

District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2012
Wedgewood Cove Golf Club, Albert Lea, MN

IPDG Susan Bowman called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 2VDG Harry Klenke.

Invocation: Given by 1st VDG Joan Blank.

Presentation of the Gavel: Passed to DG Ron Dahlke who then welcomed everyone to his first Cabinet meeting.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 43 in attendance and 11 absent.

Introduction of Guests: Lion Joe Maki from Arlington, Lion Jean Dahlke, and Lion Lowell Abbas from Courtland.

Appointments: Lion Nancy Mathwig made a motion to allow all committee chairs full voting rights on the cabinet, Lion Charlette Abbas seconded. MC.

Adoption of the Agenda: Under New Business add Cost of Meals at Zone/Region meetings. PID Maynard Rucks moved to adopt the agenda with addition, seconded by Lion Jack Webster. MC.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by Lion Darlene Breamer; 2nd by Lion Marv Grimm. MC.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented the Treasurer's report showing actual income at this point of \$69,105.75 and actual expenses of \$43,053.98. There is \$67,808.58 in itemized categories, \$7,056 remaining in the Core 4 Grant and all dues are paid. Motion to approve budget report by PDG Mike Vos, 2nd by PDG Marlys Meskan. MC.

Communications: DG Ron gave an update from LCI on the commemorative coin act – passed the Senate was not acted on by the House at this time; the coin would be minted to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Lions. DG Ron and Lion Jean gave a gift to IPDG Susan Bowman.

Old Business:

- Request from Vision Honduras – PDG Orville Trettin looking for people to accompany them on their mission trip. PDG Mary Spille made a motion to allow PDG Orville to address clubs regarding Vision Honduras; Lion Anna Wickenhauser seconded. MC.

New Business:

- **Cabinet Chairperson Briefing:** – PID Debra Wasserman talked about training for cabinet members/program chairs.
 - **Newsletter:** Each program chair is requested to submit an article to the newsletter. The parade of green program recipients need to be addressed between now and mid-winter. Program chairs need to choose a month and communicate with PDG Bill Curtis to get the article in the newsletters.
 - **Communication:** Everyone has the ability to send information to club secretaries and club presidents through a mass email.
 - **Be proactive** – each club should have at least three programs by cabinet members in the year. At the Zone and Region meetings clubs should have their calendars to schedule appointments. Cabinet members should have a business card to leave with Presidents.
 - **Region and Zone meetings** – The purpose of Region meetings is going to be quite traditional;

have displays at region meetings, calendar, and business cards. The purpose of Zone meetings will be driven more by the Zone chairs and will be different.

- **Public Speaking** – Be prepared, write down your presentation, practice speaking in front of someone who will give you honest feedback, know your audience (don't preach to the choir but provide relevant information), know your time allotment for the presentation. Be careful when you talk with clubs about donations and/or money. Be sure to thank a club for donations given in the past. Confirm before you attend the meeting to make sure that they still have you on the agenda.
- **Goals** – If you are struggling with the goals think of them as SMART – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely. If you need help setting goals the DG, PDG, VDG etc. can all help you setting goals.
- **MD5M CD Directory Information** – Lion Steve Wasserman talked about the directory information. He asked the cabinet to check the information to be sure that it is accurate. Lions distribute this directory solely for use for Lions business only. It is confidential information. There are Apple versions on the CD Directory, iPad and iPhone version, download Filemaker to go app from iTunes to utilize the version. There are also pdfs on the Directory. Club secretary's need to check and ensure that the information is current and up-to-date. LCI website has changed as of July 1, it is really different now. Secretaries may need help from Zone chairs. There are some clubs in the District who have not submitted activities for quite some time. Zone chairs will need to assist the club secretaries in getting this information input into the website. Lion Laura Maki and Lion Steve are always ready, willing and able to assist with technology issues.
- **Approval of Bank(s)** – PID Maynard Rucks made a motion for the approval of Franzen Bank and Trust and Hometown Bank, Jordan, MN as the District financial institutions, Lion Cathleen Williams seconded. MC
- **Presentation:** PDG Rick Wagener made a motion to approve the bonding of the Cabinet Treasurer for this year. PDG Mary Spille seconded. MC.
- **Approval of 2012-2013 District Budget** – VDG Joan Blank made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by IPDG Susan Bowman. The budget presented maintained the budget the same as last year. PDG Mary Spille talked about the cost of color for the newsletter. Need to monitor the newsletter to ensure that it stays within budget. Lion Paul Gorman asked a question about the carry over each year if our actual income is higher than our actual expenses. MC.
- **MD5M Regional Leadership Institute** – PDG Mary Ferleman reported that this training would be held April 18-21 in Mahanomen. It costs \$150 but after the completion of the institute you get \$100 back. Lion Nancy Mathwig would like a list of past attendees; PID Debra Wasserman stated the list is on the CD. There will be an article in the next newsletter regarding this training. Lion Laura Maki will put the information on the website.
- **5M2 Used Eyeglasses** – There is now a Lions recycling center and DG Ron Dahlke would like the eyeglasses 5M2 collects to go to an approved Lions center if they do not already. PDG Mary Ferleman suggested this go on the agenda for the next cabinet meeting after information is received from Lion Wayne May. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion that this point goes on the October Agenda, seconded by PDG Tom Ferleman. MC.
- **LCI Essay Contest (Visually Impaired)** – The contest is back in full force. The information will come in the Peace Poster information. PID Debra Wasserman made a motion that we support this contest and funds be made available at the District level to award prizes (funding for this to come out of Youth activities fund), seconded by Lion Nancy Mathwig. PID Debra will make contact with all instructors of visually impaired students via email to promote the contest. MC.
- **Solicitation at Region/Zone Meetings** – So much fund raising is happening at the Region/Zone meetings and this may be turning clubs off to giving to the parade of green. Discussion around this topic followed. There was some misinterpretation regarding this topic, this does not mean the selling of raffle tickets it is the solicitation of funds for different Lions programs. PDG Mary Spille brought up the idea that sometimes younger members aren't aware of the expenses involved in these meetings regarding meals and fundraising and may not come with money which make them then feel awkward. Program chairs are charged with raising money for their programs so we do not necessarily want to stop that. The secretaries and presidents are charged with being in attendance at these meetings so perhaps that is where the complaints may be coming from.

- **Cost of Meals at Region/Zone Meetings** – PID Maynard Rucks brought up the fact that the meetings are not meant to be fundraisers for the hosting club. Meal costs need to be kept down to make the meetings affordable. Encourage Zone Chairs and Region Chairs to help keep the cost of Zone and Region meetings down. The costs need to be covered but not make a profit. PID Debra mentioned that during the Zone chair training they talked about making the Zone meetings different, some Zone meetings will only include Presidents/Secretaries to discuss a specific topic. The specific formats will be left up to the Zone Chairs. DG Ron is trying to empower the Zone Chairs to design the meetings in a manner that works for them.
- **Membership Chevrons** – IPDG Susan Bowman received membership chevrons from International. She has them packaged for each Zone. Please take the packets for your Zones/Regions and award them to the deserving recipients.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Marvin Grimm reported that Region 1 had 1092 lions on June 30, 2011. There was a drop of 25 Lions in 2011-12. One goal will be to work to increase membership in Region 1. Increased attendance at the Zone 2 meeting will also be encouraged. The Region 1 meeting will be September 26, 2012 at the Community Center in Glencoe. He will also try to find out more about the Chaska Leo Club. He announced his intention to run for 2nd VDG.

- Zone 1 Lion Lynn Monger – reported that there are 9 Lions Clubs and 1 Lioness Club in Zone 1. We are at 271 members. The Lester Prairie Lions will host the Fall Zone 1 meeting on Tuesday, November 27. The Brownton Lions will host the Spring Zone 1 meeting. Her goals for this year include: Zone 1 increase in membership, all clubs attend the two zone meetings, and visit all the clubs in Zone 1 by Dec. 1.
- Zone 2 Lions Mark & Theresa Willems – Working with District Governor Ron to set Fall Zone Meeting date – information to follow. Will begin shortly to setup Club visits for the upcoming term
Goals for 2012 – 2013
 - Membership Growth for all clubs in the Zone
 - Increase the Zone 2 activity between Clubs by encouraging Clubs in the Zone to attend and support the other club activities, events and fund raisers.
- Zone 3 Lion Wanda Breimhorst – There are 8 clubs in Zone 3 with the following memberships.

CLUB	MEMBERS
Belle Plaine	20
Prior Lake	41
Jordan	64
Veseli	29
Shakopee Valley	23
Shakopee	93
Jordaness	35
NEW	52
Total	357

In May there the total number of members was 350. Club visitations are being scheduled. Every club in her Zone is active in their communities and is truly keeping Lionism alive. The Belle Plaine Lions will host the Fall Zone Meeting on November 14 at the Borough Bowl Party Room in Belle Plaine. Working on some ideas to jazz up the meeting. Stay tuned.

Region 2 Lion Dennis Hewitt, with Nicollet Lions Club, reported that he is the Region 2 Chairperson for 2012-2013. He thanked DG Ron for allowing him to be Region 2 Chair again this year, and also PDG Sue for the opportunity to serve last year. It is a privilege, and he looks forward to being involved in this District as part of the Cabinet. Region 2 is, like Regions 1 and 3, very active and supportive of Lionism through out the year. Region 2 has strong clubs and ready and willing members who are service minded. The Fall Region meeting time and place has not been set yet but should be shortly. With that he introduced and thanked the zone chairs for their reports and their service.

From Zone 4, Charlette Abbas, from the Courtland Lions Club

From Zone 5, Nancy Mathwig, from the Arlington Lions Club

From Zone 6, Darlene Wondra, from the Montgomery Lions Club

- Zone 4 Lion Charlette Abbas – At this time, Zone 4 has six Lions Clubs – Courtland, Gibbon, Lafayette, Nicollet, St. Peter, and Winthrop -- with a total of 262 members. The number is down from last year. Members are leaving because of age, moving to a new location, or family activities. Clubs are working at increasing their membership by various means. Some have planned events, others are continuing to seek out and ask people who seem to be civic minded. Many people seem to be so busy with a variety of activities that adding one more to their list is difficult for them to manage. A questionnaire was sent to all Zone 4 Club Presidents and Secretaries as per getting to know the club members. All clubs responded.

Each club is setting goals for themselves. All are very active in their communities from hosting backpack projects, to hosting foreign exchange students, to keeping up local parks, to planning fall events as ditch walking, Halloween parties, Bingo. Each club is to be commended for the work they do in their communities

Comments regarding the Zone Meetings:

1. Do not have any Fund Raisers except the Tail Twister at any Zone Meeting
2. Meeting with other Officers and setting Zone Goals is a good idea for the Fall Zone meetings. Zone 4 Meeting is set for October 4 in Nicollet. The intent is to have separate tables for presidents, secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs, etc. I am planning to have a few questions for each table to generate discussion and then have each table present. (This is still in the planning stage.) It is hoped that DG Ron will sit at one of the tables and the VDG at other tables.

A goal for me as Zone 4 Chairperson is to maintain communication. To me communication is the most important aspect of any organization. I have created a list of DATES TO REMEMBER for Zone 4 Clubs and will be getting that out to them for the first few months.

A couple of events to keep in mind and attend if you can are:

- August 7 – Gibbon Pulled Pork and Corn Feed at the Gibbon Park. 6:00 p.m. social and 7:00 p.m. a short meeting and the meal.
- August 20 – Winthrop Corn Feed and Potluck for members and guests.
- August 25 – Lafayette Pork Chop and Corn Feed from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Zone 5 Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that based on reports from LCI, Zone 5 began 2012-13 with 241 members. During the month of July there were 3 drops, 2 for non-payment of dues/non-attendance and one due to transfer in good standing. There were no new members in July for a total at month end of 238. One club has not reported for the month of July. Three of the seven clubs have reported activity on the WMMR.
 - Upcoming Zone 5 meetings have been scheduled:
 - Fall zone meeting will be Thurs, November 29th at Arlington.
 - Spring zone meeting will be Tues, April 30th. Host to be confirmed.

A letter to all club presidents will be sent in August introducing myself, requesting to visit a club meeting, assigning them a club in the zone to visit as well as present any necessary information from this meeting. Two club visits have already been scheduled.

Goals for year 2012-13:

- Schedule all club visits before the Fall Zone meeting and complete visits before Mid-Winter.
- Encourage membership retention as well as growth with a plus membership for the zone by year's end.
- Encourage club attendance at Zone/Region meetings, Mid-Winter convention and Multiple District 5M convention.
- Zone 6 Lion Darlene Wondra – Zone 6 has six Lions clubs including Faribault, LeCenter, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Northfield, and Northfield Cannon Valley and one Leo Club. LeCenter will host the Zone meeting with the date to be determined. Her ideas for running the Zone meetings are to have the Presidents meet during Social hour. Each club will have a part in the meeting i.e. prayer, pledge, etc. She intends to really explain awards that are possible for clubs to earn and Governor's Goals to each member. The meetings will have an exchange of ideas between the clubs and explanation of what is going on in each club.

Region 3 Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 meeting would be held at the WOW Zone on Adams

Street in Mankato. The social will start at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 23, 2012, and will be hosted by the Mankato Sunrise Lions Club. His goals for this year are: having three (or more) cabinet members visit and speak to each club, increase the membership of each zone by 2 members, have each Zone Chair make additional goals for their zones, and continue having inter-club visits and maybe create a 5-year schedule to be passed down to the next set of officers. The beginning membership numbers for each zone are: Zone 7 – 149 members; Zone 8 – 223 members; Zone 9 – 242 members for a total of 614 members.

- Zone 7 Lion Paul Gorman – The six clubs in zone 7 have about 150 members. Lake Crystal is hosting the fall Zone meeting, date is not set yet. Mankato Key City Club will host spring meeting. The Zone chair adapted the Lions Zone Hosting and Lions Club Visitation schedule developed by Lion Charlotte Abbas and began the process of reinstating a renewed emphasis on club-to-club visits and a more structured long-term approach to setting up the Fall & Spring Zone meetings.
 - Zone Chair Paul Gorman's goals include:
 1. Implementing the club visitation rotation schedule for all clubs in the zone to visit another club
 2. Devoting more direct focus on the Governor's goals
 3. +1 member per club.
 4. Monitoring WMMR reporting closely and working with secretaries to report monthly and to include key activities each month
 5. Visiting each club and its leaders at least twice during the year.
- Zone 8 Lion Allie Larson – Zone 8 has 6 clubs; Blooming Prairie with 61 members, Ellendale with 22 members, New Richland with 28 members, Owatonna with 19 members, Waseca with 41 members, and Waterville with 51 members. Total membership is 222. Her goals as Zone Chair are: visit each club at least once during the year with possibly more visits; have each club set up at least 3 visits from cabinet members reporting on their specific activities; have at least 1 (one) net member increase per club; have a Zone Meeting schedule, and club visitation schedule for the clubs; she will also encourage ALL clubs in the zone to participate in the activities of the district. The Zone 8 Fall meeting will be held on Tues., Oct. 16, 2012 in Ellendale. It will be a time for the officers of the clubs to meet and share their ideas and concerns with the other clubs. There will be no reporting by other Cabinet members.
- Zone 9 Lion Vern Breamer – 8 clubs in Zone 9 are all very active. Fall zone meeting has not been scheduled; he is working with DG Ron to get a date. He is looking forward to meeting with each club and having a successful year.

Committee Reports:

VDG Joan Blank came forward and mentioned that DG Ron needed to open the gift in front of him, which was comprised of an Ole & Lena book and fortune cookies; it is unclear from whence it came. VDG Joan then did protocol and introduced the committee chairs for them to give their reports.

Can Do Canines: Lions Deb Koehnen, Darlene and Vern Breamer reported that they are ready to start another Lions year as Can Do Canine co-chairs for District 5-M2. They attended a training session on July 14, 2012 at New Hope, MN. The main goal is to get the word out to as many people as they can that there are assistance dogs available to people in need, that is, dogs are made available through the generosity of people like the Lions who contribute money and volunteer their time in many ways.

In 2011 the Lions donated \$107,109 or 12% of their income. Way to go Lions. There were four Can Do Canines graduates in District 5M2 in 2011. There were a total of 36 graduates in the 10 Districts.

On Sunday, August 5 Lions Vern and Darlene will be helping to kick off "International Assistance Dog Week" by volunteering and walking at the first annual "Can Do Woofaroo". This event is an event aimed at bringing together supporters of assistance dog organization, pet lovers and the community. They have collected some pledges but hope to do better next year.

There is a Lions Club Recognition Program. Awards program begins with gifts made since July 1, 2010. Check with your co-chairman for more details. More information will be given out at club visits.

There are more fund raising events coming up. Please watch the website for more information. They will try and get the information emailed out as they get it.

Computer & Technology Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that the wheeled cases for the district projectors and computers have been ordered as well as the screens. One will be kept in the southern part of the district with Lion Steve Wasserman and the other in the northern part of the district with Lion Laura Maki. Please contact them if you need to utilize them for club presentations.

Lion Maki continues to update the information on the district's project pages and encourage project chairs to submit current information to tell about their project. Clubs are welcome to send her information and posters about their upcoming events and fundraisers to list on the website and our Facebook page.

Lion Maki has developed the "for members only" section on the e-District website. Username and password have been sent to cabinet members. She has assisted several clubs who were having problems getting access to their MyLCI pages.

Her goal for the coming year is to continue to update the website and get our district project pages current.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Harry Klenke reported that there are no issues at the District level or the Multiple District level to report at this time.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Susan Bowman reported that her Goals for the Year are to: Promote the Lions Conventions (5M2 Convention February 8-10, 2013 Mankato City Center; MultipleD5M Convention May 3-5, 2013 Mayo Civic Center, Rochester; International Lions Convention July 5-9, 2013 Hamburg, Germany), Promote the USA/Canada Leadership Forum (Tampa Bay Florida, September 13-15, 2012; Overland Park, Kansas September 19-21, 2013; San Juan Puerto Rico September 11-13, 2014; Grand Rapids, Michigan September 17-19, 2015), Support the District Governor's Team and Cabinet Members in helping to each reach their goals; Provide much love and affection to my 1st grandchild! (Evan Michael Bowman 7-27-12)

The Zone 8 Convention Committee has met for preliminary planning for the mid-winter convention. Again this year it will be at the Mankato City Center, a little earlier than some years, February 8-10, 2013. More information will be available on line as the planning continues.

The MD5M convention information is available on the MD5M website. Registration can be done on-line; registration cost is \$100 if completed by April 1, 2013. The convention will be at the Mayo Civic Center with hotel registrations on-line for Kahler Hotel (great rates) and Double Tree, both hotels accessible to the convention through the skyway.

The 2013 International Lions Convention will be July 5-9 in Hamburg, Germany. Start planning for a great European experience. Maybe we will have an enthusiastic delegation from our Hamburg Lions Club!

This year the USA Canada Leadership Forum is in Tampa Bay September 13-15. Our own PDG Eunice and PDG Mary are presenters at the conference, how impressive is that!

The USA Canada Forum in 2013 is in Overland Park, Kansas. It is a short 6-7 hour drive for most of 5M2, and only 20 minutes from the BBQ Capital, Kansas City.

2014 the USA Canada Forum is in San Juan the capital city of Puerto Rico, September 17-19; certainly an exotic and delightful destination worth planning for.

The USA Canada Leadership Forums provide an outstanding opportunity to grow and hone your leadership skills for work with Lions and for personal development plus a fabulous opportunity to network with tons of Lions and have barrels of fun!

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that she is in the process of ordering the Bird Pin for DG Ron Dahlke. Also, she would like to receive notices and pictures from clubs regarding members who have passed away for next year's necrology service.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman reported that she probably had an unfair advantage with the goal setting direction. Her goals are DG Ron's goals as submitted to LCI as part of his DGE training. And we've even checked parts of a few of them off.

1. To have joint GLT/GMT meetings on a quarterly basis to interact on those areas in common to both groups. We have held our 1st quarter meeting and have a mini meeting scheduled for after this meeting.

2. To explore the Club Excellence Process. The Club Excellence Process (CEP) Workshop is a 4-step workshop process that is conducted by a CEP facilitator and intended for club use. Each of the steps in the workshop is approximately an hour long. The steps can be completed in a variety of formats. A participating club will examine their community's needs, analyze their membership experience, use resources and develop action plans. (PID Debra passed out CEP Overview document.) We are working on specific plans and will introduce CEP to clubs at the Region meetings.
3. To promote the LCI Leadership Resource Center and the LCI Lions Learning Center beginning with the 2012-2013 Club Officers, suggesting they complete their respective LCI online training modules for their position in the Club in July, 2012, and that they identify and refer other members in their Clubs to explore the Leadership training possibilities online. (DG Ron is also committed to promoting attendance from our District to the MD5M Regional Leadership Institute in April 2013.) DG Ron has sent an email to 2012-2013 club officers regarding the training modules for their offices. We will continue to promote the Lions Leadership Resource Center through the newsletter, Region meetings etc.
4. To have a draft position description for Program Chairs for their review at the August Cabinet Meeting; Drafts of each position description were distributed at this cabinet meeting.
5. To increase the use of formal orientation programs by Clubs in the District. We began working on this goal last year. We plan to have an updated orientation program available for its first run through later this month.

2nd VDG Candidates:

Lion Marv Grimm announced his intention to seek the office of 2nd Vice District Governor at the 2013 Midwinter Convention. There is another Lion who has expressed interest in running in 2013. There are at least 2 Lions who have indicated their interest in running in 2014 and 2015.

Mentoring Potential Leaders: We began developing a more formalized mentoring system last year and hope to further refine and implement mentoring.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that for the start of the year he would be working with the GLT to get the Club Excellence Process (CEP) moving along. GLT will train facilitators and the GMT will help promote the process to clubs that will implement the process. GMT also has other items to take care of including membership, retention and investigate areas for new clubs. We look forward to having a great year for 5M2.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that he has been gathering information in preparation for the task of bringing our History Files of 5M-2 up to date. He did receive questions from several Lions that he was able to help them with. At this time he is waiting for the new Multiple District Directory, then he can get more information. His goal for the 2012-2013 Lion year is to maintain the 5M-2 History Files with current data about our District (e-submit).

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster introduced himself. DG Ron asked him to act as chairman of the Journey for Service again this year. It is a pleasant assignment and one that he looks forward to as a time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. It has always been a very successful project and one that greatly benefits mankind and leaves a good feeling with all involved. The contributions by the Lions have made a huge difference in the lives of many people and the world is a better place because of the Lions generosity. He then asked for support in spreading the word of the Journey. As usual it will take place in early April, with the exact date being set later this fall. All Lions and clubs will be informed of the date at Zone meetings, the mid-winter convention and a letter will be sent to each of the clubs immediately after January 1st. Times, date, locations and contact Lions will be given at that time.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener thanked DG Ron for the opportunity to serve as LCIF chair. As of yet, he has not received the informational packet from LCI but expects it shortly. DG Ron will be passing on his records to PDG Rick so by the end of the month, he should be acquainted with procedures and services of LCIF. His goals would be to continue the fast and effective service that our District has come to rely on and to relay any new information in a timely manner.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hesperheide and VDG Joan Blank reported that 1st VDG Joan Blank would be

meeting with all the MD5M VDG's on Friday, August 10th, to tour the Leader Dog facility in Rochester, MI. When Lion Joan returns, she and Co-Chair Shirley Hesperheide will meet to brainstorm how to promote the Leader Dogs for the Blind program and to encourage clubs to continue their support financial for this invaluable program.

One very exciting piece of news from Leader Dogs is that Mark Mansell, who is a school superintendent and a member of the La Center Lions Club in La Center, WA, is promoting awareness and support of Leader Dogs by bicycling from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine for a total of 3,500 miles. His goal was to raise a penny per mile with 1000 sponsors, totaling \$35,000. The great news is that Mark surpassed that mark while bicycling through Minnesota two weeks ago. Many Lions hosted Mark across northern MN and they were very generous with their time and money. VDG Joan believes he found out what MN Nice is all about! Mark hopes to finish his trip this week and has raised the bar to \$50,000.

Our goals for this coming year are:

1. Brainstorm on what needs to be promoted for Leader Dogs
2. Create a listing of all clubs and the last time a Leader Dogs presentation was given.
3. Encourage all clubs to donate to Parade of Green.
4. Recruit new co-chairs as VDG Joan moves into the position of District Governor and Lion Shirley would like to retire from this position.

They have decided to forego the "cans" or "quarter books" this year. It is felt those have run their course. They thanked DG Ron for asking them to continue to be Leader Dog Co-Chairs and look forward to another great year on the cabinet.

LEO Clubs: Chair Lion Allen Heidorn report included mention of the fun and successful Charter Night of the new Cologne Leos club. Again, much thanks to Lion Anna Wickenhauser for all of her hard work making that happen.

He hasn't seen the 2012-2013 Leo calendar yet from Lions International, so upcoming events will have to be detailed in the next report (e-submit).

Liberty Day: Lion Mary Spille reported that Liberty Day is alive and well for presentations in 3 communities this fall: Ellendale (70 booklets); Hutchinson (300); and Owatonna (450).

The hope is to expand the program by encouragement via fall region and zone meetings. This should be a good time as clubs begin anew.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that he looks forward to again working with clubs to develop a 1-year, 3-year, or 5-year long-range plan.

Goals for 2012-2013:

1. Continue to promote a long-range plan for clubs.
2. Continue to encourage Lions to develop a personal plan and a Lions plan.
3. Communicate electronically with Club Presidents concerning their progress.
4. Write an article for the 5M2 newsletter.
5. Design a display for the Mid-Winter Convention.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: PDG Mike Vos and Lion Arline Richter reported that the Board of Trustees of the Hearing Foundation met in Minneapolis on Saturday, July 14, 2012. The meeting was presided over by the new Chair, PCC Frank Loken, and roll was taken. A new Liaison was welcomed to the board, DG Ron Dahlke as well as seven new trustees. They include: Lion Gary Hicks (5M1), PDG Duane Essig (5M4), Lion Bob Knoll (5M5), Lion Beth Cherryholmes (5M6), PDG Jim Mulroy (5M7), Lion Richard Stebbins (5M9), and PDG Ivan Pollock (5M10).

Pledges and goals for the following year were discussed. Each trustee volunteered to staff/chair a committee to keep the fundraising projects organized and moving forward. Copies of current Hearing Research Fellowships, and club contribution summaries were also distributed so that information can be shared with clubs.

The Canadian Division reported on their projects and programs.

Treasurer Mike and Lion Sue Vos gave a summary of the June D-Foot Hearing Loss walk at the Arboretum. The walk was a big success with an abundance of walkers, volunteers, refreshments, and

sunny weather. The goal of \$50,000 was surpassed. They thanked all the Lions from 5M2 for their generous support are all looking forward to next year's walk.

Planning for the next fundraiser, Steering for Hearing – so little ears can hear, is well underway. Lion Bob Harms (5M4) will be riding a mower donated by Toro with PDG Jim Aasness (5M11) following along in a support vehicle. The exact route is yet to be determined, but it will begin in Roseau, MN, drive north to the Canadian border, then head south on a route, which includes Hwy 89 and Hwy 71. All Lions are welcome to join in the celebration to be held in Windom, MN near the conclusion of his ride. This stop will include a visit to the Toro facility, and an appearance of the ride's "so little ears can hear" poster child and her family, as well as other dignitaries. Raffle tickets for a new Toro Zero Radius Turn Mower will be available for sale to support Lion Bob's ride, or visit www.5mhf.org to pledge, or follow his progress online. Remember, all donations from the above fundraisers will be used to support the new Lions Children's Hearing and ENT Clinic.

Scheduling for staffing upcoming events, including the State Fair booth, the Cochlear Implant Picnic, and Hearing/Vision Tours was addressed. The next meeting was set for October 6th in St. Cloud, MN.

Mid-Winter Convention: Co-Chairs Lions Duane and Karen Fischer reported that the Mid-Winter Convention would be held February 8-10 at the City Center Hotel in Mankato. They are having their third committee meeting tomorrow in Waseca. The committee is really striving toward making the convention fun, with good food and excellent information.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Kevin Blank reported that on July 21, he attended the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's quarterly meeting held in St. Cloud. At this meeting they were given an updated video of what the University of Minnesota is working on, in the hope of finding a cure for diabetes. This video can be used in presentations to clubs. Also at this meeting District 5M2 was recognized for donating \$10,000.00 to the foundation. These funds came from club donations to the Parade of Green at our Mid-winter convention. He also submitted funds from several clubs that sent monies from the "Feed the Pig" campaign.

This summer he helped a family that has a daughter, who was newly diagnosed with diabetes, get in touch with a local Lions club (NYA West Carver) to explore the possibility of attending Camp Needle Point. This was a direct result of sending all school nurses in the district a letter informing them of Camp Needle Point.

Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported that she has visited a few clubs and turned in money squeezed out of the "Pig Campaign" and she helped secure Camp Needlepoint Scholarships for two youth.

Goals for this year:

1. Attend all region and zone meetings to promote the Foundation's money raising campaigns.
2. Visit a minimum of 6 clubs to inform them of the Foundation's and the University's work.
3. Attend the ADA Diabetes Expo to be held in October in Minneapolis.
4. Tour Camp Needle Point and make it more visible within schools in 5M2.
5. Personally learn more about Diabetes.
6. Improve recordkeeping for the Diabetes Foundation

MN Vision Foundation: Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells & PDG Marlys Meskan reported that they attended the MN Lions Vision Foundation training at the new conference room at the Lions Eye Bank in St. Paul, Friday, July 13th and the MN Lions Vision Foundation Board meeting Saturday morning, July 14th at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Minneapolis. Lion Diana was welcomed to the board along with three other new members. The Foundation contributed funds for the remodeling of the new Conference room at the Eye Bank. The room is definitely user friendly and a great addition.

Following the training the board members toured the MN Lions Children's Eye Clinic, a state of the art facility. The clinic is located near the Fairview-Riverside Hospital and the Amplatz Children's Hospital in Minneapolis.

Friday evening the MN Lions Hearing Foundation Board and the MN Lions Vision Foundation Board gathered for a very nice banquet at the Crown Plaza Hotel. A program followed the meal with very interesting speakers.

As Lions Vision Foundation Directors, it is one of our goals for the 2012-13 Lions year to visit as many 5M-2 Lions Clubs as possible to let them know what is going on with the MN Lions Eye Bank and the

Foundation and how their Lions' money is being spent. Another goal is to encourage the awarding of Helen Keller awards when clubs have accumulated \$1,000 or more in the Helen Keller fund and explain the procedures in ordering the award. A third goal, which is ongoing, is to increase the collection of used eyeglasses. A fourth goal is to inform the clubs about the MN Lions High School All-Star Baseball Tournament which is held in June. Apparently, some baseball coaches and clubs are not well informed regarding where the funds from this event are used. The MN Lions Vision Foundation received \$20,000 this year as a result of the tournament.

Volunteers are needed to work at the Lions Hearing and Vision Foundation booth at the State Fair on August 24th. 9 people are still needed.

The next Board meeting will be held October 6th in St. Cloud, MN.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported that we are getting many articles and photos from clubs. Photos need to be sent as an attachment to an email not imbedded in the email. If you are writing an article it needs to be to PDG Bill by the 20th of each month so that the newsletter can be out by the 1st of the month. He also had subscription blanks for Cabinet members if anyone wants a hard copy; the cost is \$9 for the year.

Project New Hope: No report.

Protocol/Public Relations: Lion Paul Stahler thanked DG Ron for the opportunity to serve this year. As a way of achieving success this Lions year he has made the following goals for the cabinet position of Protocol and Public Relations.

Protocol:

1. All Lions meeting facilities will be handicap accessible.
2. All Lions meeting facilities will have a functioning sound system so Lions can hear what is being said at the meeting.
3. At Lions meetings proper seating arrangements and introductions will be made.

Public Relations:

1. Every Lions Club will be encouraged to have a Public Relations Committee.
 2. Lions Clubs will be encouraged to use social media to publicize their activities and attract and retain members.
 3. Lions Clubs will be encouraged to attract new members and retain members through positive news.
- As always, he would be happy to visit with any Lions Club about Protocol, Public Relations, or help a Club in any way possible. Please feel free to contact him at any time.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, twenty-three teachers would be receiving training on Lions Quest. This training will take place at the Cologne Academy in Cologne, Minnesota. It is believed that following the training; every teacher at the Academy will then be a qualified Lions Quest teacher. They expect teachers from three different schools including 16 from public schools.

As to their goals, they hope to interest other Lions in taking their place. Mike is in his seventh year and Cathleen is entering her fifth year. They hope others will realize the impact that Quest can have on our young people and take the torch and run with it.

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille reported that his goals for the year would be:

1. To attend all Region Meetings and make a full presentation to the assembled presidents and secretaries.
2. To send an opening message by mail to all presidents in the district. He will also contact them by email. This contact will be made in August before school starts.
3. To contact all Zone and Region Chairs to give them an update of this year's contest. There will be clear dates outlined and they will be adhered to better than in past years.
4. All communications will be shared with the Governor and Vice Governors.
5. To offer to meet with all clubs and visit their high schools as necessary.
6. To arrange the midwinter presentation by Region winners.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall reported that she and her husband, Lion Chris Hall, are the co-chairs for Youth Exchange. She thanked DG Ron for the opportunity to serve again as YE chairs. They attended the YE Banquet last Saturday in Sartell, had a fabulous meal and heard presentations from 39 kids from 20 different countries. It was very interesting; always seem to learn something new that they did not know before. Out of the 39 kids 11 were placed in 5M2. The goal for next year is to have at least one outgoing student and to make more club visits.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs. The Peace Poster theme for 2012 is "Imagine Peace". The kits are available. Check with your local art teachers in early spring before school is out for the summer, order your kits and send reminders in the fall as school starts.

Lion Laurie and Lion Bill have done an excellent job promoting the Peace Poster Contest-thank you to both. They have sent reminders in the spring and late July through e-mail and the Newsletter promoting the Peace Poster contest. Lion Janet and I will attend the fall Region meetings.

It is not too late to get started...So...get your club involved-it is a project that involves your Lions Club as well as your area youth.

VDG Joan Blank thanked everyone for his or her reports and then turned the meeting back over to DG Ron Dahlke. He then turned the meeting over to IPDG Susan Bowman who presented a Helen Keller award to Lion Anna Wickenhauser in appreciation for the work she has done in establishing the Leo club in Cologne.

2nd VDG Comments: 2nd VDGE Harry Klenke made his remarks and expressed how much he looks forward to this year.

1st VDG Comments: 1st VDGE Joan Blank thanked all the cabinet members for their hard work. She is looking forward immensely to her year with DG Ron and VDG Harry.

DG Comments: DGE Ron Dahlke made comments regarding the training he has recently been through at the International convention as well as the people he interacted with. He commended the cabinet on their goals. Do whatever you can with whatever you have wherever you are.

The next scheduled cabinet meeting will be held in October 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Peter Community Center, Room 219. Motion to adjourn made IPDG Susan Bowman and seconded by PDG Mike Vos. MC. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Cindy Walters