

Regular



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Official minutes of the 5th Regular Meeting of the Curacao Lions Club

The Regular Meeting of the Curacao Lions Club, held on November 19, 2009 at Fort Nassau. President FL Leo Lemmens called the meeting to order at 12.30 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 Record.

Total members	: 84
Attendance	: 27
Excuses	: 5
Percentage	: 38%

1. Opening

FL Pres welcomes all present, especially the two guests for this meeting. FL Robert briefly introduces Mrs. Maureen S. Bergwijn-Blokland of the Economic and Statistics Department Central Bureau of Statistics Netherlands Antilles, who will speak about the Economic Developments in Curacao 2008 and the first halve of 2009.

FL Tom introduces his son, FL Mr. Jean Jacques Domhof, of the Gijsbrecht van Amstel Lions Club in Amsterdam.

FL Jean Jacques informs that the Lions Club Gijsbrecht van Amstel Amsterdam started in 2000; before that they were Leos, they were a mixed Club and in Holland the other Lions Clubs did not allow the ladies to join, reason why they decided to start their own Club.

2. Curaçao Anthem / Tribute to the Flags

All rise to pay tribute to the flags.

3. Moment of Grace

A moment of silence is held.

Introduction of guests.

FL Humphrey briefly introduces Mrs. Maureen S. Bergwijn-Blokland, elaborating on her educational background, her work experience and her work/position at the CBS.

4. Thought of the day

**Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody,
I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty
than the person who has nothing to eat.**

-- Mother Teresa --

FL Pres explains he brought this thought of the day, because it fits in the light of the launching of the Bon Bisinja Project today, which project has to do with poverty and hunger.

5. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved as presented.

6. Raffle

The raffle is announced. Number 5 is called; FL Betty wins the bottle of wine.

Proceeds: Nafils. 27.25.

On FL Pres question to FL Jean Jacques if in their Club there is a similar raffle during their meetings, FL Jean Jacques answers negative. FL Pres promises to explain this raffle later.

7. a. Corrections minutes last Regular Meeting

Page 1: Introduction of guest by FL Robert. The name is spelled with one "b".

b. Matters arising from these minutes.

Page 1: FL Vanky thinks it is remarkable that again number 5 wins.

Page 2: FL Nico asks with regard to the Membership Rostrum what the total of members is; 82 or 84?

Page 2: FL Tom asks if a thank-you letter has been sent to Kusters Trading for their donation to the CLC. FL Pres answers that this is still pending, but will be done a.s.a.p.

The minutes stand as corrected.

8. Announcements and correspondence

FL Stephen informs that the meeting in Cabimas was attended by him and FL's Pres and Nico.

The meetings were very productive and well conducted.

The economic situation in Venezuela is still affecting the attendance of the meetings. Only 57 Lions and Lionesses attended (compared to the usual 100/120) and 27 Leos. Due to this low attendance the events for the Friday and Saturday were cancelled. Still the meetings were pleasant, because of their contents and for the fact that all started and ended in time.

The third Cabinet Meeting (in February 2010) will be a closed meeting.

The fourth Cabinet Meeting (in May 2010) will be combined with the Multiple District Convention.

During the Cabimas Meeting all Zone Chairmen presented the developments of their respective zones. The CLC report was very well received; compliments were received for the work that is being done by the three clubs of our zone. Out of the six zone chairmen present at the meeting, shows that our district (with currently 34 clubs and 1084 members) shows a growth of 25 members for this Lionistic year of which 8 of those members came from our zone. So the CLC is contributing greatly to the increase of membership in our District. This is an increase of 5% for our zone.

One of the most important points discussed was, that before the meeting Aruba was still considered the venue for the Multiple District Convention, but because of the difficulties in Venezuela, uncertainties, an expected further devaluation of their currency, the restrictions on the exchange of dollars, etc. the District cannot guarantee the ALC that they would be able to present at least 100 members for the Convention. After discussions with the Pres of the ALC it was decided that Aruba would withdraw their petition to organize this Convention. Instead, the Club of San Cristobal is taking this convention over with the help of the other clubs (Tachira).

An interesting proposal came out of these discussions as well of which FL Pres will further inform.

Normally the second Zone Meeting is held at the end of October or in November in Curacao; this year, due to difficulties in the alignment of dates, the Zone Meeting will be held in the second week of January 2010.

FL Pres briefly informs that with regard to the 4th Cabinet Meeting in May 20, 2010 in San Cristobal, the idea is presented and being discussed within the Board, to co-host this event. This has been done in the past. Further details will follow and will be brought forward in the next meeting.

Sinterklaas-event for the cubs

FL Pres informs that the Sinterklaas-event will be held in Villapark Zuurzak A7 at the premises of FL's Milaika and Stephen on December 6, 2009. Members can contact FL Milaika to give the names of their cubs. The official invitation will be sent out tomorrow, Friday 20, 2009.

FL Heidi further informs on the Sinterklaas-project where the schools will receive educational gifts. The lionesses will be approached to help with the wrapping. On Saturday November 28th the schools can come buy at the Den to pick-up the materials.

On December 3rd and 4th CLC will visit 6 schools in total each day. There is no Sinterklaas available yet; the Sinterklaas the Club could get, charges approx. Nafls. 200.00 per hour.

FL Robbert Kroon and FL Don Bakhuis are unable to help.

X-Mas Dinner

The plan is to hold a white-silver Christmas dinner for Monday, December 14th, from 7.30 – 11.00 at the WTC. FL Pres requests to reserve this day inform the lionesses. The committee is working with great enthusiasm on a spectacular event.

Bon Bisinja

The press conference is today, November 19th, at 5 o'clock where the CLC will launch the Bon Bisinja Project officially at the Latin American Café (former Cactus Club). It would be very much appreciated if the members could join and support this press conference. The Club will elaborate on the project and also the new bags will be introduced. All 6,000 bags are received. FL Pres and the members give a big applause for FL Dino's efforts with regard to these bags.

Also Inselair flight attendants are invited at the press conference as they will collect on their flights for the Bon Bisinja-project.

FL Pres urges members to sign on to help during the collection at WTC and at the supermarkets.

On FL Vanky question where the flyers are, FL Pres invites him to come the press conference.

9. Speaker: Mrs. Maureen S. Bergwijn-Blokland of the CBS

FL Humphrey introduces Mrs. Maureen Bergwijn-Blokland, elaborating on her educational background and work experience, as Head of Economic and Statistics Department of the Central Bureau of Statistics Netherlands Antilles. Her topic: the economic development of Curaçao in 2008 and the first half of 2009.

Mrs. Bergwijn gives an interesting presentation of the topic, highlighting the specific parts for Curaçao and the Caribbean in Dutch.

FL Pres thanks Mrs. Bergwijn on behalf of the CLC for her presentation. A Bon Bisinja CLC-bag is handed over to Mrs. Bergwijn as a token of appreciation.

10. Report Tail Twister

The Tail Twister fines the late comers and other members for several issues. Total of fines: Nafls. 18.00.

11. Free word

FL Tom Domhoff brings forward that if no Sinterklaas is found on short term, he will act as such on December 3rd and 4th.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 13.40 hrs. p.m.