

## MD2 FEBRUARY 3 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

Introduction of Officers (President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Leo Tamer) and Attendees

- Officers and attendees (Leo and Lions) stated their name, city, Leo/Lions Club, and positions they may have

November 11th Meeting Minutes

- November 11 meeting minutes were presented by Secretary Shruti Sunkara and were remedied if there were any errors
  - [Link to November 11 Meeting Minutes/Notes](#)
  - Treasurer Blain Montgomery motions to approve the meeting minutes
  - 3rd VP Daniel Hernandez seconds the motion

Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Blain Montgomery

- Presented the amount of money collected by Leos and Lions through pin sales and dues
- Currently, there are 10,104 dollars and 80 cents in the account
  - Leo Tamer Logan Denman motions to approve the financial report
  - Secretary Shruti Sunkara seconds the motion

Elections

- President Mya Hernandez discussed requirements for the election of 2024-2025 State Officers
  - The application, video, and letter of recommendation are due April 1st
  - [Link to Officer Nomination Form](#)

MD2 May 18th Meeting

- President Mya Hernandez suggested plans for a fun social activity for Leos on Friday the 17th
  - Ideas suggested include
    - Main Event
    - An escape room
    - Bouncy, trampoline places
    - Local events in the area
    - Cinergy, located in Amarillo and similar to Main Event
  - The meeting will be on May 18th; however, the convection will be from the 17th and 18th
    - Leos are encouraged to come to meet other clubs and recruit new members!

Leo Pin Design Submissions

- President Mya Hernandez discussed plans for new pin designs

- Each of the Leo Officers has been encouraged to create their own pin designs
- President Mya and VP Daniel Hernandez have been making the state pins since COVID
  - Past designs include globes, squares, and circles with the Leo emblem designs

#### Discussions of Awards by Lion Nancy

- Leo of the Year, the deadline is March 1st (a hard deadline!)
  - Application has been sent to Leo Advisors and requires four signatures, so it is advised that applications are completed as soon as possible
  - Each district club has one student who advances to the state level
    - Individual Leo and district clubs themselves can have a Leo of the Year
  - Scholarships are also included!
  - To qualify, officers and members of that Leo club must be listed in LCI, and dues must be paid
  - [Link to Leo and Leo Advisor Awards](#)

#### Service Hour Reminder by President Mya, VP Daniel Hernandez, and Lion Nancy

- Log hours into LCI!
- Difficulty in getting hours logged in may be due to
  - Their Leo Club may not be officially registered by the LCI
  - The sponsor has one email address but has another address listed within LCI

#### Past International President Doug Alexander

- Background
  - Banker originally from Brooklyn, New York USA
  - He was invited to become a Lion in 1984, where he met a group of men, meeting in a family-owned restaurant, McDonald's, working on initiatives to help the community
  - Although, at the time, he had been a Lion for months, delivering a Thanksgiving basket to a bedside community was the day he truly became a Lion
- Leos
  - He worked with Leo-Lions Liaisons on the international board
  - Encourages Leos to continue to serve in the communities
    - Instead of Leos being our future, Leos are our now
  - Also stated the importance of having fun in service opportunities and meetings!
- 75th Anniversary of Texas Lions Camps
  - Past President Doug Alexander was able to tour the camps and firsthand see the improvements that have been made
  - These include
    - New housing for the physically challenged and their loved ones
- Last Thoughts
  - Leos should continue to meet the needs of the community but should always ensure that they conduct a needs assessment

- Leos should serve safely and with kindness
- Q and A Session
  - What was your pathway into Lions Club?
    - Became a Lion in 1984
    - The International board where he served as President and VP allowed him to travel all around the world
    - Chairman of the LCI foundation, where grants are given
      - Last year the goal was to raise 50 million dollars, but the Lions surpassed that and collected 68.4 million dollars
      - Leos can take part through the Leo Share Pin for 20 dollars
    - The biggest payback is putting smiles on people's faces
  - What was your pathway into Lions Club?
    - How can Leos become a Leo-Lion Liaison?
      - Leo panel to be a part of the Leo department for two years at a time
      - They must apply to be a Leo-Lion on the international board
      - In the past few resumes, and applications have been submitted, so Leos are encouraged to apply when they are of age
      - Leo-Lion Liaisons have the opportunity to attend board meetings even from their home country
        - For instance, Dr. Patti Hill's meeting was in Egypt
      - For more information, contact Khamisi Grace, the Young Lions and Leos Department Manager

10:35 AM: 5 Minute Break

Meeting Continued: 10:41 AM

Diabetic Alert Dog Update by President Mya

- Skylar was able to get his dog, Charlie, a poodle mix, after more training at River's Edge
- Elijah Davis, 11 years old, is in need of a diabetic-alert dog
- Any surplus funds to the state and Rivers Edge will go towards Eligah's Diabetic alert dog

Meeting Adjourned: 10:50 am

Meeting Minutes by Secretary Shruti Sunkara