

**August 2nd, 2025**  
**Y.O. Ranch Hotel**  
**MD-2 LEO Council Meeting Minutes**

**Officers present: Sajan Baral (president), Blain Montgomery (Vice president), Donaji Garcia-Reade (Treasurer/Tail Twister), Lion Nancy Smith (state Leo advisor)**

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 am. Sajan led the pledges of allegiance and the LEO pledge. Guests in attendance were introduced right after. The treasurer's report was given by Donaji, and we currently have around \$10,000 in our bank.

Blain and Sajan gave a run through of the recent LEO Convention. We discussed the sale of this year's state LEO pins—with 21 members signed up to purchase.

At 9:28 am, Past District Governor Chris Rodgers introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his background as a Lion. He began leadership training with the LEO's and Lions in attendance. Using the Lion resources website, Chris led the session by discussing the importance of working in teams, time management, and member motivation. Afterwards, he gave a presentation on public speaking. This was followed by an in-depth Q&A period.

The LEO's and Lions in attendance shared their ideas on how to gain stronger engagement and revitalize LEO clubs. Chris' leadership session ended with encouragement to utilize the Lion training modules.

After a 5-minute break, members in attendance came together and discussed what their LEO clubs did over the summer. Afterwards, we discussed new project ideas on the local and state level. Robert discussed ways to spread awareness and communicate with other clubs across the state on how to get LEO clubs started and active. Having informational zoom meetings with prospective Lions who want to sponsor LEO Clubs was also brought up by Robert. We also addressed how our LEO Club has gathered school supplies with the Salvation Army for those affected in the Kerrville floods.

After a brief Q&A session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

- Tammy Ly

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Addition: Making a Walmart trip to finish buying needed items for the backpacks plus a new pair of shoes for each child (14 total) were Blain, Donaji, Mrs. Smith, Donaji's stepmom, Trish, and Mrs. Montgomery. We loaded the backpacks with the items purchased and delivered them to the Salvation Army of Kerrville to be distributed to the designated children on the school bus cards. – Mrs. Smith

