

Meeting Minutes

Cabinet Meeting 7.30.18

Circle Diner 441 Post Road, Fairfield CT

- 07:15pm Opening 4 point
- Opening Remarks

District Governor Allen O'Farrell

New ideas /more modern Lions

100 years ago, plumbing/party lines/gas powered vehicle to space shuttle

New Lions new ideas to recruit Lions Star Wars analogy where were you, Do things differently.

My mantra, "how can I help you" message for new clubs?

International Director Quote "100 past presidents, how am I different? I am from Iceland." (She happens to be a woman.)

D/G service goal: Meet with clubs that are in trouble, so I can help them be better; hold background meetings.

"If you see something say something." Help each other. Let's grow the clubs.

Thank you to Helen Belluschi for preparing my club visitation schedule,

- Approval of past Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Narottam Mundra, seconded by Alan Sturtz, the minutes from the Cabinet Meeting held on June 11, 2018 were approved.

- Treasurer Report: accepted as submitted.
- Last year's budget (for DG Shaukat Khan) was reported out by Linda Maggs.
- **This year's proposed budget (for DG Allen O'Farrell) was approved after a motion made by Letizia Morales, seconded by Nick Bencivengo.** CT Maggs noted that LCIF Grant money reports are pending. ed.
- Guiding Lion Certificates were presented to Ken Post, PDG Kathy Patterson, and PDG Lyn Myers.
- Cabinet Position Pins were handed out to 2nd VDG Alan Sturtz, 1st VDG Bill Manthey, and LCIF Chairperson Lyn Myers, PDG.

- Secretary Report and Correspondence:

CS Beninson announced that she has established ctsecretary23a@gmail.com as a permanent email address for this position.

Communication will be done initially via MyLCI, with an eventual transition to the g-mail address so that everyone can communicate more effectively in an open and fluid manner.

- Brookfield Lions are holding an Orientation Program for new (and veteran) Lions on September 4th, 7pm, at the Brookfield Senior Center.
- Vice District Governors Reports:

1st VDG Bill Manthey (written report submitted) commented that the International Lions Convention went well, as did Derby Centennial Lions Club's July 14th Charter Night; and he further remarked on the many meetings he has attended since the last Cabinet Meeting.

2nd VDG Alan Sturtz (written report submitted) reported that he has been performing various duties as assigned.

- Global Action Teams

GST: Janet Brunwin was not present, and no report was presented in her stead.

GMT: Lori-Ann Beninson submitted membership data on the District as of July 30, 2018, while MD23 Membership Chairperson Kathy Patterson, PDG, presented a brief verbal report.

GLT: Melissa Smith submitted a written report (attached).

- Zone Reports

Written reports were submitted by Zone 2 Chair Cunningham and Zone 4 Chair Dembski (attached).

- District Committee Reports

LCIF Chair Lyn Myers reported that a new fundraiser was introduced at the International Lions Convention. Its ambitious goal is to raise \$300 million for the Foundation over the next three years.

- Directory Publication

Review of District Directory/Photos needed.

- Joyce Wruck Award presentation

For her amazing work with the KidSight Program, Joyce was presented with an Ambassador of Sight by the District's Lions Low Vision Centers.

- Old Business: none
- New Business

Low vision compliment was noted for services received by a senior client.

- Announcements:

August 6th– MD23 Council Meeting, Manor Inn, Southington, 6:30 pm, \$21

August 20th – CLERF Board Meeting, Manor Inn, Southington, 7:00 pm, \$20

September 20th-22nd – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Columbus, OH

September 21st – Veterans Stand Down, Rocky Hill

October 1st – District 23B & 23C Cabinet Meetings

October 8th – District 23A Cabinet Meeting, Norwalk Inn & Conference Center, 6:30 pm

October 27th – “Autism Speaks” Event, Toyota Oakdale Theatre, Wallingford

PDG Jim Bennett put in a plea for increased club funding for CLERF to support both basic eye research efforts and our growing Kidsight Program.

Marianne Arrigone reported on a recent meeting held on June 27th at which the District presented a \$3,000 check to Yale’s Speech and Hearing Department. These funds are used to support both ongoing equipment upgrades and our Hearing Aids collaboration with Yale.

Ted Bresky from Red Cross put out template letter. CT Funeral Association will be contacted by PDG Rose Marie Spatafore.

Paul Varszegi from the New Haven Veterans Centennial Lions Club is seeking financial support of its Kayaking/Rowing Program. A project proposal will be submitted by PDG Joan Bennett, the club’s Guiding Lion.

- Benediction

Submitted for review: Lori-Ann Beninson

NEXT CABINET MEETING:

October 8, 2018 18:30 hours

Location: The Norwalk Inn 99 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT information@norwalkinn.com 203-838-2000

Reports and added agenda items due by October 5th, 2018. Verbal reports limited to 2 minutes if a written report submitted.

