

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2013
Mid-Winter Convention, Mankato City Center Hotel, Mankato, MN**

DG Ron Dahlke called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. sharp.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by DG Ron Dahlke.

Invocation: Given by 2nd VDG Harry Klenke

Welcome: By DG Ron Dahlke

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 48 in attendance and 3 absent.

Introduction of Guests: ID Marvin Chambers and Lion Lynn Chambers from Saskatchewan and several PDG.

Adoption of the Agenda: VDG Joan asked for clarification of date of 2013 Mid-Winter convention, Lion Maynard proposed adding Convention Protocol to the end of the agenda. PDG Mike Vos moved to adopt the agenda with addition, seconded by PDG Tom Ferleman. MC.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Lion Dale Oldenberg; 2nd by Lion Cathleen Williams. Lion Cathleen Williams had asked for a report from the minutes regarding the eyeglasses collection addressed from last meeting and also. Lion Cathleen will write an article for the newsletter. The eyeglasses collected here will go to Sauk Rapids. MC.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report in succinct fashion as usual. We have actual income of \$67,681.82 and actual expenses of \$29,807.37. There is \$62,320.16 in the Special Funds Account and \$1,361.40 remaining in the Core 4 Grant. Lonsdale Lions have not paid their dues at this point. Motion to approve budget report by PID Maynard Rucks, 2nd by PDG Bill Curtis. MC.

Communications: None for this meeting.

Old Business:

- **MD5M Regional Leadership Training** – DG Ron has received six applications received to fill the six slots allocated to us. So this leadership opportunity is being taken advantage of by 5M2.

New Business:

- **Approval of Use of Youth Activity Account Funds** – In the past it has sometimes been the practice to pay the \$15 LEO Club member's Mid-Winter registration fee out of the District Youth Activity Account. Cologne Leos have 5 members and Northfield may have a couple of Leos attending depending on the weather. Lion Wanda Breimhorst made a motion to use these funds to pay LEO registration, Lion Mike Williams seconded. MC
- **District Newsletter distribution** – Question arose regarding distribution of the 5M newsletter. PDG Mary Spille and her club had brought up the idea that the newsletter be emailed to all members. It was determined to be overly burdensome to email to all members. It would reach a larger audience if we could have an electronic newsletter as well. DG Ron asked for a committee to be formed to discuss the electronic distribution of the newsletter: PDG Mary Spille, Lion Wanda Breimhorst, PDG Eunice Rucks, Lion Laura Maki, VDG Joan Blank, Lion Janet Knakmuhs. Lion Steve Wasserman suggested the scope of the committee be broadened to more communications than just the newsletter. PID Maynard Rucks suggested PDG Bill Curtis be added to the committee as well. PDG Mary Spille will facilitate the committee.
- **Discussion of travel opportunities to Hamburg, Germany** – The information will be available to members regarding travel to International as well as the USA/Canada Forum coordinated by Wendinger Travel, New Ulm, MN. Lion Steve Wasserman suggested that we supply labels for the mailing as opposed to giving addresses to the company. Lion Janet Knakmuhs made a motion to allow this company to provide a mailing to members at no cost to the District and Lion Darlene

Breamer seconded. MC

- **MD5M Multiple Convention** – May 3-5, 2013, presentation will be made tomorrow at the business meeting.
- **Clarification of Date for 2014 Mid-Winter Convention** – Lion Paul Gorman made a motion to hold the convention February 7-9 in Mankato, seconded by Charlette Abbas. MC.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Marvin Grimm reported that his goal of increasing membership is not working. Region I had 1093 members on June 30, 2012 and on January 30, 2013, it was still at 1093. No growth. Some clubs have done a wonderful job of growing membership while others have lost members. One club lost 7 members. Zone 3 has seen the most growth with a plus 10 new members. We must continue to recruit and keep members in our clubs. Region I clubs have many exciting fundraisers and service projects that should attract new members. Remember Lion's Services touch many lives.

- **Zone 1** Lion Lynn Monger – reported that the fall Zone 1 meeting was held in Lester Prairie on Nov. 27. All 10 clubs were represented. 63 people were in attendance. She has visited all clubs in the zone. Her October report had a membership of 265 and as of Jan. 16, we have a membership of 270.
 - 8 clubs participated in the 3rd grade dictionary project.
 - 6 clubs participated in the Write Off Essay Contest. The winner of Zone 1 is also the winner of Region 1. She is Cara Halvorson, a home schooled student, whose essay was picked by the Plato Lions Club.

The Brownton Lions Club will host the Spring Zone 1 meeting on Wed., April 10.

- **Zone 2** Lions Mark & Theresa Willems –
 - Zone 2 clubs are Carver, Chaska, Cologne, Mayer Watertown Dandylions, Victoria, Waconia and Watertown
 - Currently 468 Zone 2 members. Club visits are in progress
 - Clubs continue to be active in their communities hosting many fundraising and community service events including: Breakfast with Santa, Cologne Christmas in the Park, Waconia Game Feed, Carver Soggy Bottom Open, numerous pancake breakfast both recently held and upcoming
 - Spring Zone meeting set for April 17th with Carver as the host club
 - GOALS
 - Membership growth for all clubs in the Zone
 - Increase Zone 2 activity between clubs by encouraging clubs in the Zone to attend and support other club activities, events and fundraisers
 - Clubs in the Zone continue to be very active.
- **Zone 3** Lion Wanda Breimhorst –
 - Shakopee Lions had their Steak Fry and are holding their annual Ice Golf tournament on February 9th. Tomorrow. This is a well-attended fundraiser and reports are everyone has a great time. Shakopee Valley Lions held their Bingo and are busy planning their next fundraiser.
 - Jordaness Lions had a fun time at their annual Fashion Show. Thank you Lion 1st Vice District Governor Joan for helping with the raffle. Also held a successful bowling tournament, 2nd Vice District Governor Harry participated and we were happy to have him there. We also served Hot Dogs and Tacos for a fee at a couple of basketball games. Proceeds to various projects in the community and also internationally.
 - Jordaness Lions have a fish fry coming up in March – March 8th, held in the St. John's Church basement.
 - The Jordan Lions also have a couple of fish dinners scheduled for March. If you are in the area and love fish, you'll love these dinners. Best fish around (other than those caught and fried at home).
 - Prior Lake Lions held a Senior Christmas Luncheon, which was very successful. This is one example of the good they do for their community.

- Jungle Days in August is being hosted by the Jordaness Lions. Date is August 5th. It is nice and close Valley View at Belle Plaine. This is early but I want to make sure you get it on your calendars and plan to take the day off to join other lions in an afternoon of fun. In my mind it will be a warm sunshiny, perfect day. Even if you don't golf, we'd like to see you at dinner.
- Zone 3 participated in the Write Off contest.
- Several clubs participate in the highway cleanup project, the Dictionary Project, food baskets and backpacks to help those in need. All in all we are quite the active bunch. Since July Zone 3 Lions have volunteered a total of 3,080 hours to various projects.
- The Belle Plaine Lions hosted our Fall Zone Meeting. Good attendance and the program was well received by those attending. Food was great too.
- Spring Zone Meeting is March 18th hosted by the NEW Lions at the Ranchero.
- So far in this Lions' year Zone 3 has added 24 members, dropped 13 for a net gain of 11 members bringing our total to 363.

Region 2 Lion Dennis Hewitt, Region 2 Chairperson reported that Region 2 consists of Zones 4, 5 and 6. There are 21 Lions Clubs and 3 Leo Clubs. All our clubs have been very active and busy through the winter months. All are doing an awesome job in their communities promoting Lionism and supporting local projects. He then introduced the zone chairs and commended them on the excellent job they have done this past year and for their reports. The zone meetings these Chairs did this past fall were great, they all came up with some fantastic ideas and all went over well, nothing but good comments.

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 – Zone 4 has six clubs. There are 15 new members with 5 members dropped for a gain of 10. We currently have 272 members up from 262 in July. The Lafayette Lions reported a unique membership. Lafayette has a new member who was a scholarship recipient last summer. That's the kind of members we like to see. Someone who pays back! So congratulations to the clubs who managed to gain members. Membership is probably the biggest challenge for all of our clubs. And, our goals were to increase numbers. So far, we are ahead of this past fall. Membership is still being worked on by clubs. All clubs but one has kept up-to-date with the activity reporting.

Since our October Cabinet Meeting, clubs completed Halloween and Christmas Parties for Kids. Now many are working on fundraisers from pork chop meals, to pancake, waffle, or amulet breakfasts. And these will continue into the spring. The Dictionaries for 3rd graders were distributed, local Peace Poster winners were announced, and scholarship money is being given out from last year. Clubs await the applications for the next set of scholarships. Every club was able to have a special night to celebrate their successes whether it was a Christmas party or an upcoming Valentine party.

Three clubs in Zone 4 held Cabinet Chair presentations and in the process invited other clubs from the Zone to attend. This helped out both the clubs and the Cabinet Chairs. In fact, this also helped clubs to complete their club visit.

Nominations for the 2013-2014 club officers will begin within the next month or two with final voting taking place in April.

We are looking forward to our Spring Zone Meeting on April 2 in Lafayette.

- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that based on reports from LCI, Zone 5 had 23 members at our last Cabinet meeting. Year to date there have been 12 drops: 5 for non-payment of dues/non-attendance, one moved, one transfer in good standing and 5 due to dropped in good standing. There have been no members lost to death to date. Zone 5 has only had 3 new members to date for a total at January month end of 232, a minus 9 net.
 - All clubs in the district are very busy supporting their communities.
 - Our Zone 5 meeting on November 29th was received well. I have had numerous positive comments that members present enjoyed the new format used. For our meeting I asked members from 4 clubs to give a short (5-7 minute) presentation on a club project. Arlington's president, Lion Dan Hislop spoke on the Twinning process with a club in eastern Ontario Canada. Green Isle's club was represented by PID Maynard Rucks who explained the Farm Safety programs jointly sponsored by Green Isle and Arlington. Hamburg's president, Lion

Diana Kroells explained the RAP (Reading Action Program) and PDG Mary Spille represented Liberty Day and talked about Liberty Day.

- Plans for the Spring Zone meeting are to give the remaining 3 clubs the opportunity to talk about one of their unique projects. The Spring Zone 5 meeting date has changed from the date announced at the past two Cabinet meetings. It will now be held on Monday, November 29th and hosted by the Norwood Young America Lions.

Goals for year 2012-13:

- Schedule all club visits before the Fall Zone meeting and complete visits before Mid-Winter. **Not met-as of today, I have visited 4 of the 7 clubs.**
- Encourage membership retention as well as growth with a plus membership for the zone by year's end. **Ongoing.**
- Encourage club attendance at Zone/Region meetings, Mid-Winter convention and Multiple District 5M convention. All 7 clubs were represented at the Fall zone meeting.
- **Zone 6** Lion Darlene Wondra – Zone 6 has 6 clubs that include Faribault, Le Center, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Northfield, Northfield Cannon Valley, and Northfield Leo's, we have 226 members. Zone 6 Lions have been very busy with community projects that many of us do, such as unloading trucks for the food shelves, meals on wheels, highway ditch cleaning; collecting eye glasses, donation to school activities, the list goes on. Our Zone 6 clubs has done some unique activates – money raised from kolacky payment, auction with the proceeds going to their community Cathedral café, an annual bowling tournament proceeds went to underprivileged kids for Christmas gifts, one club helped a Boy Scout receive his Eagle Scout award, his project was books for an African Library and collecting cell phones raising over \$81. Zone 6 Spring meeting will be Tuesday April 30 in Faribault at the Elks lodge. Once again all Zone 6 clubs and our Leo's will be included in the meeting. We will have a speaker on retention.

Region 3 Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 is composed of 3 zones. The Region is plus 5 members in the past six months but down 5 from a year ago. The 12/30/12 membership numbers for each zone are: Zone 7 – 155 members; Zone 8 – 227 members; Zone 9 – 239 members for a total of 621 members.

- **Zone 7** Lion Paul Gorman – Zone 7 has 154 members in 6 clubs. Fall zone meeting hosted by Lake Crystal Lions on October 23. DG Ron's new format was well received. Key City Lions will host Spring zone meeting in March 26 to April 04 range. Highlight of zone was the semi truck crashing into and destroying the Key City food trailer and destroying the unit within the hour after zone chair Paul had just finished scrubbing the floor on his hands and knees. They just received the insurance settlement and are working on a new trailer.
- **Zone 8** Lion Allie Larson – Zone 8 has 6 clubs with a membership of 216 as of Feb. 2013. Membership has dropped from 222 for a variety of reasons, although, new members are joining some clubs. Lion Allie has made 4 of 6 club visits so far this year. She has not heard of, or seen a report of any inter-club visits so far this year. She put out a schedule for inter-club visitation through the year 2016, which was a goal, along with membership gain, and more club visitations. The Spring Zone meeting for Zone 8 is in place. The Blooming Prairie Lions Club will host the meeting on March 7, 2013 in Blooming Prairie.
 - Zone 8 clubs have been involved in the planning and production of the 2013 Mid-Winter Convention, which is beginning today. Much planning has gone into the Convention. Lions Duane and Karen Fisher, chairs of the Convention, have done a great job of putting everything together with the help of many club members of Zone 8.
 - As she has read through the activity reports and visited Zone 8 clubs, all the clubs have activities in place in service to their communities.
- **Zone 9** Lion Vern Breamer – Zone 9 has 239 members as of February 8, 2013. That is a loss of 4 from the 243 members at the time of the Oct 22, 2012 Cabinet meeting. Blue Earth will host zone 9 Spring meeting sometime in March. All clubs are active in their communities and continue to work at increasing membership. Zone 9 is looking forward to hosting the 2014 Mid-Winter convention. Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer will co-chair the event.

Committee Reports:

V DG Joan Blank came forward, did proper protocol addressing the cabinet, and then introduced the

Can Do Canines: Lions Darlene and Vern Breamer and Deb Koehnen reported that 5M2 is trailing in the % of Clubs giving to Can Do Canines. At the end of the 2nd quarter 5M2 had only 3% of the clubs contributing. Hopefully our parade of Green will turn that around.

Can Do Canines is always looking for volunteers. They are looking for Table Hosts to attend their Tales of Independence Fundraising luncheon on May 8 at Golden Valley Country Club for 11:30 am TO 12:30 pm. The Host would invite people that know something about us and would be ready to consider giving a financial gift that day. They need to raise \$100,000 or more that day in cash gifts and pledges (3-5 year Payments) to meet their annual budget needs. This event usually attracts over 350 major business, organization leaders and philanthropists from the Twin Cities.

Tails to Tell Tour dates are Saturday Feb 23 @ 10 am and Thursday, March 21 @ 7 pm. We encourage every club to take a tour. It is nice to see where your donations are going.

The next graduation will be on April 20, 2013. The Fall graduation is scheduled for October 12, 2013.

Woofaroo will be held on September 7th. Start making plans to attend and get your support team ready to walk to make money for Can Do Canines. They have a lot of venders for you to look at.

Be sure to check out the website for more information. You can also follow them on Face book and Twitter. Be sure to sign up for "the Howler" eNews. This is a monthly eNews. The February edition should be out this coming week.

Lion Deb has visited Stewart & Lester Prairie and will visit Silver Lake in February. Lion Vern has visited Blue Earth and will visit Kiester in February. Our goal for the rest of the year is to visit more clubs.

Computer & Technology Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that the past couple months have been busy. She has assisted DG Ron and the Zone 8 Convention Planning Committee in several areas. She met with the registration chair and assisted her, worked with DG Ron Dahlke to create the convention programs and know which speakers will need the projector for the talks, and met with PDG Eunice Rucks to assist her with the power point for the Service of Remembrance.

Clubs continue to send their posters regarding fundraiser events which she uploads to our website and posts on the Facebook page. She's provided information to several clubs regarding setting up and managing e-clubhouse websites and requested information from Lion Ken Farrell to work at bringing the bird pin and fame award information up to date on the website.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Harry Klenke reported that our Constitution and By-laws needed to be updated for the amount of dues that we are to pay. This change was because of a .25¢ increase for a fund set up for bands traveling to the International Convention. We had already been paying it, so we needed to update our By-Laws. Thanks to PDG Wayne for his help with this change.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Susan Bowman reported that the 2013 **Multiple District 94th Convention** "Serving Through Lionism" will be May 3-5 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, hosted by the three Rochester Lion Clubs. The MD5M convention and hotel information is available at the MD5M website: www.lionsmd5m.org. You can register and pay with a credit on line. There are also paper registration forms on the display table in the City Center Hotel.

Friday, May 3 is the opening business meeting at 3:00pm. There will be a past district governors dinner, memorial service for diseased MD5M Lions, followed by evening social with a live music, snacks and fellowship.

Saturday there are seven sessions to select from. The sessions include Dr. Elizabeth Seaquest on Diabetes, PDG Dudley Parsons on his eyeglass mission trip to Dominican Republic, Lion Bob Harms on his "Border to Border" lawnmower ride, Lion Bunny Tabbatt on Leader Dogs for the Blind, Artist Cynthia Weitzel on "Connecting with the Deaf and Hearing Communities", and Serviceman Corey Stilman on "Project New Hope".

At the afternoon business session there will be an endorsement of the next MD5M International Director Candidate, PCC Mike Molenda for a two-year term. The highlight of the convention will be International First Vice President Barry Palmer's address at the Saturday Evening Banquet. What a terrific

opportunity to hear our next Lions President. The cost for the full convention meals/registration is \$100 if submitted by April 1, 2013.

The USA Canada Forum is September 19-21, 2013 in Overland Park Kansas. Overland Park, Kansas is an easy commute 6-7 hour drive from most points in 5M2. Would like to see Overland Park/Kansas City but want to leave the driving to someone else? Please visit with the representative from Wendinger Band and Travel Inc. at the display table. They have a travel package that includes a 4-night stay at the Drury Inn (4 blocks from the forum, with shuttle service), full buffet breakfast each morning and social hour with hors d'oeuvres and drinks each night and is fully escorted. The cost is \$398 per person, double occupancy. There are other optional attractions if time permits.

Over sixty seminars will be presented including the usual club officer seminars and the "President meeting the Club Presidents" session with 2013-2014 President Barry Palmer. Keynote speaker Ed Hearn will conduct a seminar on Friday morning about Conquering Life's Curves. Friday lunch keynote speaker is Dayne Steele, Serial Entrepreneur and outstanding inspiring speaker. Also presenting is Patrick Henry Hughes, a remake able young man born without eyes and without the ability to fully straighten his arms and legs, making it unable to walk. Despite circumstances, that may seem overwhelming, Patrick has overcome those physical issues to excel as a musician, student, performer and public speaker. His message, are your obstacles real or imagined?

Early Bird registration is \$265, on line registrations at usacanadalionsforum.org is encouraged. There are a number of paper registrations on the display table.

The 2013 **International Lions Convention** will be July 5-9 in Hamburg, Germany. If you have not done so yet, start planning a wonderful European experience. Wendinger Band and Travel. Inc. has tour information regarding extended tours in Germany. A representative is available on Saturday to answer travel questions.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that as District Services Activities person she has been working on the Service of Remembrance and there will be 19 Lions honored. This event will take place at 7:15 p.m. on Friday evening February 8th. She has both the Snowman pins and Bird Pins and will be selling them at the Convention. Also, there will be a 1st Timers contest at the Convention. PDG Eunice then gave a Helen Keller sight award to Lion Allie Larson, who was very surprised. Photos were taken.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman reported that DG Ron set a number of goals for the 2012-2013 Lions year. Progress to this date is noted below.

- To have joint GLT/GMT meetings on a quarterly basis to interact on those areas in common to both groups.
 - The 2nd quarter GLT/GMT joint meeting was held by conference phone. The topic of the meeting was potential clubs to contact regarding CEP. Several subsequent emails have been exchanged among the group regarding GLT topics. The 3rd quarter meeting will likely be by phone and will be scheduled shortly.**
- To explore the Club Excellence Process;
 - 3 clubs, 1 per Region were selected to be contacted regarding CEP. The District GMT Coordinator scheduled meetings with each club. Paperwork has been received from 1 club and forwarded to LCI.**
- 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. (I will also promote attendance from our District to the MD5M Regional Leadership Institute in April 2013;)
 - We have filled our complement of participants (6) for the 2013 Regional Leadership Institute. We will also have 1 Lion attending the Advanced Leadership Institute in Oakbrook in February.**
- To have a draft job description for Program Chairs for their review at the August Cabinet Meeting;
 - This goal was accomplished. However, this was only step 1 of the position description development process. Editing of the draft descriptions was set aside as it was thought CEP would be the main activity this late fall, early winter. Work on editing began in early**

January. The 1VDG is appreciative to have access to Cabinet Position descriptions as she has learned she will have many slots to fill.

- To increase the use of formal orientation programs by Clubs in the District.

Revision of the District Orientation program has been accomplished. PDG Mary Ferleman presented it to two clubs in January. She had several content suggestions that are being incorporated. A club marketing plan and presenter training has yet to be discussed.

Independent from the "official" GLT goals:

A post Zone Meeting survey was conducted. All club Presidents and Secretaries were contacted twice and asked to complete a survey and to forward the opportunity to club members who attended the Zone Meeting. As of 2-6-13, 32 responses have been received. The DG Team, GLT Coordinator and Zone Chairs are meeting after the Cabinet meeting to talk about survey results and Spring Zone Meeting plans. Survey responses would indicate changes in the Fall Zone meeting format were noticed and enjoyed.

The 1VDG and GLT Coordinator (and their Lion spouses) are meeting and working on the 2013-2014 club officer training. The date and location have been set, Sunday April 28, late afternoon at the Nicollet School. The location is changing in order to have access to a computer lab and to enable more value conscious refreshments to be served. Curriculum and presenters are being discussed.

Zone and Region Chair as well as Cabinet Chair training are under discussion. A date and location will be determined soon.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that 3 clubs have been identified for CEP. The 3 clubs have agreed to do the program. Paperwork has been given to all three clubs; we have received the paperwork for 1 club and waiting for the paperwork from the other two. They should have them soon. There has been no work on a new club as yet but hope to be working on it soon.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that he has completed up dating the 5M-2 History Files and created a new file for the **Cap Baker Awards**. At this time District 5M-2 has five Past District Governors as recipients of this prestigious award. He did some research of our Hearing Foundation History file, regarding a question from PDG Bill Curtis. Lion Ken had a request from Lion Laura for up-dated data of three files, so she can bring the 5M-2 Web site up-to-date: Bird Pin File, Past President's File, Hall of Fame File. (e-submit).

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster stated that he is again serving as Chairman for the Journey for Service. It is a pleasant assignment and one that he looks forward to as a time to renew acquaintances and to make new ones on the trip around the District. It is also looked forward to by the DG and the clubs that he will be visiting. It has always been a very successful project and one that greatly benefits mankind and leaves everyone involved with a good feeling. The contributions by the Lions of District 5M2 make a huge difference in the lives of many people, and the world is a better place because of your generosity.

He asked for 5M2's support again this year in spreading the word of the Journey. As usual it will take place in early April, this year on April 3-5. All Lions and clubs will be informed of the date at Region and Zone meetings, at the Mid-Winter Convention and also by a letter he will mail to each and every club right after the first of the year. Times, dates and locations will be given at that time and he will request the name and phone number of a "contact person" from each club.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that he has done 3 programs for clubs since the last Cabinet Meeting. He has two more scheduled. He will have the LCIF display table at the mid-winter convention with current information. After the Parade of Green donations are credited, he plans to send out statements to each club with their current balance. His goals are still to maintain fast and effective information to all clubs that inquire about LCIF.

LCIF has reached its goal of \$10,000,000 plus a \$5,000,000 matching fund from the Bill Gates Foundation for a total of \$15,000,000 for "One Shot, One Life Measles Campaign". Congratulations Lions. LCIF has sent more than \$200,000 to the east coast for Super-storm Sandy victims.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hespenheide and VDG Joan Blank reported that Leader Dogs for the Blind have recently updated their vision statement, mission statement and values to better reflect the goals of the

Vision Statement: To be the leading guide dog organization providing sustainable value for the clients.

Mission Statement: Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through:

- Quality Leader Dogs
- Highly effective client instruction
- Innovative services

Values:

- Respect and compassion for people and dogs
- Passion for the work
- Safety in all we do
- Do what is right
- Innovation in our field
- Teamwork
- Superior experience for stakeholders

In lieu of fundraising at zone and region meetings, Lion Joan is giving the net proceeds from her hospitality room to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The co-chairs have several scheduled presentations for the spring.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported that since being asked to fill in to this position she has been working with DG Ron in trying to establish communication with the known Leo Clubs in 5M2. She has made two attempts via e-mail to contact the Leo Advisors for these clubs and one has responded. This is what she knows....

Sibley East High School has no active members but money in its account.

Sibley East Junior High.... no contact made but has heard they have some active members and activities.

Chaska...unknown

Northfield: She was contacted last night from the Northfield LEOS and will have more information about their activities at the next meeting.

GOALS:

- Make a connection with the three Leo Clubs she has not heard from and establish what's happening.
- See what she can do to offer support and help with clubs that are in existence.
- See if there are any clubs in 5M2 that are interested in starting their own Leo Clubs and supporting them through this process.

Cologne Leos have been going to Lions Clubs and speaking on what they have been doing. Current projects are Birthday Boxes and Name a Puppy through Can Do Canines. Lion Anna has been in communication with Leo Advisors throughout the state and they are trying to pick a date and meet for pizza and go to Feed My Starving Children. She would like to set up something four times a year for the Leos in Minnesota to network with each other.

Liberty Day: Lion Mary Spille and Lion Charlie Knakmuhs reported that there have been no Liberty Day activities since late October. Two presentations planned in May when PDG Mary visits the Veseli Lions on May 5 and the Carver Lions on May 22. There is an inventory of several hundred booklets but a new order will probably be needed in August as usual. Lion Charlie is hopeful that more clubs will be interested in having a Liberty Day Program at the spring zone meetings.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that since the last cabinet meeting, he has made presentations to the Waterville Lions and the Minnesota Lake Lions. He continues to work with individual Lions and with Lions Clubs to develop plans for now and for the future. He has a display at this convention and will be available to encourage Lions to develop their own personal plan.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: PDG Mike Vos and Lion Arline Richter reported that the Board of Trustees has not yet met this quarter. The meeting is planned for February 23, 2013 at Michael's Restaurant in St Cloud.

He reported that the Steering for Hearing Lawn mower ride was a huge success and rose in excess of \$40,000.00 with a lot of publicity for the Hearing Foundation. A lady won the lawn mower that was raffled off from Litchfield. Our Multiple Lions Secretary Bob Harms who rode the lawn mower will be our speaker at the Saturday luncheon and will tell you more about his experience.

The main fundraiser for this year will be the D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk, which will be held on Saturday June 8, 2013 at the University Landscape Arboretum. PDG Mike and his wife Sue are the co-chairs for this event and will be looking for volunteers from 5M2 to help staff the walk. Please help if you can.

At this convention's seminars on Saturday we will be hearing from Dr. Schleiss. He is one of the doctors a child might see when attending the Children's Hearing Clinic. His specialty is infectious diseases. He will be sharing some interesting information.

Mid-Winter Convention: Lions Karen and Duane Fischer reported that the Convention has 307 registered members and guests of those there are 14 first timers. 68 people registered for the Friday evening supper with ID Chambers, 227 registered for lunch tomorrow, 190 registered for the Governor's Banquet and 186 registered for Sunday Brunch.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Anna Wickenhauser – Lion Kevin gave three presentations on diabetes and what the Foundation is doing and has several more presentations lined up. He presented to Minnesota Lake Lions, Winthrop Lions (with the Courtland Lions in attendance) and the Mankato Sunrise Lions.

Lion Anna had the pleasure of speaking at several clubs and has presented a Dreamcatcher Award to Patricia Clark of West Carver Lions. She also received several pigs along the way and has been very happy with the support that the pigs have generated towards the payment of the Islet Imaging Machine at the Schulze Diabetes Institute.

Lions Kevin and Anna will be attending the next Foundation Meeting in St. Cloud in 2 weeks and will be able to arm themselves with better knowledge about the research that is happening and bring it back to our District. It was discussed that Lions Kevin and Anna along with the other trustees in the Diabetes Foundation would no longer be trying to maintain the amounts donated towards a Dreamcatcher Award. Clubs need to maintain communication with their treasurer to see what amounts have been donated. For every \$1000 a club is eligible for an award. If your club is eligible for an award contact Lions Kevin or Anna.

The Diabetes co-chairs will have a display set up at this mid-winter promoting diabetes awareness and the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. They will also be offering diabetes screening on Saturday morning.

GOALS:

- Keep speaking at club meetings
- Get an article in the Newsletter
- Get the letters to schools notifying them about the Camp Needlepoint Scholarships available.

MN Vision Foundation: Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells & PDG Marlys Meskan reported that they attended the MN Lions Vision Foundation board meeting in St. Cloud Saturday, January 28th. Dr. Erik van Kuijk, Chair of the Dept. of Ophthalmology and Visual Neuroscience, gave an update on the Lions Retinal Imaging Center. The adult eye clinic in the Phillips-Wangenstein building at the University of Minnesota has been renovated for general Ophthalmology and Retina since the Lions Children's Eye Clinic is in their new facility. The new Lions Imaging Center, supported by grants from LCIF and MLVF, is included in the renovated space. One of two new instruments arrived 1-4-2013. This will be the only Retinal Imaging Center of this kind in the United States. Also awaiting approval is Phase Two renovation and that is for Glaucoma, Cornea, Oculoplastics and Neuro-ophthalmology.

The co-chairs also learned at their meeting that the fate of the Lion All Star Baseball Tournament is in question. The baseball coaches feel they should have part of the proceeds for their baseball programs since they supply the players. This has been a Lions fundraiser for many years. The Lions do the planning, organizing, and supply the workers. The Lions have received \$20,000 in recent years for the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, now known as the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. The Lions Clubs in the Multiple will receive information on this matter when decisions are made.

October 10th is World Sight Day. The board decided to have a Sight Walk on Saturday, October 12, 2013, for a fundraiser for MLVF. The goal is to have each district sponsor a fundraising walk on that day.

There are new labels for the Eyeglass Collection boxes.

Lion Diana has been very busy giving MLVF presentations to clubs in our district and is also scheduled to give a program to a church group. Other than supplying our information for a Health Fair, PDG Marlys has no club visits scheduled until spring.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported that he has a display in the hall with extra copies of the current newsletter. Also he has a bunch of green subscription blanks in a holder on the table so that if anyone wants a hard copy they can get it by subscribing at \$9.00 for the year.

We are getting a lot of articles from the clubs along with photos. District Governor Ron has helped with furnishing photos and announcements to me for the newsletter. He thanked the Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and committee people that have helped with passing the word to get their articles to him by the 20th of the month. Thank you again for participating.

His goal for the year is to keep getting the "ROAR" out by the first of the month and to get more subscriptions to the newsletter. So far he has been successful meeting that goal.

Project New Hope: New Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that Project New Hope is not new to her, but coming into this program in the middle of the year, she is still refreshing and learning about Project New Hope. Her goal is making everyone aware of why Lions International is involved with this project. Our theme is "We Serve". We serve our communities; Veterans are part of our communities. Project New Hope is founded by a Lion's member, and provides a weekend to help our community veterans and their families reintegrate back into our community. The weekend is free to the veterans, so donations are needed to keep Project New Hope going.

Protocol/Public Relations: Lion Paul Stahler stated that the Zone and Region Chairpersons; and hosting Lions clubs did an excellent job at their fall zone and region meetings with facilities, seating, agendas, and introductions. It was especially important that the facilities were handicap accessible and had functioning sound systems for those of us that have a little trouble hearing the speakers.

He congratulated the Jordaness Lions for their persistence in getting several articles in the District newsletter since our last convention. The articles talked about Lions' innovations, projects and membership growth and retention. Last month the Jordaness Lions hosted a Saturday afternoon bowling party attended by over 100 Lions and non-Lions who all had a great time. The party was a fantastic way to plant the seed of Lionism in those who might become members in the future and also spread Lions' camaraderie.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that since the Cabinet Meeting in October, they have done two presentations and attended two Region Meetings. They are in contact with all schools, which have had Lions Quest in the past. As yet, they do not have a Quest training scheduled. The scheduling usually comes later in the school year. They are still hopeful someone from the southern part of the district will come forward to co-chair for next year.

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille reported:

1. He has followed suggestions from various officials to improve this project this year. These include earlier notification and improved communication.
2. The project has been completed. The three winners from the three regions have been invited with their parents to this convention. They will speak tomorrow.
3. He has enjoyed working on this project and thanked the district for its support. However, he officially recommends that the project be discontinued. It spends too much money for too little involvement.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall reported that a letter has been sent out to all clubs giving them information on YE, asking if they know of any potential youth that would like to participate or any possible host families. We have a club visit scheduled for Feb. 21 and another tentative one for May. Have not received any interest in any outgoing youth as of yet, got a phone call from a potential host family, they are filling out paper work to get to us. They are hoping to get some interest this weekend or after the

upcoming zone meetings. They will have applications for Host families and outgoing youth on the display table.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs – The Peace Poster theme for 2012 was “Imagine Peace”. Lions Janet and Sheila received 38 posters from 27 clubs. This is up from last year when they received 33 posters from 22 clubs. They believe the extra publicity helped to get more clubs involved. Thank you Lions Laura and Bill for all your help.

Payton Berkner from the Amboy Lions club submitted the 1st place poster. Audrey Steinhagen from the NYA West Carver Club received 2nd place honors, and Tanner Thomsen from the Wells Lions Club was the 3rd place winner. Prizes awarded were checks for \$300, \$200 and \$100. They thanked all the clubs that participated and would like to see more clubs become involved this year.

The Peace Poster theme for 2013 is “Our World, Our Future”. Orders forms for the Peace Poster kits are available online and in the Lions magazine. Check with your local art teachers this spring so they can get the Peace Poster contest on their curriculum next fall. Then order your Peace Poster kits. Send teachers reminders in the fall as school starts.

So...get your club involved-it is a project that brings your Lions Club together with area youth.

VDG Joan Blank thanked everyone for his or her reports and then turned the meeting back over to DG Ron Dahlke.

PID Maynard asked the DG to form a committee to research what other Districts do to assist people other than DGs, VDGs in attending our mid-winter convention, PID Maynard, VDG Joan Blank, VDG Harry Klenke, PDG Sue Bowman, DG Ron Dahlke, and Lion Steve Wasserman will comprise this committee.

2nd VDG Comments: 2nd VDG Harry Klenke made his remarks and ruminated on the number of leaders we are developing or have developed in 5M2. The Zone meetings and Region meeting have been well done. Keep up the good work.

1st VDG Comments: 1st VDG Joan Blank used a lot of racing jargon in her remarks. She has been attending many mid-winter conventions. She is so grateful for all of the training she has received through Lions and thanked the Cabinet for their leadership.

DG Comments: DGE Ron Dahlke thanked the Cabinet for their reports and attending the convention. He remarked on the number of attendees at this meeting. He then turned the microphone over to special guest ID Marvin Chambers.

ID Comments: ID Marvin Chambers thanked 5M2 for the invitation to join us for this convention. He also thanked the PID Debra and Steve Wasserman for their hospitality in taking him and his traveling companion around and feeding them so much. He commented that Saskatchewan sent down the nice weather for our convention. He then gave an update on what programs and changes may be happening at the International level.

Announcements:

The next scheduled cabinet meeting will be held in May 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Peter Community Center, Sr. Citizens Room. Zone chair meeting will be held immediately after this meeting in this room. DG Ron then waved the green flag and invited “Everyone to Start Their Engines”

Motion to adjourn made PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Cathleen Williams. MC. Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Cindy Walters