

Lions CHARITIES of District 8-S, Inc. - MEETING MINUTES
September 24th, 2026
Bourg Lions Club, 109 Texas Gulf Road, Bourg, LA 70343



Lions Charities President Robin Parks called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Meeting opened with a prayer led by Lion Doug Bascle of Bourg Lions. The pledge was led by Lion Clint Buquet of Montegut Lions.

Break for Meal at: 6:32 pm – Meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm

Roll Call/Executive Officers & Board of Directors by Lions Charities Secretary:

Present - ☒

Absent – A

President, Robin Parks ☒

Vice President, Rickey Vaughn ☒

Secretary – Juanita Landry ☒

Treasurer, Slade Stratman - ☒

2 Year Trustee (Board) (Region 2) Sheila Jumoad- ☒

1 Year Trustee (Board) (Region 1) Carla Chaisson – ☒

Region 1 – Member at Large (City) Beth Ebberman - ☒

Region 2 – Member at Large (Bayou) Elaine Levron ☒

Roll Call of Clubs in attendance:

Belle Chasse	Bourg 	Bourg Lioness 	Chauvin 
Chauvin T-Caillou 	Donaldsonville	EVERGREEN 	Golden Meadow
Hahnville	Harahan 	Houma 	Kenner
Kenner	Kenner Central 	Kenner University Park 	Labadieville
Lockport	Luling-Boutte	Marrero	Metairie
Metairie Airline 	Metairie Delta 	Metairie Pontchartrain	Montegut 
Morgan City	New Orleans Algiers	NO Asian American 	NO Central City 
NO Filipino American 	Raceland 	Schriever	St. Bernard School Board
Terrytown	Thibodaux	Westwego	Total Clubs Attending: 16 Total Members Attending: 57

Roll Call/District 8-S Officers/Lion Year 2026-2027:

District Governor Alden Merts 

1st Vice District Governor Slade Stratman 

2nd Vice District Governor Elaine Levron 

Immediate Past District Governor Robin Parks - 

Charities President informed membership that the following Past Presidents of Lions Charities have responded to an email sent on 8-20-26 requesting their voting rights for Lion year 2026-2027, if present, please respond when your name is called:

PDG Jim Caruso - A

PDG Anthony Fregosi 

PCC Melissa Cherie Foret Jougard - A

PCC Elliott Bauman - A

Lion Ray Boudreaux - 

PDG Mitzi Falcon - A

PDG Maranda Trahan - 

PDG Phyllis Breaux - A

The following Past Presidents did not exercise their voting rights via email for the Lion Year 2026-2027:

**PCC Jeff Williams
PCC Mario Zeron**

A quorum was established.

Charities President then thanked Bourg Lions for the use of their hall and for the wonderful meal served at tonight's meeting.

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the Lions Charities Meeting of 6-18-26 were emailed 6-26-26 and were passed out before start of this meeting - is there a motion to accept the minutes?

**Lion Carla Chaisson of Houma Lions moved to accept the Secretary's minutes.
Seconded by Lion Missy Trahan of Chauvin T-Caillou. Nays 0. The motion passed unanimously**

Lions Charities President reviews each Charities line with members in attendance:

- ✚ ADMIN FUND – There will be some things coming out of the Admin Line, this occurred like 17 years ago and for some reason, Form 990 were not completed and before the government catches up to us – Slade, Juanita and myself met with a CPA Firm and now because our Tax ID has been revoked since 2011 and that Lions Charities has not filled any forms since 2008 – it will cost us some money now to get reinstated. Therefore, we are moving forward with the process and we will begin working with the CPA, no definite cost yet, it will all depend on the paperwork that will need to be completed and how long it will take to complete. Charities President reminded clubs even on a club level, please complete the 990 forms and please don't disregard sending them in to the IRS.**
- ✚ LION AWARENESS (City) – Lakeside Shopping Center – negative balance at the moment; we are just receiving records from last year's Charities Treasurer – once all the records have been received, an audit will be completed for the 2025-2026 Financials and a report will be submitted. Charities President then mentioned that no line should ever be negative, each line needs to be treated as an individual bank account.**
- ✚ ARIANNA CRAWFORD – no Update**
- ✚ BELLA CAPITANO – Charities President said that Bella just had a surgery which was successful and she is able to maintain levels of formula. Line will remain active**
- ✚ RAYNE POE – No update, Line has \$900.00 balance; Charities President will contact Lion Rickey Gaines for update**
- ✚ CAMP RAINBOW – Contact has been made with new facility director and he is excited to have the Lions return next year for the summer camp session. Depending on what type of event is held next year, funds in account should be sufficient, if not – clubs will be informed that additional funds are needed.**

- ✚ MITZI AND ANDREW FALCON – line to remain active
- ✚ FOOD FOR KIDZ - project will be held this Saturday, 9-26-26 at Harahan Lions. The Moisant Kiwanis club has donated \$500.00 towards project and is also assisting District 8-S during this event from 9am to 12:00 noon. If any club would like to distribute to a church or etc., contact Lion Robin Parks and she will deliver cases as needed. (6 servings/bag; 36 bags/case).
- ✚ LION AWARENESS BAYOU – over \$3,000 in funds available and off to a good start for next year's project
- ✚ CHAD RIVET – \$500.00 balance - No update.
- ✚ BRAYDEN BLANDA - \$500.00 balance - No update (Rickey Gaines/Marrero Lions) is a 3-year-old born on October 5th, 2021. He has Periventricular Leukomalacia, a condition that affects the white matter of the brain that connects various parts of the brain. He was born with club feet which he has had surgery to correct and has cerebral palsy. He needs physical therapy, he is not able to walk, or talk and there is no cure. He will be dependent for life.
- ✚ MELANIE ADAMS – \$100.00 balance, Fire victim turned in receipts and remaining balance will be issued. Line no longer needed, family is back in their home.
- ✚ **Incoming** District Governor - \$300.00 Balance
- ✚ Tina Jones -o- Balance, just released from hospital from having a heart blockage.
- ✚ Gloria Perez – Fire Victim in Metairie with Special needs Son - \$695.00 line balance to get clothing items
- ✚ Anna Lynn Pizalato – new line approved at the Cabinet Meeting on 6-11-26; Anna has stage 4 gallbladder cancer; line description needs are for medications. Line sponsor: New Orleans Filipino American Lions
- ✚ Kristen Tatum, new line approved at the Cabinet meeting on 9-10-26, Kristen has stage 4 cancer, line description needs are for chemo therapy treatments; protein food & protein drinks. Line sponsor: Kenner Central Lions

Charities President stated that a lot of work for 8-S Charities in the last few months has been completed – clubs were informed that if a line is to be created - there are forms that will need to be completed before it can be presented at the Cabinet meeting; 15 days before the cabinet meeting is the cutoff date for submittal and to ask DG Alden Merto to place “Request for Support notification” on his agenda. If these steps are not completed prior to the cabinet meeting, then submittal will need to be made at the next cabinet meeting unless it is an emergency, i.e. someone's home is damaged by a fire, etc. Forms for support can be obtained from the Charities President or Secretary - form will be sent via email so that we can keep track of what club is requesting the line, then contact can be made with the individual who the line is being created for, determine the needs for the line so that clubs are aware of where their donated funds are going. Whether a line is to be kept active or deleted.

Additionally, there will be a form when funds are requested from a line - form will need to be completed, receipts attached and signed by Charities President for approval of payment before funds can be released by the Charities Treasurer. Hopefully by the end of this year, everyone will be on board, we will have everything ready so that we are not going into the first meeting of the year without knowing all the information that is needed.

Lions Charities Treasurer then submitted financial reports for June, July & August 2026. Ending bank balance per month are:

June 2026, \$68,467.45

July 2026, \$69,268.97

August 2026, \$70,243.97

Lion Maranda Trahan of Chauvin T-Caillou Lions moved to accept all Financial Reports as submitted. Seconded by Lion Clint Buquet of Montegut Lions. Nays 0. The motion passed unanimously.

DONATIONS presented to Lions Charities lines were as follows:

Anna Lynn Pizalato	Chauvin T-Caillou	\$500.00
Kristen Tatum	Chauvin T-Caillou	\$500.00
Jim Caruso Award	Chauvin T-Caillou	\$500.00
Childhood Cancer	Chauvin T-Caillou	\$500.00
Childhood Cancer	Houma Lions	\$1500.00

Charities President informed membership that several clubs who had made donations to Lions Charities last year, that their club checks had not cleared the club bank account – she then asked all clubs to review their bank statements and if any checks had not cleared, contact her so that we can review the charities financial reports and find out why deposits had not cleared. Please issue the following information to Charities President if any checks from your club has not cleared:

- Date of check
- Check number
- \$ amount donated
- Line funds were donated to

OLD BUSINESS:

The newly elected officers of this committee were not able to complete an audit of the 2025-2026 Charities Financial reports. The June 2026 financial report was not issued until 9-14th, committee will work on this going forward so that reports are submitted in a timely manner. An audit will be conducted and a report will be given at the January 2027 Lions Charities meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Charities line was presented at the 1st Cabinet meeting at Marrero Lions for Kristen Tatum – we discussed this when the charities lines were reviewed previously at the beginning of the this meeting.

Update on the following:

Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation – Lion Rickey Vaughn stated to continue picking up eye glasses for the recycling project and that vision screenings at schools are keeping the clubs in our district very busy and how important this service is in the community. Don't forget about Lions Clubs International President, Mark Lyons 1st week of Service which is "VISION Week" from 10-08 to 10-18-2026. Please post the Eye Screenings completed in the Lions portal during the Vision week of Service. Clubs were then reminded of the "Eye Glass Recycling Project at Harahan Lions" on 10-10-26 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Lion Rickey informed clubs if Eye Glass Recycling boxes are needed to please contact him and he will get those boxes delivered to clubs that need them.

Louisiana Lions Camp – Charities President reminded membership that the next meeting is **October 3rd in Gonzales, it is a one-day meeting.** If you can attend, come out and learn what the camp is all about. Recently a meeting was held at Evergreen Lions where Camp Director Ray Cecil talked to parents about the camp. Every attempt is being made to increase camp participation and to have these kids experience what camp life is all about.

USA Canada Forum – 1st Vice District Governor Slade Stratman reported that it was held in Memphis, TN, over 1800 Lions attended; 33 delegates were in attendance from MD-8; lots of learning, fellowship with over 80 various seminars presented to attendees. 2027 it will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, 2028 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, then Shreveport, Louisiana in 2029. Lots of help from MD8 will be needed in 2029 to help make the USA Canada Forum successful!

District Governor Alden Merto stated that there will be a Guiding Lions Training on 10-14-26 in Marrero to become a certified guiding lion, please take advantage of this training – 4701 WB Expressway in Marrero, you can register on line for this training; 10-17-26, very special celebration for Lion Dot Rogers 100th Birthday here at Bourg Lions, all lions are invited. 12-03-2026, next cabinet meeting at Evergreen Lions, this is also the Christmas on the Bayou (gift giveaway to children in need). DG Alden also reminded everyone if Lions Clubs International or District dues have not been paid, please pay them soon.

2nd Vice DG, Elaine Levron – **Christmas on the Bayou;** if any clubs are interested in participating to please contact her or Lion Missy Trahan. The committee is working on getting names of families that will be participating at this year's event so that these children can have a wonderful Christmas.

Peace Posters – Charities President stated if any clubs have schools participating, this is a reminder that peace posters need to be picked up from schools no later than 11-02-26 then a picture will be sent to DG Alden's phone no later than 11-06-26 at 12:00 midnight. 11-09-26, all peace poster entries will be emailed to clubs so they can vote for 1 poster, the winning poster will be submitted at the Louisiana Eye Foundation meeting in November where all MD8

members will be in attendance to judge the winning poster which will be sent to Lions Clubs International.

Charities President then asked if clubs have any other announcements, events that are going on in the district?

10-02 to 10-04-2026 - Raceland Lions Club Fair/Festival - Food, Live Music, Live Boucherie, Vendors and Rides under the Raceland overpass. Friday: 5:00pm to midnight, Saturday: 9:00am to midnight, Sunday 9:00am to

10-26-2026 - Evergreen Lions - Halloween Party, Candy Giveaway and Costume Contest at 6:00pm

Montegut Lions, one of our club members is a professional artist and she has painted “Mike the Tiger” 3 on a velvet canvas, she has tickets to sell at \$5.00 each, drawing on January 15th at a Montegut Bingo game.

10-30-26 - District Zone Project, Trunk or Treat, Louisiana at Key Academy School at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 6421 West Metairie Ave, Metairie, LA 70003 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, all children are welcome

10-31-26, NO Asian American Lions Club, Halloween Disco Night, Mel Ott Center, 2301 Belle Chasse Hwy, Gretna, LA 70053. Food, Music, Candy for Kids, Halloween Contest, \$35 per person, \$15 age 12 and below.

Motion to adjourn by PCC Angela Plaisance of Chauvin T-Caillou. Seconded by Dwayne Hebert of Montegut Lions.

Meeting ended at 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Juanita Landry
Secretary
Lions Charities of District 8-S, Inc.
2026-2027