

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2020
City Center Hotel, Mankato, MN**

Call to Order: DG Brian Thies called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st VDG Anna Wickenhauser.

Invocation: 2nd VDG Glenn Kaufmann gave the invocation.

Establishing Protocol: DG Brian Thies established protocol.

Welcome: DG Brian Thies welcomed everyone.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters, showing 46 in attendance, 8 absent, 13 guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Brian Thies introduced all guests: ID Bob Block and Lion Brenda Block, PDGs Ellsworth Becker, Arden Severson and Orville Trettin, Lions Duane Kroells, Don Wickenhauser, Evelyn Grimm, Darlene Breamer, Rene Maus, Kevin Blank, Jack Stewart and Shirley.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg; seconded by Lion Emmy Koch; **MC**.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by PDG Joan Blank, seconded by Lion Janet Knakmuhs, **MC**.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Sue Vos sent her report. Motion by PDG Marvin Grimm and seconded by Lion Shirley Hesperheide to accept the Treasurer's Report, **MC**. Copy is attached at the end of this report.

Comments: DG Brian Thies – Governors did approve the nomination of 1st Vice President Candidate Douglas Alexander for International President.

St. Charles Training: 1st VDG Anna Wickenhauser – Recently returned from 1st VDG training in St. Charles, Ill. We do a great job in our multiple with training our members but you always can learn new things from others. It was exhausting, emotional, tiring, awesome and many other adjectives.

Communications: None.

Old Business:

- **Update on LCIF Grant for Camp Sweet Life:** DG Brian Thies, Lion Rene Maes – He thanked all the Lions Clubs for making donations for Camp Sweet Life. He handed out the grant report, financial report and budget to the cabinet. Last year's camp they anticipated 100 kids and had 120.

Report follows:

1. Our Camp Sweet Life Camp Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis to plan and organize camp 2020.
2. Camp goals for 2020- 120 overnight campers. 15 day campers, and a staff of 75 (this is similar to 2019 as our camp committee feels the need to work out a few details with Camp Courage).
3. Camp Theme for 2020 "Around the World 2020"! Camp Registration for Campers, Medical Staff, Counselors, Counselors in Training, and Program Staff is now open.
4. Camp Courage – held three meetings with Camp Courage in reference to:
 - a. Fiber Optics improvement – needed for diabetic devices

- b. Camp Food and Menur: our Registered Nutritionist is taking the charge on working with Camp Courage staff on CSL Carb Books and Menu.
 - c. Staff – meeting with Camp Courage staff consultant on camp staff and utilizing like camp staff for Courage and Camp Sweet Life.
5. Budget and payments from LCIF Grant attached to report.
 6. Donations received by Lions Clubs and other donations (this money is held in Camp Sweet Life Checking account and will be transferred to LCIF checking account set up at the Cornerstone State Bank in order to receive \$25,000 matching yet to come in from LCIF
 7. To date donations received from Lions Clubs: \$25,825.

This report is the 6th month mandatory report for LCI. Lion Wanda Breimhorst made a motion to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg. **MC.**

- **Constitution and By Laws:** PDG Steve Wasserman – Constitution and By-Laws went out to all clubs.
 - He pointed out that LCI has put forward language that GAT; GLT, GMT, GST and LCIF shall be non-voting members of the cabinet. So that will be a change to our By-laws.
 - Language mandated by LCI regarding Region Chairs that they need to attend a meeting of every club in the District and every Clubs Business Meeting.
 - Language in our constitution that the District Convention shall be held within the district. It is being proposed that that language be struck. Proposing to allow us to hold a District Convention outside of the district.

PDG Steve Wasserman made a motion that the cabinet endorse these By-Law changes; Lion Chuck Toltzman seconded. **MC.**

- **2021 MD5M Multiple Convention Report:** PDG Nancy Mathwig and PDG Mike Vos – The 2021 MD5M Host Convention committee has met on November 20, 2019 and January 29, 2020. The following items are completed or close to completed:
 1. Convention will be April 30, May 1 & 2, 2021 at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center (formerly known as Mankato Civic Center or Verizon Wireless Center). For ease of reference, Mayo Event Center is being utilized.
 2. Hotels will be Hilton Garden Inn (Headquarters Hotel), City Center Hotel and Courtyard by Marriott. Contracts for the Hilton and Marriott have been reviewed by MD5M legal, signed by PDG Nancy and returned to the hotels. An updated contract for the Mayo Event Center has been received and will be sent to MD5M legal for review after a meeting with Event Center staff today, 2/14/2020. We are still attempting to obtain a contract for the Mankato City Center hotel. PDG's Nancy and Mike hope to meet with a hotel representative this weekend. Mayo Event Center will be assisting us in obtaining the needed contract, if necessary.
 3. PIP Frank Moore and his wife, Rita, will serve as our International guests for the MD5M Convention in Mankato. Frank was President in 2001-02 but has been our current LCI Executive Administrator and Secretary in Oakbrook for the past numerous years. Lion Frank is current on what is happening with all divisions in LCI and can speak on where LCI is headed in the future. PIP Frank was our International guest for the 2001 MD5M Convention in Duluth when he was 1st International Vice President.
 4. Registration development is moving forward. We will be utilizing the Eventbrite program for our online registration. This is the program that is being used by the Northern Pride Lions Forum. A huge thank you to Lion Christy Trutnau for working on this and working out the details needed to have both an online registration and the traditional "hardcopy". MD5M Executive Secretary Vicki Violet and Lion Christy met early this morning to set up the 2021 convention site in order to have it ready by the 2020 MD5M Convention in Rochester on May 1 – 3, 2020. As has become tradition, we will be present in Rochester to take early registrations from convention attendees.

5. Theme for the convention will build on our previous themes. Theme chose is “Bend in the River III – Join the Jamboree”.
 6. We have not received an update from the current Council of Governors convention committee on their recommendation for choosing the silent auction/raffle room Foundation. PDG Nancy has had a couple requests from foundations that have not participated before in a raffle room at the MD5M convention.
 7. Committee members toured the Mayo Event Center today since many had not seen the section that was opened since the 2016 convention. Lions Mike, Sue and Nancy then met with the Mayo Event Center staff to work out the final details on set-up and food before the contract is signed – due back by April 1, 2020. PDG’s Nancy and Mike also met with representatives of the Hilton Garden Inn to discuss details of the block of rooms that will be available at the Hilton.
 8. There is a pending contract to sell this hotel which includes major construction. Depending on timelines the event center will work with us to find other spaces.
- **2020 5M2 Midwinter Convention:** Lions Lori Klein and Brian Rykhus –Are we ready...Driven to Serve....Loads of Fun. We are happy to have ID Bob Block and Lion Brenda with us for the weekend. The Clubs of Zone 5 have been meeting monthly to plan the convention. Committee members have taken on various roles and attended the meetings to put all the plans together for the convention this weekend. During set up, staff from the City Center Hotel have been very flexible, helpful and have gone out of their way to make sure this year’s convention runs smoothly. Currently, there are 278 people registered. The schedule contains a full and informative weekend of events that will make us all realize why we are Lions. We are excited to have the Tuxedo Band for Friday night entertainment. Saturday night entertainment will be “Minute Games” following the banquet. Lots of time has been put to work to make sure that this year’s 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention is “Loads of Fun”. Tentative numbers for meals: Saturday 227 Banquet 140; Sunday Brunch 118 people. 69 for the ID Dinner this evening. Lion Lori gave an update on a former Lonsdale Lion Dr. Bruce Lieske had a major heart attack. He went home Wednesday. She passed around 2 cards to send our thoughts to Bruce.
 - **FMSC District Project:** Lion Dar – Gave an update on the project. She has a table with information our district has 240 slots to fill and she is able to help everyone with sign up.
 - **District Bird Pin:** Lion Tom McCarthy made a motion to continue this motion as tabled until the next meeting, seconded by PID Debra Wasserman. MC.

New Business:

- **Resignation of Environmental Chair:** Kate Pattison – has resigned from Lions and the cabinet. Lions Gary is the co-chair. The email account has not been able to be gotten so we are missing the photo contest applicants.

Zone Reports: 1st VDG Anna Wickenhauser

Zone 1: Lion Jan Sebesta – 10 clubs with 250 members – 4 adds and 15 dropped - 11. Fall Zone meeting was held in Lester Prairie with all clubs represented. Spring Zone meeting will be held in New Auburn. Lion Jan attended Leadership training in Detroit Lakes in November and is attending the Mid-Winter Convention in Mankato in February. Registered for St. Cloud and Rochester.

Zone 2: Lion Deb Koehnen – Zone 2 is down 5 members since the start of the Lions year. The zone is up 2 for the month of February. Lion Deb has visited 4 clubs in the zone with visits scheduled with the 4 remaining clubs in March and April. The spring zone meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 at the Mayer Community Center. Mayer will host.

Zone 3: Lion Chuck Toltzman – Well I cannot believe we are halfway through the year and Mid-winter Convention is here. So far the weather has been treating Minnesota with a mostly warm winter, so people

can get out and enjoy the winter. Which has helped bring people to Lions fundraisers.

This year Zone Three has been doing great with only a minus 4 members dropped. I would like to have seen this on the plus side though. The clubs have added eleven new members in the first half of the year, so there are new Lions out there, we just have to ask. So to date the Zone Three has two hundred sixty two members, within the eight clubs.

How about those club visits? How many clubs have visited other clubs within the Zone? While I am visiting with you I might be asking this question to some of you during the convention. I will also be setting up club visits with myself also during the convention, I will have my calendar along.

Green Isle will be hosting the Spring Zone meeting. The date has yet to be set. Watch for the date and place in the near future.

Many of the clubs have been busy this year with some old favorites like omelet breakfasts and pancake breakfasts and some new fundraisers like soup and chili feed on Superbowl Sunday, hopefully they have all been successful. Oh, what am I saying, these fundraisers are all successful. Why? Because they were done by Lions and Lions are the most resourceful and most successful fundraisers in the world.

Everyone have fun at the convention.

Zone 4: Lion Julie Beckius – Zone 4 has a total of 8 clubs and 388 members as of 2/1/2020.

Zone activities since the last cabinet meeting in October:

- Zone 4 Fall Meeting – hosted by the Belle Plaine Lions on 11/7/19
 - 81 RSVP's including Dist 5M2 leadership, cabinet members and Zone 4 Lions
 - Guest speaker – Lion Darlene Wondra representing Project New Hope
- Club visits – Chaska Lions board meeting on January 4th
 - Visits scheduled with Hamburg, Carver, Jordaness, Shakopee, & Shakopee Valley
 - Yet to be scheduled: Jordan & Belle Plaine
- Zone 4 Write Off winner sponsored by the Jordan Lions will be attending the Saturday afternoon lunch to read her paper.
- All 8 clubs have been very busy with signature and regular service activities!

Zone 5: Lion Gerald Ziskovsky – So far, this year in Zone 5 the membership has seen a +1 in membership growth for the year, lost 13 members but gained 14 for the year. He has made club visits to Lonsdale, Prior Lake, Veseli and Northfield Cannon Valley since the last cabinet meeting. Hopes to secure a club to host the spring Zone meeting this weekend.

Zone 6: Lion Mary Pegram – Membership total-286

- **Eagle Lake** - 22 members
- **Lake Crystal** - 46 members; Planning Leap into Spring for 2/29-ice golf & other activities, MSU basketball ushering
- **LeCenter** - 39 members
- **LeSueur** - 49 members
- **Mankato** - 16 members; Mankato Civic Center wristbands, planning to help with Pioneer Power, planning summer Zumbathon
- **Mankato Key City** - 10 members; Planning for upcoming hot dog stand season, Pioneer Power end of April
- **Mankato Sunrise** - 28 members; Civic Center wristbands, planning to help with Pioneer Power
- **St. Peter** - 56 members; Holiday kid's party and selling poinsettias

Zone 7: Lion Troy Wetzel – 8 clubs with a total membership of 217 members.

People Served	People Served Per Member	Service Activities	Volunteer Hours
7455	274	25	486

Recent Club Activities

- Amboy: No activity recorded.

- Blue Earth: Donation to Let's Make a Difference Campout, donation to CADA, donation to BEA senior class trip to Washington DC, donation to BEA school music department, helped with collecting food for local food bank, donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, donation to Blue Earth Area Mentors, helped prepare and distribute food to the hungry.
- Minnesota Lake: No activity recorded.
- New Richland: Held a pancake breakfast to help raise funds for the New Richland area food shelf's school backpack program.
- Waseca: No activity recorded.
- Waterville: Hosted Fall social with DG Brian as the guest.
- Wells: No activity recorded.

Other Activities

- Club visits made to New Richland and Amboy. All club visits have been made.
- Attended New Richland's 50th Anniversary banquet.
- Save The Date: Zone 7 Spring Social will be held in Blue Earth on April 6th.

Zone 8: Lion Meg Tibodeau – Throughout the fall she was able to attend the following clubs in Zone 8; Faribault, Blooming Prairie, Albert Lea, Cloverleaf, and LakeView Lion clubs. She has not (yet) made it to Alden, Ellendale or Owatonna Lion clubs, but will be calling!

Our Zone 8 spring meeting is set up with Owatonna. It will be March 31st, watch for more information.

Our Zone 8 membership is at 246, unfortunately this is a loss of 5 Lions.

Two members will be remembered at the memorial.

Cabinet Reports: 2nd VDG Glenn Kaufmann facilitated.

Can Do Canines: Lions Andrea and Tony Oldenburg had no report submitted. Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg reported she has had 3 club presentations all three were also attended by a Can-Do-Canine teams
 November 20th, 2019 ~ Jean, her Diabetic Assist Dog Kohl and I visited the Wells Lions Club
 January 27th, 2020 ~ Len, his Diabetic Assist Dog Rouge and I visited the Northfield Lions Club
 February 10th, 2020 ~ Mike, his Diabetic Assist Dog Charlie and I visited the Courtland Lions Club
 Winter Graduation will be held on Saturday February 29th held at the New Hope Facility at 1:00 pm; New teams that have started working together 51; Dogs that are in for final training at the Can Do Canines Facility 22; New puppy program volunteers 134; Active working teams who receive continuous follow-up and support from Can – Do – Canines 333

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Steve Wasserman – Activities since October Cabinet Meeting:

- Consulted with the District Governor regarding LCI mandated changes to the Constitution & Bylaws.
- Completed preparation of Constitution and Bylaw changes to be presented at the District Convention.
- Emailed proposed changes to the District Cabinet and all Club Presidents and Club Secretaries on December 26, 2019.
- Emailed revisions to the proposed Bylaw changes to the District Cabinet and all Club Presidents and Club Secretaries on January 3, 2020.
- Prepared PowerPoint of Constitution and Bylaws for presentation to the Delegates at the District Convention.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks and Lion Rose Thies: They are preparing for the Memorial Service on Friday evening Feb. 14th at the 5M2 Convention. There will be 43 individuals honored at this service. They will again have Bird Pins available for sale. There will also be some snowman pins available.

Environmental: Lion Kate Pattison and Lion Gary Koch – No report other than working on getting access to the email files.

GLT: PDG Nancy Mathwig reported the Global Leadership Team updates since the October Cabinet meeting:

1. On Tuesday, February 11th I participated in a MD5M/LCI GLT Go to Meeting training on the new Global Leadership Team tool, "Learn". This is a new area for GLT Coordinators to manage/record their training opportunities and for members to access available training at the district, multiple district and LCI levels.
2. Information on the Northern Pride Lions Forum, March 27 & 28, 2020 in St Cloud, MN., the USA Canada Leadership Forum in Louisville, KY in September, as well as Lions University and Lions Learning Center is available in the display area this weekend.
3. Mentorship program – We will be awarding 5 new Lions, and their mentors, with Mentorship certificates and pins during the Sunday morning brunch.
4. Spring Officer Training will be held on Sunday, May 17th. Details and a confirmed location are in the planning stages. Additional information will be available in future district newsletters, at zone meetings and via email communication with clubs. 2020-2021 Zone Chair training will be held on Sunday, May 31st.
5. MD5M hosted an ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute) on Thursday Nov. 7th through Saturday night Nov. 9th in Detroit Lakes. Five 5M2 Lions attended.
6. ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institute) was held in Chicago on November 9 – 11, 2019. 2nd Vice District Governor Glenn Kaufmann attended the program.

GLT Orientation: PDG Joan Blank and Lion Christy Trutnau – "The Magic of Service" will be a new orientation session at DG Brian's Mid-Winter Convention. It will be offered at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning, February 15th. Lion Christy Trutnau and PDG Joan will be presenting an event offered to newer Lions members and their sponsors, along with any Lion who may want to know more about the workings of Lions. Lion Christy and PDG Joan have been working diligently on this presentation, trying to figure out how we want to inspire Lions about the 5M2 District programs and the Parade of Green.

They will introduce the District Governor Team and have PID Debra Wasserman speak on behalf of LCIF, Lion Tom McCarthy will speak on behalf of MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation and Lion Christy will speak on behalf of the MN Lions Vision Foundation. They will briefly highlight all the projects that are part of the Parade of Green.

They have 50 Lions registered, which they are excited about as that was the cutoff for registration. They have 16 different clubs represented. There are 14 Lions registered who have been Lions for less than 3 years, with 3 of those being new members in the last year. There are 2 Lions who have been Lions for 3 or more years. They have 25 Lions who have been a member for 10 plus years. They have one Lion who has been a member for 52 years. Lion Christy and PDG Joan hope they won't be boring these Lions!

PDG Joan did present an orientation presentation to the Arlington Lions on Thursday, November 7th.

GMT: PDG Marvin Grimm – He has been busy trying to find a town for a new Lions club. The task has not been easy. If there is not a contact person (someone interested in Lions Clubs) in the town, it is very difficult to get people out and to commit. We have attempted 3 towns to date with no results.

Lion clubs need to work on retention of the members they have. It is easier to keep the members you have than to get new Lions. We need to continue to "Just Ask" to gain new members. The district is down in total members. The Lions clubs have done well this year adding 72 members, but have lost 111 members. The district is minus 39 members at this time. This is as of January 2020.

We still have 14 clubs under 20 members. So, we still have work to do.

GST: Lion Dar Mondor –Date to remember for our great opportunity to help feed many, many people – **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) date is April 20, 2020.** Information to register for any of the three sessions either individually or as a club has been listed in the current newsletter and will also be listed in the March newsletter. There are currently 67 members for the 6:00 – 7:30 p.m slot and there is room for 100. There are other times listed that also have room for more to sign up. She will have a display at mid-winter convention in February, however if any of your clubs need help registering, please have them contact her.

For quite a few months she has been working with Benita Craig who is a school nurse at Halton Elementary School in Town Creek, AL on a diabetes kit idea for public and parochial schools. Lion Dar organized all the information she needed, the pricing per each kit and where she could get the items, then she met with the school nurse, school superintendent and principal. All were very interested and excited about placing these kits in the schools and all the buses. Her board approved the cost per kit of \$7.50 per kit to be placed in the classrooms and buses at the start of this year's school year and my club will monitor any items that might expire annually. She would like to share this information with all our clubs in our district as an idea that might work in their area schools.

She shared another idea that is being used in our schools. It is ice pack covers. She will share an example of these and instructions on how they are made. This idea was discovered on a visit to the Green Isle Club.

Lion Dar has been invited to attend a computer and phone "My Meeting" discussion with other districts, which she thinks will continue – She has only been on one so far, but is hoping to get some ideas that are working in other districts to bring to our district.

If you are having problems recording your activities on MyLion there is a U-tube program that shows you step by step instructions and she believes there is a power point program available, however she is here to help, just contact her.

Historian: PDG Nancy Mathwig – The Hall of Fame board has been updated and is again on display this weekend. At this time, no additional updates have been made to the Historian page on the District 5M2 website.

Journey for Service: PDG Mike Vos – It is nearing that time of year again to tour the countryside of 5M2 for our annual Journey for Service, April 1-3, 2020. This year DG Brian and PDG Mike will be traveling over 700 miles making some 63 stops meeting with Lions, Lioness, and Leo clubs collecting money for various service projects in our District.

He will be contacting all the club presidents to verify meeting locations, time and a contact person. He is looking forward to another successful Journey For Service with a goal of 100% participation.

LCIF: PID Debra Wasserman – Below are DG Brian's LCIF goals and her plan to assist in accomplishing them:

1. 100% of clubs in District 5M2 will understand impact of LCIF and demonstrate support with a donation to LCIF by June 30, 2020.
 - Monthly articles will appear in the newsletter on timely topics and information about LCIF.
 - I will speak about LCIF at any and all District meetings when the opportunity presents.
 - Several LCIF presentations are scheduled during the Mid-Winter Convention.
 - A LCIF display table is also at the Convention (Includes candy).
 - "Change for Change" jug will be available ongoing during the Convention.
 - I will seek invitations to present a program about LCIF at club meetings.
2. Promote members giving \$2 each week to Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.
 - Personal contact will be made with clubs after the Midwinter Convention if they did not donate during the Parade of Green.
 - The July District newsletter contained an article on this concept.
 - Club presentations will include the concept.
3. District 5M2 will raise \$30,000.00 during fiscal year 2019-2020 to support Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.
 - As of October 25, 5M2 has recorded donations of \$5,062.66.

Leader Dogs for the Blind: Co-Chairs Lions Loretta Klenke and Emmy Koch: Lion Loretta has been attempting club visits and writing newsletter articles. She ordered placemats for the convention and ended up with a double order so if anyone has a need for placemats please see her.

LEO Clubs: Lion Hilary Wickenhauser: Watertown Leos Participated in "Santa Day" and the Kids Holiday

Shop in December organizing games and activities. They are also making sure to have a good time, and just had their January Fun day on the 12th spending time together sledding and warming up around a fire.

The Northfield Leos helped set up a wonderful event to honor our veterans, with speakers, snacks and stories shared among all in attendance.

The Cologne Leos made a donation to the Waconia School District Plateful Account, to help make sure every student can pay for their breakfast and lunch. They then got to work and put up an unmeltable snowman in the center of town for all to see. They made a donation to Ridgeview Medical Center, with the money being used to purchase gift cards to be given to families with children in the hospital. They Cologne Leos have sold baked goods and helped with games at Christmas in the Park, as well as at Winter Bingo. They Leos also made sure, with the support of Cologne Lions members, that two families got all the gifts they could ask for in time for Christmas. They also donated 114 fleece blankets to Minnesota Oncology to be given to patients there seeking treatment. 3 Leos made sure to show their courage as well and took the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on February 1st.

The Sibley East Leos have been busy these past few months! They had a ditch cleaning event, raised funds to help a Sibley East family in need after their home was destroyed in a fire, and most recently volunteering at Santa Day running games and other children's activities.

In the Fall the Shakopee Leos hosted a learning drive; gathering school supplies and backpacks. They then donated the supplies to students who can not afford them. As the weather started getting colder, the Shakopee Leos made tie blankets and donated them to a local women's shelter. They also are making sure to have some fun while they have their meetings.

The MD5M Leo Leadership Conference is set for November 6th-8th, 2020.

As you can see, the cold weather has not put a damper on the Leos passion for service!

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt and Lion Dave Sebesta reported that the Liberty Day Program is pretty slow in the later part of the school year, but we had a good participation for the year as a whole. We will have a display at the Mid-Winter Convention, hoping to get even more interest from Lions Clubs to get involved. We have a few hundred books still available, so clubs could sponsor the program yet this school year.

Lions Quest: Lions Janet Knakmuhs and Janet Hall – One visit has been completed to the Waterville Lions and setting up a date with Winthrop from a cancellation due to illness. Lion Knakmuhs is working again with the charter school in Mankato and also the Lutheran schools in Mankato.

Long Range Planning: PDG Harry Klenke – You need to plan ahead to make things successful. Helping with the Mid-Winter convention shows the need for good planning. The convention just doesn't happen. So, if your club will be part of a zone that will be hosting in the near future try to pay attention to what is happening at the convention. It will help you in the future.

Mid-Winter Convention: Lion Brian Rykus and Lion Lori Klein – Report located under new business.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Brian Rykus and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – Brian attended the quarterly Trustees' meeting in St. Cloud, MN. The Foundation is taking steps to have another raffle fundraiser this Lions year, with the drawings to be held at the MD5M Convention in Rochester.

Lions Wanda and Brian are trying to attend each Zone Meeting.

The Eleventh Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update is scheduled for March 21st at the University. Invites to RSVP are on the Mn Lions Diabetes website.

Lion Wanda and Lion Brian are available and willing to speak at Club meetings throughout District 5M2.

MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation: PDG Harry Klenke and Lion Pam Koehnen: Kidsight in District 5M2 is going quite well. We need to set up a new training session for the Spring. Since we now have new printers that work with the cameras. There have been updates to the cameras that need to be demonstrated to the Lions who were trained in the original sessions. When cameras are passed off now, procedures are

reviewed with the Lion receiving the camera so they understand the new printing procedure. There are directions in each camera, but sometimes PDG Harry needs to go through them with the Lion.

This time of year, more clubs are gearing up to do screenings at schools, so the cameras are in use quite a bit. So, when you know of your dates contact the co-chairs so they can reserve your dates.

Every Quarter the co-chairs have reported everything they have done to the Multiple District Coordinator, so that is why it is important for them to get your reports in a timely fashion. Last quarter from October 1st through December 31st we screened 447 kids. PDG Harry has been giving Lions copies of previous screening reports that are completed properly, so they will get consistency on the reports from each club.

KidSight will be screening at the State Fair again this year on the second Thursday. The date is August 27th. Hopefully we can get another good turnout from our District.

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.: Lion Tom McCarthy and Lion Sandy Schneider— As if the end of 2019, over \$44,000 has been raised from Lions Clubs and individuals in Minnesota! District 5M2 has done more than its share: Almost \$10,000 received from a dozen clubs and five individuals!

Donations continue to be matched two-for-one. We are hopeful that our goal of \$100,000 will be reached during the midwinter convention season!

A special shout out to the Cologne LEOs who delivered tied blankets to Minnesota Oncology for cancer patients there. What a great service project!!

We have visited several clubs and are looking for more invitations to present. Also have or will visit most Zone Meetings.

The Green Isle Lions Club quilt will be used as a fundraiser for the Childhood Cancer Foundation. Our hopes for a raffle at the Multiple Convention didn't pan out, so we'll take another run at it the next Lions year. We will come up with a plan to raise some serious money with this generous gift, made with the five colors representing the most common childhood cancers.



Be sure to check out the Childhood Cancer Foundation Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/MN-Lions-Childhood-Cancer-Foundation-106271427419671/?modal=admin_todo_tour Let us know of any club activities involving childhood cancer, with photos, if you have them. We'd love to include them on the FB page!

The Foundation does not yet have a 501(c)(3) designation, so if that is necessary for your donation (charitable gambling...), contact Tom for a memo on the proper procedure to make the donation and get credit toward your Lions donation. (Several copies will be available at the midwinter convention.)

We are looking for comments and suggestions, so if you have any, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

MN Lions Hearing Foundation: Lion Vern Breamer, PDG Marvin Grimm: Thank you notes will be sent out to clubs thanking them for their donations to the parade of Green. Included in the note will be the dollar amount they have available for Fellowship Awards.

The next big event is the D Feet Walk to be held at the MN Landscape Arboretum on June 6, 2020. We would like to have more clubs participate this year. Last year 25 clubs from 5M2 attended the event. The money raised from this event goes towards the Lion's Children's Hearing Clinic for expanding the center and for research.

The Hearing Foundation received an LCIF Matching Grant for the equipment for the remodeled Children's Hearing Clinic.

The co-chairs will attend all Zone meetings as well as some club visits.

MN Lions Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Christy Trutnau – Lion Christy and PDG Mary attended the winter quarterly MLVF meeting on February 1, 2020 in St. Cloud. Highlights:

- Communication report by Lion Jennifer Marshall, Lions Gift of Sight.
 - Website update.
 - **Spring tour plans (Saturday, May 16)**
 - Staff outreach – visits by Lion Sean Poppoff and others to Midwinters and clubs.
 - State Fair supplies ordered.
- Comments by Dr. van Kuijk, Department Chair, about current status legislatively with competition eye bank.
- Comments by Dr. van Kuijk about the current status of proposed Lions Eye Institute.
- Presentation by Lobbyist Phil Griffin on current workings and plans with MN House and Senate. Very positive efforts
- Separate sessions by our four committees: Finance, Public Relations, Legal and Long-Range Planning.

Christy and Mary, along with MLVF Secretary Lion Nancy Mathwig, attended a holiday event hosted by the University Department of Ophthalmology in mid-December.

We also delivered many hundred pairs of glasses to the Recycling Center (they pick up at each quarterly meeting).

In January, Mary has visited the Mankato and Plato clubs. The article "Viewing Forward" will continue. A display table is ready for our Midwinter Convention.

Next quarterly meeting is set for Saturday, April 4, at East Side VFW, St. Cloud. Annual meeting will be at Multiple in Rochester.

PDG Mary gave an update on the Lions Gift of Sight and LifeSource and things may be changing

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that the newsletter has been out on time each month. Keep the information coming. Please direct any feedback pro or con to her directly, 5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com. Thank you.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that the retreat in Inspiration Point, Clitheral, MN, was in December. We have a retreat at the Audubon Center in Sandstone coming up in May. We are always looking for new places to host retreat. I have given talks to a Zone meeting and have club meetings lined up.

Protocol: PDGs Tom and Mary Ferleman - Look for "PROTOCOL PLEASE!!" each month in the 5M2 Newsletter. They are available to answer protocol questions from Lions and Lions Clubs. Nothing else to report at this time.

Public Relations: PDGs Tom & Mary Ferleman and Lion Troy Feltmann sent the schedule of when the kits are scheduled to be used. It is located at the end of these minutes. Lions Mary said the display that is in the south part of the district is starting to show some wear. Are there funds to replace the display with two retractors like the north display? They are \$134 each, \$268 plus tax total. The new retractors are more informational and up to date for what the Lions are involved with also.

Motion to replace the public relations display made by Lion Gary Koch, seconded by Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg. **MC.**

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank, Lion Doni McQuiston, Lion Elizabeth Truman – Co-chairs are thrilled to report that 5M2 had a very successful Polar Plunge on February 1st in St Peter at Hallet's Pond and were very well represented. Those brave enough to plunge consisted of 28 Lions, 4 Leos and 15 guests for a total of 47 plungers that helped raise approximately \$8600 for Special Olympics! Here is a breakdown of who participated:

- 13 Shakopee Lions
- 1 Lion from Shakopee Valley
- 1 Leo from Shakopee Leos
- 3 Lions from New Auburn Lions
- 11 Lions in 5M2 Team which included Lions from Prior Lake, Cologne, Winnebago, Alden, Jordan, Lake Crystal and Nicollet
- 3 Leos in 5M2 Team from Cologne
- 15 Guests

Lions Joe Maki, Ray Forniak and Dan Forniak will be plunging again at Lake Calhoun on Feb. 29 so will raise additional funds for that. Lion Joe will also be jumping with the Lions of 5M7 on Feb 28. In addition, there will be 4 Leos from the Watertown Leo Club that will be plunging in March, which will likely raise our total to close to \$9,000.

PDG Joan was also delighted to see a spin off from the Lions participating. Lion John Putnam from the Eagle Lake Lions and Lion Jerry Goodburn from the Nicollet Lions were able to form teams from their workplace, adding additional plungers and revenue to this event. Lion Jerry's team raised \$6,108 and Lion John's team raised \$2,778 for a total of \$8,886 for Special Olympics. Co-Chair Lion Doni McQuiston works with a team called Frozenszn 10 with 42 plungers who raised \$6,164. That is fantastic!

This was the 14th year the Nicollet County Law Enforcement has hosted the Polar Plunge and they topped the \$1,000,000 mark this year. 5M2 Lions have been participating for the last 5 years and are proud to have helped reach this milestone for Special Olympics. The funds used over the years have impacted thousands of Minnesota Special Olympic Athletes by allowing them to transform themselves by the inclusion of sports, along with health and leadership programs. Way to go 5M2 Lions!

Technology: PDG Steve Wasserman – **Activities since the last Cabinet Meeting:**

- District Communications
 - Posted Newsletter on the 5M2 Website each month.
 - Emailed District Newsletter to my distribution list including at least one member of each club and the District Cabinet.
 - Emailed other communications as requested by cabinet members. Email's now are configured with the sender's name and email address as the "reply to" address.
 - Wrote one additional article on cybersecurity for the District Newsletter.

Write Off: Lion Deb Koehnen – The Write-Off Competition is complete with entries from 4 of the 9 zones in our district. Zone winners: Zone 1 – Abigail Gruber – Silver Lake Lions; Zone 2 – Lauren Foley – Watertown Lions; Zone 3 – Zereta Mallak – Nicollet Lions; Zone 4 – Aanika Doheny – Jordan Lions. All three of the finalists will read their essay at the Mid-Winter Convention at the Saturday luncheon. The three finalists are from Zones 1, 2, & 4.

Thank you to the clubs that sponsored the Write-off competition and to the zone chairs for selecting a winner from each zone.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Jim Walters reported that we have accepted 36 youth to the program this summer from many different countries. Anyone interested in hosting should talk with him. It is an experience of a lifetime for the kids and many times the host families as well. Thank you for supporting the program with the Parade of Green.

Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported that No essays were submitted in 5M2, (or in any District this year). Visual Impairment is a low incidence disability, so the pool of eligible students is very small in any given year. Over the 10 years of the contest there have been several years

with no essays submitted in 5M2 or MD5M.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and Lion Shirley Hesperheide – This is the fun and busy season for the Peace Poster Committee. This year's theme was "Journey of Peace". We received 29 fabulous entries. A third party non-Lion had a fun but challenging time choosing our winners.

The 2019/2020 District winner is Charlie Kerber, who is a 11 year old, 6th grade student from Cologne Academy. He chose to illustrate his message by using a globe with the peace symbol wrapped around it with a spiral staircase encircled around the symbol to communicate the journey. He used rainbow colors to say that mankind is still shining and added lined paper in the background to communicate the process in making the poster. The poster was sponsored by the Cologne Lions.

The second place poster was created by Aidan Klinkhammer, who is 12 and a 7th grade student at St. Michael Catholic School. His poster showed two hands, that were very well drawn, holding the world with a road going through/behind it. He very creatively added many flags to his poster. "We are on a road to world peace and every kind act we do, we are one step closer". His poster was sponsored by Prior Lake Lions.

The third place winner is Allison Wirtzberger, who is 11 years old 6th grade student at Cologne Academy. "I chose to draw the world, sun, the yin and yang, fireworks and a dove. These images express love and communicate peace to me. I added a hand that is making a peace sign with friendship bracelets on it. This is to show peace and community." Our judge was especially impressed with the people/crowd at the bottom of her poster. Her poster was sponsored by Cologne Lions.

Once winners are chosen, we are busy contacting clubs, ordering plaques, framing the posters and getting everything ready for Mid-Winter. It is a lot of fun and we are honored to serve our District.

Comments:

- ID Bob Block – Thanked DG Brian Thies for the invitation to this convention. Thanked PID Debra and PDG Steve for hosting them this weekend. He awarded the convention chairs, Lions Lori and Brian blue stress blocks to help them this weekend. Also gave Cabinet Secretary Cindy Walters one as well. The International Board is going to move forward a dues adjustment as \$3 for next year along with an inflationary adjustment. There is no cap placed on the increase. The increase would be to improve member services including possibly updating MyLion. There have been some issues with MyLion and are working on fixing this. The International President Candidate has to be voted on at the International Convention. He thanked us for our endorsement for PID Doug. Currently the convention is to be held in Singapore...the coronavirus is being closely monitored at this time. Congratulations to the District for the activities everyone is involved in. Thank you for everything, looking forward to being here this weekend.
- PID Debra Wasserman – Fellow Lions we still have work to do...many people do not know that they can be a Lion.
- 2nd VDG Glenn Kaufmann – The hospitality rooms will be open when we can. If the doors are open the drinking light has been lit.
- 1st VDG Anna Wickenhauser – She is all talked out. Stop by the hospitality rooms.
- DG Brian Thies – Asked if there are any questions. We will have a fun time.

Adjournment:

PDG Mike Vos made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lion Gary Koch seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters

Upcoming Cabinet Meetings:
May after Multiple Convention, TBD

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Lions International District 5M2

Balance Sheet

02/04/20

As of January 31, 2020

Accrual Basis

	Jan 31, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	43,544.44
Money Market	
Activities Youth	6,963.28
Adult Companion	717.27
Diabetes	6,035.19
District Conventions	-1,113.19
Interest Income	2,247.93
International Convention	1,403.23
Journey For Service	8,309.55
Kid Sight	1,961.00
Light on for Life	1,455.48
Multiple Convention	3,303.69
Quest	41,199.31
Special Olympics	1,500.00
Youth Exchange	13,967.66
Money Market - Other	1,503.46
Total Money Market	89,453.86
Total Checking/Savings	132,998.30
Total Current Assets	132,998.30
TOTAL ASSETS	132,998.30
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	112,685.81
Unrestricted Net Assets	28,021.48
Net Income	-7,708.99
Total Equity	132,998.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	132,998.30

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Accrual Basis

**Lions International District 5M2
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2019 through June 2020**

	Jul '19 - Jun 20	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Activities Income		
Can Do Canines	0.00	0.00
Diabetes	0.00	0.00
Journey For Service- Income		
Journey for Service-2017	0.00	0.00
Journey For Service-2018	0.00	0.00
Journey For Service-2019	0.00	12,000.00
Total Journey For Service- Income	0.00	12,000.00
Kids Sight	0.00	1,000.00
Leader Dog	0.00	100.00
Lions Quest	0.00	0.00
Project New Hope	0.00	200.00
Special Olympics	0.00	600.00
Youth Activities	0.00	6,000.00
Youth Exchange	0.00	4,000.00
Total Activities Income	0.00	23,900.00
Diabetes Income	0.00	0.00
Dues		
District 5M2 Dues		
5M2 Administrative Fund	13,292.40	13,600.00
5M2 Adult Companion Fund	1,166.00	1,200.00
5M2 Intl Convention Fund	2,332.00	2,400.00
5M2 Special Fund-Mid Winter Con	3,264.80	3,300.00
District Club Bond	422.50	500.00
District Pins	1,640.00	1,800.00
District 5M2 Dues - Other	0.00	0.00
Total District 5M2 Dues	22,117.70	22,800.00
MD5M Dues		
GLT/GMT Training & Orientation	606.32	600.00
MD5M Administrative Fund	11,286.88	12,000.00
MD5M Campaign Fund	606.32	600.00
MD5M Convention Fund	1,166.00	1,200.00
MD5M GAF	1,072.72	1,800.00
MD5M International Parade Band	313.69	600.00
Multiple Excess Liability Ins	550.55	1,000.00
Total MD5M Dues	15,602.48	17,800.00
Total Dues	37,720.18	40,600.00
GLT- Officer Training-Income	0.00	400.00
Governor Visits	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	625.85	600.00
Total Investments	625.85	600.00
Kids Sight Income	0.00	0.00
Mid Winter Convention-payback	0.00	0.00
Misc Income	0.00	0.00
Project New Hope Bike A Thon	0.00	0.00
Quest Income	0.00	0.00
Youth Activities Income	0.00	0.00
Youth Exchange Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	38,346.03	65,500.00

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**Lions International District 5M2
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02/04/20

Accrual Basis

Expense	Jul '19 - Jun 20	Budget
Expenses		
Activities Expense		
Diabetes Expense	0.00	4,000.00
Environment	0.00	250.00
Journey For Service Exp 2018	0.00	500.00
Kids Sight Expense	933.42	1,000.00
Project New Hope Expense	0.00	0.00
Youth Activities Expense		
Essay Contest Expense	0.00	500.00
Leo Expense	1,587.56	5,400.00
Liberty Day Expense	2,531.44	2,400.00
Peace Poster Expense	0.00	1,000.00
Quest	3,217.04	0.00
Write Off	1,445.90	2,200.00
Youth Exchange Expense	4,000.00	4,000.00
Youth Activities Expense - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Youth Activities Expense	12,781.94	15,500.00
Total Activities Expense	13,715.36	21,250.00
Administrative Expenses	95.00	
Cabinet Expenses		
GLT	119.14	650.00
GMT	665.00	650.00
GST	0.00	650.00
Meeting Expense	0.00	600.00
Program Chairs	58.00	2,600.00
Secretary	0.00	100.00
Treasurer	0.00	100.00
Zone Chairs	337.50	2,700.00
Total Cabinet Expenses	1,179.64	8,050.00
Capital Expenditures		
Equipment	0.00	1,000.00
Total Capital Expenditures	0.00	1,000.00
Contract Services		
Accounting Fees	1,097.00	1,200.00
Total Contract Services	1,097.00	1,200.00
Contributions	0.00	0.00
Diabetes Expense	0.00	0.00
District Awards	206.05	750.00
District Supplies & Operating	162.00	1,500.00
Dues Expense		
District Dues Expense		
District Bond Expense	0.00	0.00
Total District Dues Expense	0.00	0.00
MD5M Dues-Expense		
GLT/GMT Training Expense	878.39	1,000.00
MD5M Administrative Fund Expense	11,335.27	12,000.00
MD5M Campaign Fund Expense	292.63	600.00
MD5M Convention Fund Expense	1,171.00	1,200.00
MD5M GAF Fund Expense	1,077.32	1,200.00
MD5M Intl Parade Band Expense	292.88	600.00
MD5M Liability & Bond	1,265.08	1,000.00
MD5M Dues-Expense - Other	0.00	0.00
Total MD5M Dues-Expense	16,312.57	17,600.00
Total Dues Expense	16,312.57	17,600.00

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Accrual Basis

	Jul '19 - Jun 20	Budget
Grant Expense	0.00	0.00
IPDG Expense	0.00	250.00
Journey For Service Expense		
Journey 4 Service Expense 2019	0.00	12,000.00
Journey For Service Expense - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Journey For Service Expense	0.00	12,000.00
Kids Sight expense	0.00	0.00
Mid Winter Convention	3,000.00	4,500.00
Officer Training- Expense	0.00	0.00
Photo & Enviornment	0.00	0.00
Pins		
District Bird Pins	0.00	1,500.00
Governor Award Pins	663.00	500.00
Governor Pin	0.00	800.00
Multiple Pins-Snowman	0.00	500.00
Total Pins	663.00	3,300.00
PNH-Expense	0.00	0.00
Travel Expenses		
1st Vice District Governor Expe		
1st VDG Expense Other	1,423.24	1,800.00
1st VDG Multiple Convention	0.00	1,000.00
1st VDG USA/Canada Forum Expens	1,500.00	1,500.00
1st Vice District Governor Expe - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 1st Vice District Governor Expe	2,923.24	4,300.00
2nd VDG Elect Expenses		
2nd VDG Elect Multiple Conventi	0.00	1,000.00
2nd VDG Elect Expenses - Other	23.90	
Total 2nd VDG Elect Expenses	23.90	1,000.00
2nd VDG Expense		
2nd VDG Expense-other	1,140.97	1,800.00
2nd VDG Multiple Convention Ex	0.00	1,000.00
2nd VDG USA/Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00
2nd VDG Expense - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 2nd VDG Expense	2,640.97	4,300.00
District Governor Expense		
DG Adult Companion Fund-DGE	1,250.00	1,250.00
DG Expense Other	1,286.29	2,500.00
DG International Convention	0.00	2,500.00
DG USA/Canada Forum	1,500.00	1,500.00
District Governor Expense - Other	0.00	0.00
Total District Governor Expense	4,036.29	7,750.00
Total Travel Expenses	9,624.40	17,350.00
Write Off	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	46,055.02	88,750.00
Net Ordinary Income	-7,708.99	-23,250.00
Net Income	-7,708.99	-23,250.00

10-8-19	Zone 8 Meeting	Tom & Mary Ferleman		South
10-12-19	Mankato Sunrise Lions	Richard Wheeler	richard.wheeler@mnsu.edu (507) 389-1011	South
10-13-19	Silver Lake Lions	Duane Yurek		North
10-21-19	Zone 7 Meeting	Tom & Mary Ferleman		South
10-25-19	Nicollet Lions	Denny Hewitt		South
11-30-19	Hutch Lions	Bobby Paulson		North
11-30-19	Alden Lions	Kathleen Bleckeberg		South
12/6/19	Arlington Lions	Nancy Mathwig		north
1/12/20	Blue Earth Lions			South
1/20/19	Hamburg Lions	Diana Kroells		North
2-2-20	Faribault Lions			South
2-22-20	MN Lakes Lions			South
4-5-20	Chanhassen Lions	Lisa Kaufmann	lisa_m_kaufmann@uhc.co m	North