

MD2 AUGUST 5, 2023 MEETING MINUTES/NOTES

Call to Order: 9:00 AM

Introduction of Officers (President, Vice President (1,2,3), Treasurer, Leo Tamer)

Icebreakers (Tail twisters)

- Attendees introduced themselves to other attendees
- Attendees presented information regarding the attendee's name, their respective Leo/lion club, the number of years they have been active within their Leo/lion club, and an interesting fact about themselves

Secretary Appointment by President Mya Hernandez

Progress Report on State Pin Designs

- President Mya and VP Daniel Hernandez discussed pin designs
- This year's pin is still being produced

Leadership Training Conducted by Mrs. Amanda Hagy

- Discussed importance of leadership and how its required to ensure that service projects can completed timely
- Discussed qualities and characteristics of a good leader including kindness, compassion, respect, and more
- Discussed the 6 types of leaders:
 - Visionary - This type of leader notifies the team of the end goal, but doesn't dictate the ways or methods used to achieve this goal
 - Coaching - This leader connects the personal values and ideals of team members with the organization's goals
 - Affiliative - This leader places emphasis on emotional connections between team members which can reduce conflict and encourage inclusion
 - Democratic - This leader relies on active input and collaboration from team members
 - Pacesetter - This leader expects excellence from team members and will complete the tasks themselves to ensure that targets and goals are met
 - Commanding - This leader uses autocratic methods which can include orders, threats, tight control
- Case study where Mrs. Hagy described 2 accounts of teams working together and asked attendees to identify the leaders in each of the scenarios to solidify their understanding of the different components of a leader

Diabetic Alert Dog Project (November meeting and 1st Half of Year)

- Rising senior Skylar needs 25,000 dollars for a service dog who notifies owners of high/low blood glucose levels

- Diabetic alert dogs can notify diabetics of unusual blood sugar levels 20 minutes before a monitor can which will save the user from a life or death situation
- 8,000 to 9,000 dollars have already been raised; however, 16,000 to 17,000 still needed
- Lion Whitney Livingston proposed idea of each Leo Club having a challenge to raise 500 dollars for Skylar
- Can also be funded through grants from the Texas Lions Foundation

International Lions President Patti Hill inducted Officers

- Email: patti.hill@lionsclub.org
- Leos helped create a video with Lion Patti Hill for Leos in Latin America

Child Trafficking Project (May meeting and 2nd Half of the Year)

- From ourrescue.org, run by Tim Ballard, an agent that reduced child trafficking victims
 - Before he would solely arrest the traffickers, but now he is dedicated to reducing the child victims
 - Children from border patrol are being sent to non-existent addresses
- Ideas to encourage local leo clubs to aid their local shelters
 - Locations of shelters: Acuna (MX), Missouri, and Arizona
- Proposition to give percentage to the website
- Proposition to implement donation boxes in schools where hygiene products, food, blankets, clothes, and more can be donated to the shelters
 - Can address HUNGER part of LCI's main goals
- Money can be donated directly which can allow for those shelters to receive greater amounts of food, clothing, etc.

VP Daniel Hernandez's First MOTION: Donation of 1,000 dollars will be made to ourrescue.org by State Leos

2nd VP Dinari Bowers Seconds the Motion

Open Discussion:

- Confusion regarding where money will come from, so Lion Darie McCleaves proposes that state Leos can ask Leo Clubs to donate money towards ourrescue.org rather the state Leos themselves
- Lion Darie also advises to keep motions broad in the future as well
 - This idea will be seen as a budget issue which must be discussed with MD2 Council prior to setting the motion
 - Steps for setting a motion then stated by Lion Nancy Smith
 1. Member announces their motion
 2. Another member must second that motion
 3. Open discussion regarding the motion
 4. The motion either dies or is amended

The First MOTION Dies

VP Daniel's Second MOTION: MD2 Leos (inclusive of Leo clubs/lions clubs) will raise money in the first half of the "Leo/Lion" year for the Diabetic Alert Dog Project and will raise money in the second half of the "Leo/Lion" year of the Child Trafficking Project

2nd VP Dinari Bowers Seconds the Motion

Open Discussion:

- Fundraisers can be used to collect donations for both events in the November and May meetings
 - Auctions
 - Dash for Cash
- November Meeting will be used to discuss:
 - Auction ideas: lions, status, paintings, and stuffed animals
 - Dash for Cash
 - Will inform clubs of the two service projects through email

The Second MOTION is Amended at 12:15 PM

Lunch Break

Meeting Continued: 12:54 PM

Bylaws and Constitution were Approved and Updated

Conclusion

- MD2 Leos approved the Diabetic Dog Alert and Child Trafficking Project
- Blankets were brought to the August Meeting and will be donated to the nursing home
 - Similarly, items can be brought to each meeting in the future to be donated as well
 - HUNGER Service Project - Attendees can bring non-perishable foods to meetings to donate local food pantries/banks or they can bring money to donate to these facilities as well

Meeting Adjourned: 12:57 PM

Minutes taken by secretary Leo Shruti Sunkara