



FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB, INC.  
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**Business Meeting Minutes for 12 July, 2023**

Meeting Location: Messiah Lutheran Church’s Celebration Hall  
5600 Old Washington Road Sykesville MD 21784

**Meeting was called to order:** at 6:29 p.m. by President Lion Matt King with a welcome to everyone.

Attendance Total: 57 (Members – 48 / Guests - 9). A list of the attendees is included at the end of these meeting minutes.

**Opening Ceremonies:**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion Melissa Turski  
Song “America” was led by Lion Rich Collins  
Invocation was offered by Club Co-Chaplain Lion Don Champ  
Lions Toast was led by Lion Lynn Maclary

Dinner was catered by Bullocks Restaurant. The meal was fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, and pie.

**Meeting Reconvenes:** The meeting resumed after dinner at 7:10pm with President Lion Matt King thanking members of the FDLIC Meals Committee for their help serving the dinner. \*Lion Matt King introduced PDG Brian Cox and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Susan Cox as our Installation Official.

\*Lion Melissa Turski introduced her family Alex, Samantha, and Mackenzie attending tonight’s meeting.

\*Lion Wu Schaeffer introduced potential members Cathy Lang and Jennifer Koloding.

\*Lion Bob Parks introduced potential member Jon Biggs.

\*Lion Les Schneiderman introduced potential member Paula Justice.

**Program Speaker was introduced by Lion Matt King.**

**Program** (*The evening program was the Installation of 2023-2024 Officers*)

**Reading & Approval of Business Meeting Minutes:**

*The minutes of the 24 May 2023, business meeting was distributed earlier to the club membership by email. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from that meeting and to approve them as previously distributed was made by Lion Bob Bastress; the motion was seconded by Lion Bob Valis; the motion carried.*

**Secretary’s Report/Correspondence:** Lion Gary Buchman shared the following:

- A thank you letter was received from Zone 3 Golf Tournament for \$100 donation.
- A thank you letter was received from Robo-Lions Robotics Team for \$1150 donation.
- A thank you letter was received from Carroll County Community College Foundation for our \$2000 Scholarship.
- A thank you letter was received from Operation Second Chance for our \$1,945 donation.
- A thank you letter was received from Eldersburg Elementary School PTA for our \$1,000 donation for their playground.
- A thank you letter was received from Children’s Hospital at Sinai for our donations of toys, art supplies, Squishmallows, and books.
- A thank you letter was received from Logan Cyford, a recipient of our scholarship fund.
- A thank you letter was received from Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church for our \$750 donation.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Lion Mark Krebs emailed his report to members on 11 July 2023.

Activity Account:	\$23,632.00
Administrative Account:	\$3,986.00
Capital Improvements Account:	\$2,503.00

Lion Mark stated that the year end total budget was \$12,878 above the expected year end total.

Lion Mark noted that the 2023-2024 budget will be presented to the Board at the next BoD Meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

- Visitation-The club achieved 100% visitation with four days remaining in the fiscal year.
- Snack Shack-The Freedom Park snack shack will reopen for business in two months. A sign-up sheet will be forthcoming.
- The Christmas Tree Project will be held at Freedom Park on 2 DEC 2023 from 10am-1pm. We are hoping to make the project bigger this year.
- The FDLC Golf Tournament will be held on 29 SEP 2023. Tee time will be 1230. Planning committee will meet 20 JUL 2023.
- The School Supply Committee will be shopping for school supplies for five schools on 24 AUG 2023. The two LEO clubs will also be involved in this project.
- The last Pre School Vision Screening of the year was held at Eldersburg Library on 16 JUN. Thirty children were screened. The library staff were very pleased with our efforts. For the year, the PSVS committee screened at 8 schools, screened 371 students, and referred 8 children for followup.
- Childhood Cancer Committee delivered toys to Sinai Childrens Hospital four times this year. Pencil boxes, squishmallows, and a children’s Mercedes driving car were also delivered. Financial donations were also made to Horizon Day Camp and Abbys Carts of Courage.

- The Trail Maintenance and Cleanup Committee reported that for the year, cleanups were held at Freedom Park 24 times, Liberty Dam 12 times, and Other Locations 6 times.
- FDLC Foundation reported some changes pending in the Foundation Bylaws
  - Membership is Voluntary
  - Donations received for specific purposes will be available as soon as deposited.
  - Foundation ByLaws, Minutes, etc., will be sent to the entire FDLC membership.
  - Foundation will have a committee report at every regular FDLC Business Meeting.

**Outgoing Club President's Remarks** Lion Matt King reported that he was proud of the many things that the club accomplished in his year. His goal had been to get the club back on an even keel following several years of COVID. With new projects like Trail Cleanup, Snack Shack, and Operation Joy, we more than met his expectations. He went on to award the following certificates:

- Myron Horn-ALERT and Safety
- Viki Peltier-Childhood Cancer
- Phil Salmon-Building Upgrades
- Jim Moore-Citizenship
- Tony Ramirez-Diabetes
- Susan Krebs-Drug Awareness
- Rochelle Schneiderman and Jane Jung-Potter- Educational Services
- Jeff Zumbrun-Environmental
- Bob Bastress-Feed the Hungry
- Don Champ-Fire Dept. Liason
- Joe Wisniewski- International Relations
- Myron Horn-Jr CSI
- Phil Salmon and Jerry Apicella-Medical Equipment
- Brian Schaeffer-National Night Out
- Tony Dercola and Wu Schaefer-Trail Maintenance and Cleanup
- Diane Torockio-Pre School Vision Screening
- Ann Kramb-See More Group/Sight Conservation
- Ellen Dix-Social Services
- Melissa Turski-Sykesville Liason
- Rose Young-Veterans
- Bob Bastress-Youth Outreach
- Bruce Edwards-Catered Meals
- Viki Peltier-Charter Night (75<sup>th</sup>)
- Melissa Turski-Social Media and Website
- Lynn Maclary-Visitation
- Bryan Schaeffer-French Fries
- Jim Moore-Golf Tournament
- Bruce Edwards and Chris Centfanti-Snack Shack
- Gary Buchman-Spokesman Citrus Fruit (Honorable Mention)

**Special Presentation** Lion Gary Buchman had a Special Presentation to make. Thanks to a Personal Donation of \$1,000 to LCIF by an unnamed club member, Lion Melissa Turski was awarded a Melvin Jones Award.

**Remarks by 1stVDG Susan Cox** Lion Susan Cox and her husband just returned from the Lions Convention in Boston. They were amazed at the variety of individuals attending.

- Stressed that the Lions Convention in 2027 will be held in D.C. All Clubs in the District will have to be involved for this convention to be a success.
- The goal for LCI over the next year is to increase membership from 1.4 Million to 1.5 Million Members.

**Installation of Officers** 1st VDG Susan Cox officiated the Installation of FY2023-2024 Officers.

- President: Melissa Turski
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Bruce Edwards
- 2ndVP: Rich Collins
- 3rdVP: Susan Krebs
- Past President: Matt King
- Secretary: Myron Horn
- Assistant Secretary: Kelsey Hof
- Financial Secretary: Tony Dercola
- Treasurer: Mark Krebs
- Membership Chair: Wu Schaeffer
- Tail Twister: Jim Moore
- Lion Tamer: Tony Ramirez
- 1 YR Director: Jim Moore
- 1 YR Director: Michele Sciacitano
- 2 YR Director: Ann Kramb
- 2YR Director: Chris Centofanti
- LCIF Chair: Scott Walthour
- Club Service Chair: Bruce Edwards
- Marketing and Communications Chair: Kelsey Hof

**Incoming Club President's Remarks** Lion Melissa Turski announced several goals for the upcoming year.

- Complete Visitation by March to avoid the last minute crunch. A report on the visited club shall be given at the next Business Meeting.
- Increase membership by eight people. This was upgraded by four because there were four potential members attending tonight's meeting.
- Do everything with ENTHUSIASM so that others can see the fun we have as Lions.

**50/25/25 Raffle:** Lion Bob Valis oversaw the drawing, and the winners were Lion Les Schneiderman and Samantha Bosden.

**"Lions in Den" Drawing:** (The Lion must be present to win) – Lion Gary Peltier conducted the drawing & announced Lion Carl Diliberto was not in the Den. The jackpot at the next meeting will be \$25.00.

Our thanks to Samantha and Mackenzie Bosden for hosting the zoom connection at this meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Board of Directors Meeting – Wed. July 19<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm) via zoom
- Next Membership Dinner/Business Meeting – Wed. 09 AUG (6:29pm)

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Lion Myron Horn  
Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) Secretary

**FDLC Business Meeting Attendees – Wed. 12 JUL 2023 @ 6:29pm**

at Messiah Lutheran Church's Celebration Hall

Below is a list of the 48 people who attended this meeting.

**FDLC members:**

Ron Audlin  
Bob Bastress  
Sheila Bowman  
Gary Buchman  
Patty Buchman  
Chris Centofanti  
Vince Centofanti  
Don Champ  
Rich Collins  
Tony Dercola  
John Dozsa  
Bruce Edwards  
Mary Hartmann  
Diana Hewitt  
Bob Hodgkiss  
Kelsey Hof  
Myron Horn  
Les Horneman  
Gordon Huggins  
Matt King  
Ann Kramb (via zoom)  
Mark Krebs  
Susan Krebs  
Jim Lauber

Lynn Maclary  
Molly Maclary  
Yoko McBeth  
Jim Moore  
Carole Neff  
Bob Parks  
Gary Peltier  
Viki Peltier  
Tony Ramirez  
Mona Ramirez  
Mary Ann Reese  
Steve Reese  
Rita Salins  
Phil Salmon  
Wu Schaefer  
Les Schneiderman  
Rochelle Schneiderman  
Michele Sciacchitano (via zoom)  
Mike Shavatt  
Diane Torockio  
Franklin Torockio  
Melissa Turski  
Bob Valis  
Don Van Cleve  
Dave Webb

**Guests (09):**

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