



General Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 19:10 by President T. Peter Lam, who then turned the meeting to Lion Bob Lawhon, President of San Francisco Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club, who is the hosting Club for tonight's meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance – Lion Lyle

Patriotic Song (God Bless America) - Lion Lyle

Invocation - Lion Zenaida

President Lion Peter Presides

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Lion Peter requested comments on meeting minutes of March 24, 2021, emailed out on April 21, 2021. MSP (moved by PDG Esther Lee, seconded by PDG Helen Wong).

Secretary Evelyn: mentioned she sent out her own version of the March 24 meeting minutes. (this version of minutes was sent out with proper review as requested).
Lion Peter said not the same minutes he was looking for.

Financial Report by Treasurer Lion Ching: No activity in the accounts since the March 24th, 2021 meeting, so account balances remained the same as given in the March 24th financial reports, as follows:

Activity Account: Beginning and ending balance of \$6,364.23.

Trust Account: Beginning and ending balance \$10,036.60.

Roll Call

Lion Secretary Evelyn

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| 1. 0 SF Aeta | 4. 0 SF Bayview | 8. 0 SF |
| 2. 0 SF Bay Area | Hunters Point | Cosmopolitan |
| 3. 0 SF Bay Area | 5. 0 SF Buddha | 9. P SF Dynamic |
| New Century | 6. P SF Chinatown | 10. P SF Fil-Am |
| | 7. 0 SF Circle | |

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| 11. 0 SF Financial
Rescue | 18. 0 SF Korean
American | 23. P SF Nueva
Vizcaya |
| 12. P SF Geneva
Excelsior | 19. P SF Latinos
Unidos | 24. 0 SF Park Presidio
Sunset |
| 13. 0 SF Global
Business | 20. P SF Marina-
North Beach | 25. 0 SF Premier |
| 14. 0 SF Highlands | 21. P SF Merced
Heights | 26. 0 SF Special Choir |
| 15. 0 SF Hispanic | 22. 0 SF Nikkei | 27. 0 SF Supreme |
| 16. P SF Host | | 28. P SF Unified |
| 17. 0 SF Keystone | | 29. P SF Veterans |

OLD BUSINESS

SFCCLC's \$2000 deposit to Patio Espanol for the 2020 Police Fire Sheriff Awards Dinner: Lion Peter reported that he again emailed the restaurant on 4/23/21 (fourth communication). Lion Peter mentioned that he has heard that the Restaurant may be going out of business. He assigned Lions August and Evelyn to head efforts to try to get our deposit back, with Peter as backup. Lion Treasurer Ching will email to Lions August and Evelyn date of the check which PP Rodrigo wrote. Lion Peter asked Lion Bob for his professional advice. Lion Bob advised to send certified letter with signed return receipt, and state date that we would like to hear from Restaurant. Lion Peter's research on Form S100 showed two officers with different addresses, James Diaz and Antonio Lopez. Lion Peter will write/send letter and have August/Evelyn follow up. PDG Esther mentioned that there should be an Association behind the restaurant, like the Basque Cultural Center. Lion Bob said that is a valid point—we can go after the Association. PDG Esther said even if they said they have incurred a loss, restaurant needs to file such a report, since it has received government subsidies for restaurants.

NEW BUSINESS

Lion Peter reported on District 4C-4's proposed Bylaws Amendments and how they apply to SFCCLC. Scholarship account has to be kept separate from the Administration Account. The Administration Account can be used to buy badges. What if Council need funds for legal activities, like regarding our Restaurant deposit, will seek advice from Council advisors. New amendment also requires Council's reports given at District Cabinet meetings to include the condition of its treasury.

PDG Ken shared information which came out of meetings with the PCL and the Constitution/ByLaws Committee:

*SFCCLC's scholarship fund is exempt from this proposed Ballot measure.

* He said main concern expressed was that the Councils would not donate excess revenues to other organizations at the end of the year, like what the Peninsula Council of Lions (PCL) has

done in the past--donated excess revenues to various District programs. PDG Ken advised that should not be done, as should be handled by the clubs.

*Raising funds for Administration activities is also exempted.

DG Fanny advised that both Councils and LCI are not separate entities in the eyes of the IRS. That is why financial reports from both Councils need to be submitted to the District to assist the District with its year-end report.

PDG Esther reminded about the combined \$10,000 donation to SFCCLC from past members of the SF Marina-North Beach Lions Club quite a few years ago, and this \$10,000 has been kept in its own account.

PDG Lydia said that both Councils need to provide year-end financial statements to the District by Nov. 15th. It was acknowledged that SFCCLC scholarship account is totally separate from the Administration account, and any funds raised has to go toward the annual Police/Firefighters/Sheriff Award Banquet, and any left-over funds go to the same event for following year.

PDG Larry said SFCCLC has in its ByLaws Council does not do any fundraising, and reconfirmed what PDG Lydia said about left over funds from the P/F/S Award Banquet go to the same event in the following year. PDG Larry further stated that the Council's separate scholarship fund cannot go below \$10,000, as stipulated by the donors. This \$10,000 account is a locked-account, meaning only interest earned could be donated to support families of deceased Police, Firefighters and Sheriff.

Lion Carol Fung asked: has anyone seen the document stating this stipulation governing this \$10,000 donation? PDG Ken said that question has been raised over and over, and it seems that no document has been found regarding this donation.

PDG Eugene replied that he was personally involved from the beginning with this \$10,000 donation, and he's not aware of any document, except in SFCCLC meeting minutes. And he remembers that the stipulation requirement: can ONLY use interest earned. PDG Eugene said the Council accepted the donation at face value and accepted the stipulation. Lion Lyle commented that if the stipulation was not written in a document, and the Council accepted it with a motion, then the Council could make a motion to void it. Lion Peter asked if Council meeting minutes are considered legal document, to which Lion Lyle said yes. The question now is: can we find the minutes??

PDG Esther informed that the donors had since passed away.

To date, interest earned has been in the pennies; suggestions have been made before that the Council look into accounts which can generate more interest.

PDG Lydia commented that maybe we can change that stipulation, as it has been a useless account.

Lion Lyle: Mission Lions merged in late 1990's with Geneva Excelsior Lions. If the \$10,000 was given by Mission Lions, Geneva Excelsior Lions could rescind it. PDG Esther said that was not the case.

Lion Peter suggested to end the discussion at this time, and suggested perhaps the PDGs and DG may want to look into this further.

COMMENTS FROM

1st Vice District Governor - Lion Dr. Jun Velara
Please vote for us: John, Kevin and me—we are a team.

Lion Kevin: He expressed appreciation for Dr. Jun and DG Fanny for a smooth transition.

District Governor Fanny: very proud of our District, all have challenges, but have very dedicated and skilled Lions, put aside individuality and worked together for the good of the District, have been a great team from Day One, and encourage all to vote as have a very good team coming in.

Club Reports

1st VP Lion August—report on future events only

SF Chinatown: 1st VP Jack—Appreciation and Installation Dinner June 19th, all are welcome.

SF Fil-Am: very busy during month of May: 5/1 drive thru vaccine; May 8 food bank with Bay Area Global outreach; will attend both Conventions.

SF Geneva Excelsior: Installation Dinner at Basque Cultural Center on July 17th, all are welcome.

SF Host: conducting weekly collection and distribution of food in cooperation with SF Dynamic and SF Latinos Unidos in cooperation with the Good Samaritan of San Francisco, reaching out to seniors; collecting donations for the Philippines.

SF Latinos Unidos: continue to distribute cases of food with SF Host and Dynamic

SF Marina North Beach: will attend Council of Governors, District Convention, and LCIF Convention

SF Merced Heights: will attend LCIF Convention.

SF Nueva Vizcaya: participating in drive-through COVID-19 to June; provided hygiene packages

SF Unified: May 16th at Sunset Farmer's Market; CARE packages for Women Shelters and General Shelters in SF; in July hold Rear in Gear (Colon Cancer awareness).

SF Veterans: continue to feed front line workers at SF Veterans Hospital, usually monthly; Bike for Vets Project, reaching 10th Anniversary, need a garage in SF for this project.

SF Dynamic: first in-person meeting this Friday 6pm at Italian Restaurant in San Bruno

Unclear Club Name? sent \$1000 to the Philippines for 2020 Cyclone victims; Club President submitted to District Photo Program; speaker just got certificate to do vaccination—available to help.

ENTERTAINMENT

(San Francisco Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club): **Local San Francisco History with 5 prizes**

- 1) Who Discovered SF Bay? Gaspar de Portola=Ken Iberra
- 2) What was the original name of SF? Yerba Buena= John Gill
- 3) Longest Street in SF? Mission= Jack Mak
- 4) What is the oldest Street in SF? Dupont=Helen Wong
- 5) What is the steepest street in SF? Filbert=Jack Mak to Marlene
- 6) What is the crookedest street in SF? Vermont

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

PDG Ken: District's Student Speakers Contest: this Saturday 12 Noon May 1st at Burlingame Lions Hall with 3 talented speakers. Area Contest also at Burlingame Lions Hall on May 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 by President Peter.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Peter Lam

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Detailed minutes of the last meeting can be found on Youtube recording.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eb4peZcbHqU>