



FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB, INC.
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Business Meeting Minutes for August 9, 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 Melissa Turski with a welcome to everyone.

Attendance Total: 52 (Members – 43 / 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 Rochelle Schneiderman
Song “God Bless America” was led by Lion Ron Audlin
Invocation was offered by Club Co-Chaplain Lion Don Champ
Lions Toast was led by Lion Gary Buchman

Dinner was catered by Bullocks Restaurant. The meal consisted of chicken fingers, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, and pie.

Meeting Reconvenes: The meeting resumed after dinner at 7:10pm with President Lion Melissa Turski thanking members of the FDLC Meals Committee for their help serving the dinner.

Lions Rochelle Schneiderman introduced her guest Nadine Rosendale attending tonight’s meeting.

Program Speaker was introduced by Lion Sheila Bowman. Christina Green and Lisa Sullivan were presenters from Inspirations.

Program

- Inspirations is a Nursing Facility for patients suffering from dementia. They are dedicated to bringing laughter, joy, and purpose to its residents. Christina recognized FDLC’s “Operation Joy” (music, games, crafts, interaction, and hugs) that is conducted once a week at that facility. She noted that there is a change of mood of the residents long after FDLC have left the building. She also provided some Do’s and Don’ts in dealing with dementia patients. Do touch and hug. Do allow up to ninety seconds for individual patients to answer a question. Don’t say NO. Don’t ask if they remember you.
- Lion Myron Horn introduced Chief Mike Spaulding, Sykesville Police Dept. The Chief talked about the upcoming Jr CSI camp and the ten years we have supported the

program. The camp is to be held on 16 SEP. He also gave us his view of the recent National Night Out.

Award Presentations Lion Melissa Turski handed out Certificates that she had received at Change of Banner. This included one to Steven Gonzales, Century LEO for 100% LEO Club President.

Reading & Approval of Business Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the July 12, 2023, business meeting were 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 Don Champ; the motion was seconded by Lion Viki Peltier; the motion carried.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Lion Myron Horn shared the following:

- Westminster Lions sent out a flyer for their Steak, Sausage, and Corn on the Cob Feed scheduled at the Westminster VFW on 14 SEP 2023.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Mark Krebs emailed his report to members on 30 JUL 2023.

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

Committee Reports:

- National Night Out-Lion Wu Schaefer reported the Outreach Table had lots of visitors. The French Fry stand gave out five bags of potatoes.
- Carnival Fries-Lion Brian Schaefer reported \$7,490 were made plus a \$1,000 donation. The net is approximately \$5,000.
- Operation Joy-Youth Mackenzie Barden is looking for crafts, puzzles, and plastic jewels for a craft project at Inspirations.
- Golf Tournament- Lion Jim Moore advised that the FDLC Golf Tournament will be held on 29 SEP 2023. So far, they have received \$5,800 in Sponsorships.
- Fall Picnic-Lion Melissa Turski advised that the fall picnic will be held on 17 SEP 2023 at Freedom Park.
- Shooting Stars-Lion Rochelle Schneiderman reported on a new FDLC Project that encourages disabled individuals to play soccer. The four Friday games will start on 18 AUG 2023. It is estimated that this project will benefit 150 kids.
- Snack Shack-Lion Chris Centofanti announced that the snack shack will be opened on 9 SEP 2023. There is a sign-up genius to schedule work.
- Deck The Trees Charity Challenge-Lion Melissa Turski announced the event will be held on 10 DEC 2023 10:00-2:00 at Freedom Park and will support Pediatric Cancer.
- Visitation- Lion Melissa Turski announced there is a Sign-Up Genius on the website that will allow Visitations to be scheduled ahead of time. She pulled up the sign-up genius to demonstrate how easy it was.
- Back to School Shopping- Lion Melissa Turski reported that the shopping will be held at Walmart on 24 AUG 2023.

Lion Tamer-Lion Jim Moore held a brief Tail Twister session. He asked questions about LCI and talked of the 1.5 Million Membership goal.

50/25/25 Raffle: Lion Bob Valis oversaw the drawing, and the winners were Lions Mona Romirez and Mike Shavatt .

“Lions in Den” Drawing: (The Lion must be present to win) – Lion Gary Peltier conducted the drawing & announced Lion Matt King’s name was drawn. Lion Matt was not in the Den. The jackpot at the next meeting will be \$35.00.

Our thanks to Youth Mackenzie Barden for hosting the zoom connection at this meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- First Zone Meeting will be held at Taylorsville-Winfield Fire Dept. on 28 AUG at 6:30pm
- Board of Directors Meeting – Wed. 16 AUG 2023 (7:00pm) via zoom
- Next Membership Dinner/Business Meeting – Wed. 13 SEP 2023 (6:29pm). This will be DG Jeremy Bair’s Official Visit and Our Charter Night. Maximum attendance is requested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Lion Myron Horn
Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) Secretary

FDLC Business Meeting Attendees – Wed. 9 AUG 2023 @ 6:29pm

at Messiah Lutheran Church’s Celebration Hall

Below is a list of the 43 people who attended this meeting.

FDLC members (42):

Jerry Apicella (via Zoom)
Sheila Bowman
Gary Buchman
Chris Centofanti
Russ Coldren
John Doza
Mary Hartmann
Bob Hodgkiss
Myron Horn
Gordon Huggins
Jim Lauber (via zoom)

Ron Audlin
Stephanie Brennan
Patty Buchman
Don Champ
Tony Dercola (via zoom)
Steve Hansen (via zoom)
Diana Hewitt
Kelsey Hof
Les Horneman
Ann Kramb (via zoom)
Jim Moore

Carole Neff

Bob Parks

Gary Peltier

Tony Ramirez

Phil Salmon (via zoom)

Wu Schaefer

Rochelle Schneiderman

Mike Shavatt

Franklin Torockio

Bob Valis

Dave Webb

Guests (09):

Sue Nelson

Surani Peiris

Viki Peltier

Mona Ramirez

Brian Schaefer

Les Schneiderman

Michele Sciacchitano (via zoom)

Diane Torockio

Melissa Turski

Don Van Cleve