

Business



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Official minutes of the 4th Business Meeting of the Curacao Lions Club

The 4th Business Meeting of the Curacao Lions Club held on October 15th, 2009 at Fort Nassau. President FL Leo Lemmens called the meeting to order at 12.35 hrs p.m.

All present were requested to rise and face the flags to pay tribute by singing the Curacao anthem.

Attendance, as shown on the Attendance Records.

Total members	: 81%
Attendance	: 24
Excuses	: 4
Percentage	: 34 %

1. Opening

FL Pres Leo Lemmens welcomes all members.

2. Curacao Anthem / Tribute to the flags

All rise to pay tribute to the flags.

3. Moment of Grace

A moment of silence is held.

4. Thought of the day.

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.

-- Franklin D. Roosevelt --

5. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved as presented.

6. Raffle

The raffle is announced. Number 24, FL Frank, wins the bottle of wine.

Proceeds: Nafls.

The members sing on the occasion of the birthday of FL's Clifton, Toni, George, Guillion and Rinus.

7. a. Corrections

Page 4: FL Rene's uncle passed away, not his cousin.

b. Matters arising from the minutes.

The minutes stand as corrected.

8. Announcements and correspondence

2nd Cabinet Meeting in Cabimas, November 13–15, 2009

Will be attended by the Zone Chairman, FL Stephen, FL Pres and FL's Nico and Donny.

Curacao Zone Meeting

The meeting is re-scheduled for January 15, 2010.

Evening social on October 22, 2009

Instead of the Thursday-lunch-meeting, an evening social will be held at Primas Restaurant starting at 19.30 hrs. p.m. An Indonesian buffet will be set up; for drinks members will receive coupons.

Three new members will be installed: Dave Liqui Lung, Rene Maduro and Deïanira Capella.

FL Gibi informs on a gift received on September 30th from Supermarket Albert Hein of 650 packages deep frozen "Kabeljauw in Saus" with expiration date October 2nd and 3rd. These packages were given to several institutions on the island through CLC.

On October 24th the Lionesses will have a healthy morning, healthy breakfast and a zumba-session with professional assistance from professional instructors. All members should have received an e-mail to inform their lionesses.

9. Business matters to be discussed

a. Blood Donor Drive

262 new potential donors were registered. An increase of 20% compared to last year (202). FL Pres congratulates the BDD Ctee with this super job. The exposure in the press was tremendous; the coverage from the newspapers, the televisions, the radios, the video tape (sponsored completely) and the sponsors mentioned on the flyers, embraced the project.

FL Pres congratulates all involved, the CLC in particular, with this marvelous, young project. A special thanks to everybody who participated at the Blood Bank, those who came by to (morally) support those who were performing.

With regard to the chairs at the Blood Bank, FL Pres requests approval of the membership for donation of five "donor lounge dialysis oncology transfusion chairs", in conformity with an offer the Blood Bank presented. FL Secr contacted the supplier for a re-quote to get a better price. Costs (incl. o.b.): Nafls. 41,296.25.

FL Tom suggests to get a better discount through Lions International. FL Pres answers that the offer is from a European supplier.

The membership unanimously approves this donation.

FL Gibi asks if the "outdated" chairs will be refurbished and/or donated to one of the other islands. FL Pres will discuss this issue with the representatives of the Blood Bank; there is undoubtedly another use for the old chairs.

Furthermore the membership is informed of the "statistics" (the value) of this project, mentioned in figures. One bag of blood costs Nafls. 590.00 x 262.00 = Nafls. 463,740.00 per year. FL Pres and FL Secr elaborate on interesting information received during a tour (rondleiding) from the Blood Bank. It is difficult to tell how much blood is needed, when needed, because each situation is a unique case. From one bag of blood three "products" are taken to serve other purposes.

b. Bon Bisinja

The Club ordered environmental friendly bags for the Bon Bisinja project, to be printed on both sides with the Lions logo. In the next days there will be an example to show. Most of the bags will be filled with goods and some of them will be sold at the supermarkets and at the X-Mas Collection. The normal flyer is being prepared/renewed and there will be a communication for a joint effort with Insel Air, where the collecting will take place on Insel Air flights in November and December.

FL Karel suggests starting with the ordering in time, food prices will go up the coming months.

FL Pres informs that the committee (started six weeks ago) is already busy negotiating with the suppliers. Coming Monday another meeting is scheduled.

c. Project Dun'e Mucha un Man

A small drafted P&L is received from the Board of the Foundation. Still a financial report should be presented. At the moment the schools are getting only jam and pindakaas due to a re-calculating of the pricing of the cost of this project. FL Elgin is busy with new vouchers, which were supposed to be distributed last Monday. FL Pres is not sure if this took place.

FL Karel informs that sliced cheese is in the package again. FL Pres remarks he has been informed by Andy Kusters that the cheese had not been picked up. Andy Kusters should communicate with FL Elgin, being in charge of the vouchers.

With regard to the financials, the special account is missing in the financials.

d. Fundraising

The committee will soon meet to prepare the Carnival-event. The suggestion is to start selling tickets in December, due to the elections in January 2010.

FL Gibi elaborates on the financial report. Budgetted was approx. Nafls. 153,000.00 and Nafls. 189,000.00 were made.

A committee will be formed for next year. The venue will be the same, at the WTC, with some adjustments. The project will be evaluated and the committee will further inform the membership.

FL Donny remarks that the party was held in February; the report should have been received two months after the Carnival Party. The new Board is urged to see to it that next year the report is received in April. FL Donny congratulates the fundraising committee for the results.

Also FL Pres congratulates the team with this excellent result and is sure that the committee can do even better this coming year. Compared to other service clubs, fundraisings of CLC are doing well.

e. Donations

No donations to mention.

f. Prospective new member

In the last meeting FL Secr spoke of Dave Liqui Lung and Deïanira Capella. The third member is David Maduro, son of FL Rene. Mr. Maduro needs no introduction; he has been active with the Leo Club for many years, as President of the Leo Club, as personal friend of FL Pres, always assisting the Club with anything, e.g. with our website etc. David Maduro will be joining the CLC.

10. Report Tail Twister

The Tail Twister announces that he will not be charging for specific reasons. He fines FL Pres Nafls. 1.00 for mentioning FL Donny was in limbo with regard to his visit to Cabimas.

The Tail Twister asks which members brought their cell phones, instructing all members to send a SMS to number 1414, with the message "LIONS" for the BDD. With this action approx. 24 members will be contributing to our own project.

11. Free word

- FL Tom informs that his son Jean Jacques became a Lion of the Gijsbrecht van Amstel Lions Club in Amsterdam. Furthermore FL Tom, after he saw the offer with regard to the chairs for the Blood Bank, thinks he can still get a better price.

FL Pres informs that the Blood Bank did a research on what they needed and their choice was explicitly for these chairs. If FL Tom can get a better quotation – on a very short term - the Club could inform the Blood Bank, otherwise the Club will donate according to the wish of the Blood Bank. FL Tom will try to get the information within five to six days.

FL Donny remarks it is time to do something about the sound system in the restaurant during the meetings of CLC. All that is being said in the front, is not to be heard in all parts of the restaurant. FL Donny is not hearing much of what is being said. It is time to love ourselves too and buy a proper installation. He proposes to do this from the administration fund or have all members pay some money to buy this installation.

To FL Pres' opinion the administration fund is not the best source to do this, but this request will get attention. A suggestion is to sit in the front, instead of always choosing the back of the room. A discussion follows how to further proceed. FL Pres commits to discuss the sound problem with Tony and to decide together how to fix this, before Christmas.

FL Pres requests all to check their e-mail for the invitation for next Thursday at Primas and to confirm the attendance two days in advance.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 13.40 hrs. p.m.