expand on their reports. Zone reports attached to these minutes.

GLT – Lion Dave Young spoke briefly about major changes pertinent to reporting of membership and service projects to LCI effective July 1st.

GMT – PDG Jimmy Jackson said we've had growth this year with the chartering on a new club in Winona and branch clubs in Grenada and Horn Lake. Additionally the Batesville club chartered a Leo club. There are 134 new Lions this year but we lost 149 so the net is a minus 15.

PDG Jerry Lightsey spoke specifically about the Leo Club started at South Panola High School. It took 5 weeks to charter. Many of the Leo's attended the Boys and Girls Leadership Conferences. The club elected officers for the next school year.

Boys and Girls Leadership Conferences – Lion Dave Young reported Boys attendance growth. There is a need to identify two new conferences by Mid-Winter. Lion Betty Swanzy reported that Anne Elizabeth Buys, the reigning Miss Mississippi, and Deborah (Mrs. Phil) Bryant spoke at the Girls conference. The weather was perfect.

Peace Poster – PCC Richie Dickson stated that now is the time to order Peace Poster kits from the LCI store. Kindness Matters is this year's theme.

LCIF – PCC Ron Kitchens reported his reappointment to another 3-year term as LCIF Coordinator. LCIF celebrates their 50th year and funds disaster relief, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and help for the disabled. The district has a fund-raising goal of \$27,000 this upcoming year. That means if each member made a personal \$27 contribution the district would achieve its goal.

Mid-South Lions receives numerous LCIF grants. We encourage Mid-South donations. Please don't do so at the expense of LCIF. Finally, be sure each club has an LCIF club coordinator, preferably with an e-mail address.

White Cane – CT Wayne Ebelhar, who is also the also the current MD-30 White Cane president, reported that fund raising this year is behind where we need to be. At the convention, the Parade of Checks resulted in \$10,825 WC donations. This compares to \$2,075 for LCIF and \$1,550 for Mid-South. Please encourage your club and your club members to donate to WC regularly. There is also a need to a Sight Foundation trustee.

Public Relations – DG Ace reported that the District has a \$500 budget allowance for PR. This is money for giveaways like the shirt stickers distributed at the band concert Friday night. Some of the money will target Bruce and Nettleton. There are Lions Clubs in those communities but their membership is very low. The district needs to keep their charter active.

Leader Dog – PCC Charlotte Dickson reminded everyone to not forget the work of Leader Dog for the Blind. LD enhances the quality of life for the blind. However sometimes clubs realize the impact that LCIF, Mid-South and White Cane have on their communities that they forget about LD.

Mid-Winter – 1VDG (DGE) Barron Caufield invited everyone to reserve the dates of Friday, January 18 and Saturday January 19, 2019. That is the weekend for the Mid-Winter convention. Business meetings are in the Summit Center at the intersection of Highways 178 and 145 directly behind the Clarion Inn. A replica of the Vietnam Wall, the auto museum and Elvis' birthplace are some of the tourist attractions. Watch for more details, but for now please reserve the date.

LCIF Grants – DG Ace reported that all clubs but Clarksdale had sent their money to the cabinet treasurer. Any other clubs needing a sight screener need to wait until we get at least four clubs willing to go in for the purchase.

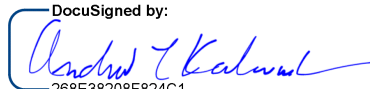
The Columbus grant for the Miracle League Field of Dreams had their dedication yesterday. LCIF Chair and IPIP Bob Corlew went to the site yesterday to meet with project organizers. There is a large LCIF sign above the scoreboard.

The accessible walking track in Corinth can accommodate traffic in both directions. There is a project to raise additional revenue through the sale of bricks for the 20 x 20 warm up area. The

center will have a 4 x 4 Lion. This is a district legacy project. They need 1728 bricks. Each brick sells for a \$50 donation with the project completion date set for June 2019. Application for brick donation is on the district web site.

At 1:40 p.m. the meeting adjourned so delegates could vote for state committee offices, and then travel to the American Legion Building for the Multiple District service project.

Respectfully Submitted

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Andy Kalinowski
District 30-M Cabinet Secretary

Zone Reports Attached

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Lion Dave Young, Zone 1 chair reports:

As of this Cabinet Meeting I have visited the Batesville Club. I presented longevity awards to 14 members and supported a Zone Chair report.

I have scheduled Zone Meetings each club in zone 1. I have met with every club except, Hernando.

I have presented every chevron either in person, or via mail as requested by the club.

Each Club is making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required.

Lion Ralph Shields, Zone 2 chair reports:

As of this Cabinet Meeting I have visited four clubs in my Zone:

- Byhalia LC on 08/07/2017.
- Holly Springs LC on 09/07/2017.
- South Branch LC on 10/19/2017.
- Olive Branch LC on 10/23/2017.

I conducted the Zone Meeting at Byhalia with the District Governor as my trainer.

The club secretaries for Holly Springs and South Branch are making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required.

Need to give more attention to Olive Branch LC.

The South Branch LC sponsored a new Club Branch in Horn Lake, MS. The Club Branch formed with 12 new Lions in October 2017.

Membership for Zone 2 at the end of the 1st Quarter is: -3,

Membership for Zone 2 at the end of the 2nd Quarter is: +1,

Lion Linda Oakley, Zone 3 chair reports:

I have visited two clubs in my Zone in the third/fourth Quarters:

- Corinth LC on 04/12/2017 at Noon.
- Booneville LC on 04/12/2017 at 6pm.
- I conducted the Zone Meeting with the District Governor as my trainer at Corinth.

The club secretaries are making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required.

- Membership for Zone 3 at the end of the 1st Quarter is: +1,
- Membership for Zone 3 at the end of the 2nd Quarter is: -4,
- Membership for Zone 3 at the end of the 3rd Quarter is: +24,

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Lion Polly Coe, Zone 4 chair reports:

I have not visited the three clubs in my Zone in the third quarter.

I attended the Mid-Winter Convention and Clarksdale Noon and Clarksdale Sunset were in attendance.

Each Club is making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required.

Membership for Zone 4 is at net Zero gain/loss.

- Clarksdale Noon has a +2 Membership gain
- Clarksdale Sunset has a -2 Membership loss
- Tunica is a net 0 Membership gain.

Lion Bobby Jones, Zone 5 chair reports:

I visited one club in my Zone in the third quarter – New Albany LC on 01/09/2018.

Three Zone 5 clubs attended Mid-Winter: Bruce, Oxford and Water Valley Lion Clubs.

The club secretaries are making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required.

The District Governor dropped 19 members from the University LC on October 31st in order save the club from collapse. The program is now rebuilding. As of 4/18/2018 there are now 10 members.

The Water Valley LC sponsored the chartering of the Winona Crossroads LC in August.

Lion Richard Adams, Zone 6 chair reports:

I visited one club in my Zone in the third/fourth quarters so far:

Fulton LC on 04/16/2018.

Tupelo Lions Club represented the zone at Mid-Winter.

All club secretaries are making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required.

The District Governor assisted with the Zone meeting on 4/15/2018 at the Fulton LC.

Net Membership for Zone 6 at the end of the 3rd Quarter is: +5

- Dorsey 0
- Fulton +2
- Mantachie -2
- Tremont +1
- Tupelo +3
- Tupelo Eve +1

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Lion Roscoe Ivy, Zone 7 chair reports:

I have visited both the Aberdeen and Nettleton Clubs. Both clubs are active in the purchase of glasses for individuals. Both clubs contributed to the White Cane. Membership continues to be an issue with both clubs.

Lion Jimmy Doolittle, Zone 8 chair reports:

I visited three clubs in my Zone in the third quarter:

- Cleveland Evening LC on 03/29/2018
- Leland and Shaw LC's on 03/30/2018

I attended the Mid-Winter Convention and the 3 clubs in Zone 8 clubs also attended Mid-Winter. The club secretaries are making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required. Membership for Zone 8 at the end of the 3rd Quarter is: +1.

Lion David Walters, Zone 9 chair reports:

I visited three clubs in my Zone in the third quarter:

- Holcomb LC on 02/05/2018
- Winona Crossroads LC on 02/12/2018
- Duck Hill LC on 02/20/2018

I attended the Mid-Winter Convention along with Grenada and Winona Crossroads Lion Clubs. The club secretaries are making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required. Membership for Zone 9 at the end of the 3rd Quarter is: -5.

Zone 10 – No zone chair appointed. DG Ace reports:

I visited the Eupora Club on March 5th.

Held a zone meeting in Maben on April 10th.

The club secretaries are making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required.

Membership for Zone 10 at the end of the 3rd Quarter is: Net 0.

Lion Nicholas Upchurch, Zone 11 chair reports:

I haven't visited any clubs in Zone 11 in the 3rd Quarter.

The club secretaries are making their monthly MMR and Activity reports as required.

Membership for Zone 11 at the end of the 1st Quarter is: +3

Membership for Zone 11 at the end of the 2nd Quarter is: +3

Membership for Zone 11 at the end of the 3rd Quarter is: -2

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Lion Betty Swanzy, Zone 12 chair reports:

- Held a quarterly meeting in the East Columbus Lions Club house on March 27th. Meeting began with a moment of silence to honor the memory of PDG Terry Everett and PDG Darla Turan. PDG Darla was a member of both the Greater Columbus and East Columbus clubs.
- Discussed the role of each club at the state convention on May 4-5. Greater Columbus members will be primarily responsible for the hospitality suite, but some members from other clubs made a cash donation to help defray expense. East Columbus and Host club expected to help at the registration table and helping Lions with their luggage at hotel check-in.
- Reminded all clubs to submit their PU-101 form electronically to LCI by April 15th. Check to be sure clubs report accurate information because the state office uses that information to prepare the state directory. Accurate info saves Paula a lot of time and trouble.
- Thanked the club secretaries and presidents for timely monthly reporting of membership and activities.
- East Columbus president Andy K reported he presented Lynn Brown of the Columbus Arts Council a peace poster kit. She is very excited to get it and promised she'd find children to enter the contest. This remains an open item.
- President Andy also gave a brief report on Baptist Hospital (corporate office) possibly making a donation to help purchase a Plus Optics sight screening machine.