



FREEDOM DISTRICT LIONS CLUB, INC.  
P.O. BOX 1663  
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*SERVING THE SYKESVILLE / ELDERSBURG COMMUNITY SINCE 1947*

**“WE SERVE”**

## **Business Meeting Minutes for 13 SEP 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: 66 (Members – 56 / Guests - 10). A list of the attendees is included at the end of these meeting minutes.

### **Opening Ceremonies:**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Rich Collins.  
Song “God Bless America” was led by Lion 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Rich Collins.  
Invocation was offered by Club Co-Chaplain Lion Bob Bastress.  
Lions Toast was led by Lion 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Susan Krebs.

Dinner was catered by Bullocks Restaurant. The meal consisted of fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, and sheet cake.

**Meeting Reconvenes:** The meeting resumed after dinner at 7:10pm with President Lion Melissa Turski thanking members of the FDLIC Meals Committee for their help serving the dinner. Lion Melissa Turski introduced the dignitaries that were present, They were DG Jeremy Bair, CS Sena Roop, ZC John Arber and special guest “Phoenix” a Leader Dog in training.

**Cabinet Secretary Sena Roop ( New Windsor Lions Club) introduced DG Lion Jeremy Bair (Greater Carroll Lions Club) for his Official Visit.**

### **District Governor Jeremy Bair’s Remarks**

- Greetings from LCI President Patti Hill
- She has set a goal of 1.5 Million Members by 2027.
- To get there, DG Jeremy says that every Lion should invite one potential member.
- 2027 is significant because Multiple District 22 will be hosting the LCI Convention in Washington D.C.
- His Cabinet was chosen because they each had a personal reason for service.
- His Theme is “Promise For Tomorrow” and the pin he designed showed a Pride of Lions of all ages.
- “You have left your footprints across the Community and have made an impact on others.”

**Induction of New Members-**DG Jeremy Bair inducted Lion Jon Biggs and Lion Diana Hewitt into membership at FDLC.

**Special Awards Presentation** DG Jeremy Bair, President Melissa Turski, & Secretary Myron Horn

- **Knights of the Blind Pyramid Awarded to Lion Les Schneiderman**
- **Melvin Jones Awarded to Lion Bruce Edwards**
- **Six Longevity Certificates were awarded for Lions with more than thirty years of service.**

**Rededication of FDLC's 1947 Charter-DG Jeremy Bair**  
**Cake Cutting Ceremony Honoring 76<sup>th</sup> Charter Night. *Lion Rita Salins (oldest Lion present) and Lion Patrick Horn (youngest Lion present)***

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

*The minutes of the 9 AUG 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 Bob Bastress; the motion carried.*

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

- A thank you letter and donation were received from Bob and Elaine Semin.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Mark Krebs emailed his report to members on 12 SEP 2023.

Activity Account:	\$27,842.00
Administrative Account:	\$5,119.00
Capital Improvements Account:	\$2,503.00

**Lion Mark Krebs presented the 2023-2024 Budgets for approval.**

- 2023-2024 Administrative Budget -Moved by Don Champ, Seconded by Bob Bastress; Motion passed.
- 2023-2024 Activities Budget- Moved by Gary Buchman, Seconded by Les Schneiderman; Motion Carried

**Committee Reports:**

- **Snack Shack-**Lion Bruce Edwards reported 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of ten weeks completed. Record \$204 made using credit cards. Sign Up Genius is available to sign up for upcoming weeks.
- **Fall Picnic-**Lion Diana Hewitt reported picnic will be this Sunday 17 SEP 2023 11:00am-3:00pm at Freedom Park, Pavilion #1. All Lions and their families are welcome.
- **FDLC Golf Tournament-** Lion Jim Moore reported the Tournament will be held on 29 SEP 2023. To date received \$11,150 in sponsorships and scheduled 68 golfers.
- **Citrus Fruit Sales-** Lion Mary Ann Reese reported 242 letters sent out to front door customers. No price increase in cost of fruit. End of sale will be 10 NOV 2023. Pick up will be 2&3 DEC.

- **Visitation**-Lion Myron Horn reported that two visitations, Deer Park and Taylorsville/Winfield have been completed.
- **FDLC Foundation Report**- Lion Bob Bastress reported there will be an annual membership meeting on 1 NOV 2023. The By-Laws have been approved by LCI Legal. Foundation has met Maryland standards as a Public Charity. Four new Directors needed for Foundation.
- **School Supplies**-Lion Bob Bastress reported that 9 Lions and 23 LEOs met at Walmart to purchase \$2,131.55 worth of school supplies for 5 elementary schools. 2 sets were purchased for each grade.
- **Senior EXPO**-Lion Viki Peltier reported that FDLC shared a table with other Lions Clubs at the Senior EXPO today. All had a good time.
- **Shooting Stars**-Lion Rochelle Schneiderman reported that with the help of Liberty LEOs, 100 disabled children were given snowcones following their soccer games.
- **Operation Joy; Crafts**-Youth Mackenzie Bosden reported that Inspirations have had two craft days. One made picture frames. One made flowers out of tissue paper. The next craft day is scheduled for 15 OCT 2023.
- **Operation Joy: Karaoke**- Lion Sheila Bowman thanked Lion Tony Dercola for his help in setting up the Karaoke System at Inspirations. She also noted that other volunteers are welcome.
- **PreSchool Vision Screening**- Lion Diane Torockio reported that the next vision screening will be at Wesley Freedom UMC at 8:15am on 10 and 11 OCT 2023.
- **VDG Challenge**-Lion Myron Horn reported that the next VDG Challenge has been published and it concerns Pediatric Cancer. An email has been distributed on how to qualify.

**50/25/25 Raffle:** Lion Bob Valis oversaw the drawing, and the winners were Lions Bob Valis and Lion Mary Hartmann.

**“Lions in Den” Drawing:** (The Lion must be present to win) – Lion Gary Peltier conducted the drawing & announced tile #87 was drawn. Lion Bernadette Phillips was not in the Den. The jackpot at the next meeting will be \$45.00.

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

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Board of Directors Meeting – Wed. 20 SEP 2023 (7:00pm) via zoom
- Next Membership Dinner/Business Meeting – Wed. 11 OCT 2023 (6:29pm)

The meeting adjourned at 08:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Lion Myron Horn  
Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) Secretary

**FDLC Business Meeting Attendees – Wed. 13 SEP 2023 @ 6:29pm**

at Messiah Lutheran Church's Celebration Hall

Below is a list of the 66 people who attended this meeting.

**FDLC members (56):**

Ron Audlin	George Barnhart
Bob Bastress	Jon Biggs
Sheila Bowman	Gary Buchman
Patty Buchman	Chris Centofanti
Don Champ	Russ Coldren
Rich Collins	Tony Dercola
John Dozsa	Bruce Edwards
Gilbert Fleming	Steve Hansen (via zoom)
Mary Hartmann	Diana Hewitt
Bob Hodgkiss	Kelsey Hof
Myron Horn	Patrick Horn
Les Horneman	Jill Huey
Paula Justice	Ann Kramb (via zoom)
Mark Krebs	Susan Krebs
Jim Lauber	Yoko McBeth
Jim Moore	Carole Neff
Sue Nelson	Doc Palmer
Bob Parks	Gary Peltier
Viki Peltier	Tony Ramirez
Mary Ann Reese	Steve Reese
Rita Salins	Phil Salmon (via zoom)
Wu Schaefer	Les Schneiderman
Rochelle Schneiderman	Michele Sciacchitano (via zoom)
Mike Shavatt (via zoom)	Diane Torockio
Franklin Torockio	Melissa Turski
Bob Valis	Don Van Cleve
Dave Webb	Joe Wisniewski
Rose Young	Jeff Zumbrun

**Guests (10):**

DG Jeremy Bair	CS Sena Roop
ZC John Arber	Kelly Biggs
Mackenzie Bosden	Alex Hewitt
Chris Hewitt	Hal Hewitt
Pam Horn	Sharon Parks

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