

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2013
Valley View Golf Course, Belle Plaine, MN**

Call to Order: IPDG Ron Dahlke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 2nd VDG Marv Grimm

Invocation: Given by 2nd VDG Marv Grimm

Presentation of Gavel: IPDG Ron Dahlke to DG Joan Blank (done twice for photo op!)

Welcome: DG Joan Blank welcomed everyone with appropriate protocol (except she forgot PDG Mike Vos-just wanted to point that out). She explained all of the items sitting at the Cabinet members seats.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 41 in attendance and 10 absent.

Introduction of Guests: Lion Jean Dahlke, Lion Joe Maki, Leo Hillary Wickenhauser, Leo Nick Goede.

Introduction of New Cabinet Members: Lions Sandy Schneider, Jennifer Malecha, Gene Retka, Paula Stevens, Emmy Koch, Bob Hunter were introduced as new Cabinet Members. Welcome.

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

Adoption of the Agenda: DG Joan added under new business: Committee Chair briefing. PDG Mike Vos moved to adopt the agenda with the addition, seconded by Lion Laura Maki. MC.

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

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report in succinct fashion as usual. Total revenue for 2012-13 was \$68,207.28 with expenses of \$42,255.78. There is \$72,263.37 in the special funds account and \$1,361.40 in the Core 4 Grant. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to approve, DG Bill Curtis seconded. MC.

Old Business:

- **New Speaker System** – There was a motion during the last meeting to spend up to \$600 for a speaker system. Today we are using Veseli's system and it is everything we need and falls within the price range. DG Joan will purchase a similar system for 5M2.
- **Vision Honduras** – Mike Vos made a motion to support Vision Honduras again this year, Lion Nancy Mathwig seconded. MC
- **Bid for 2016 MD5M Convention** – PID Maynard Rucks came forward to give information to the Cabinet. Mankato is open for May 6-8 which was our second choice, the first dates were booked. He hasn't been able to get in contact with the Visitors and Convention bureau to see if the grant was available. He didn't have a chance to check with Mystic Lake but his preference is Mankato. VDG Harry did contact Mystic Lake but they would not commit to our dates. Discussion followed that May 8 is Mother's Day so we would not be able to host it. It was voted down at the Council meeting to change the by-laws as to which dates are possible to hold the Convention. IPDG Maynard will check with Council Secretary Bob Harms if there is any flexibility.
- **Newsletter Distribution** – Lion Laura Maki gave an update on how the newsletter will be distributed this year. Membership chairs will receive the newsletter via email. If clubs do not have one listed it will be sent to the President or Secretary instead. DG Joan put a plug in for the newsletter as a great communication tool. There is a new article called Match-Strikes...to recognize Lions for special events or notices. Please get any information to DG Joan for this column.

New Business:

- **Approval of Bank(s)** – Lion Vern Breamer made a motion to accept Franzen Bank and Hometown Bank of Jordan as our banks for this year, seconded by Lion Wanda Breimhorst. MC.

- **Bonding of Cabinet Treasurer** – PDG Rick Wagener made a motion to allow the Cabinet secretary to be bonded, second by Lion Janet Knakmuhs. MC.
- **Approval of 2013-14 District Budget** – Lion Dale Oldenburg presented the budget for 2013-14. It is a balanced budget at \$52,600. He explained the changes from the previous year. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to accept the 2013-14 budget for 5M2, PDG Bill Curtis seconded. Lion Steve Wasserman asked what the membership for 5M2 is presently. It was recently reported at 2,468. MC.
- **Book Drive** – Leo Hilary Wickenhauser and Leo Nick Goede presented their club's idea of having a book drive. 25% of the books raised will stay within Minnesota, 25% of the books will go overseas, and 50% will be distributed within the United States. They are asking for other clubs in 5M2 to support this project. The clubs responsibility would be to find a spot to collect the books, sort the books, raise money to pay for the shipping, gas, etc., coordinate with the Leos. PDG Mary Spille suggested that they might want to consider asking for money from the 5M2 Youth Activity fund as well. Lion Steve Wasserman made a motion that the 5M2 Cabinet approve the request for the Cologne Leos to solicit funds from the District clubs and donate \$500 out of youth activity fund, seconded by PDG Mary Spille. MC
- **LEOs "Reading in the Park"** – Leo Nick Goede talked about another project of the Cologne Leos. They have been reading with students all summer and giving snacks to students. An off-shoot of this program is that the students would like to give the students something to remember their summer reading program. They decided to give the students backpacks with books in them. DG Joan Blank solicited her company and received books that she brought to the meeting and gave to the Leos. The backpacks would be the string backpack with their reading in the park logo. The bags will cost approximately \$5.35/bag. The plan is to have the backpacks at the last reading in the park along with a choice of books. The young people would get a backpack and possibly be able to choose one or several books to put in the backpack. Hilary has been choosing the book each week, figuring out the craft that will be done along with the snack they will serve. PDG Mike Vos made a motion that 5M2 award the Cologne Leos \$500 for there summer reading program. Lion Janet Knakmuhs seconded. PID Debra Wasserman stipulated that the Leos submit an article for our newsletter as well as one for the Lions Magazine as the reading action program will be continuing. MC
- **Golf Tournament** – Hamburg Lion Chris Lund submitted a letter suggesting that to boost attendance at Lions Golf Tournaments we consider having a Lions cup or Lions trophy for the entire season. It is meant to boost camaraderie between clubs. PID Debra asked that Lion Chris come to the October Cabinet meeting with a more formal presentation.
- **MD5M CD Directory** – Lion Steve Wasserman handed out the CDs to all members of the cabinet. Some people on some computers have had issues. One thing to try would be to uninstall last year's directory and install this year's. There is an update on the website as well which can be downloaded. If you would like a printed directory Lion Wasserman could print them for you for \$4. He will bring it to the Region meeting. If you want it mailed it would cost more.
- **Lap Top for Mid-Winter Conventions/Registration** – There is a laptop in the district that is older and doesn't work that well with the projectors. Lion Laura Maki has the computer and will get it to Lion Vern Breamer. DG Mary Spille suggested a back up plan that the convention committee build the cost of a computer into the conference registration costs.
- **Committee Chair briefing** – PID Debra Wasserman presented ways for Cabinet Chairs to get the messages out about their areas of purvue and gave a short training about how to present their information.
 - All committee chairs should have an article in the Newsletter before the Parade of Green.
 - Use the CD data to get information out to clubs.
 - Be proactive, don't wait for clubs to contact you to speak, offer to come and give them a program.
 - Region meetings will have spaces for displays about your programs.
 - Be enthusiastic, and motivating: you need to be excited about your programs.
 - When you are speaking at a club meeting: be prepared, know what you are going to say before you get there, practice what you are going to say, know your audience (check on how much time you have, if there is a microphone available, do you need technology, etc.), be careful when you talk

about money, be sure to thank people for the contributions they have made.

- o She thanked the Cabinet members for serving this year.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Wanda Breimhorst thanked DG Joan for the opportunity to serve as Region 1 Chair this year. Obviously still figuring out what her role is but certainly plan to “Fire Up” the Lions in Region 1. As Region 1 chair she will be working directly with the Zone Chairs: Zone 1 Chair, Chris Hall, Zone 2 Chair, Sandra Schneider and Zone 3 Chair Jen Malecha. Looking forward to getting to know them better. Region 1 has 1,102 members and we will work to not only add new members but retain the ones we have. The Region 1 Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th at the Ridges of Sand Creek. She has put some flyers around and will also be sending out an email this next week.

- **Zone 1** Lion Chris Hall from the Glencoe Lions Club – He thanked District Governor Joan for the opportunity to serve as Zone 1 Chair. Zone 1 started out at 269 members, has had two drops, but has been fortunate enough to have three new members making a net gain of one. Some things he has done to start the year, is to contact a club to see if they would be interested in hosting the Fall Zone Mtg. Still waiting to hear back from them on that, and hopefully set-up a date that works with Dist. Gov. Joan's schedule. He has also sent out a schedule, so the Clubs can schedule their Club Visits with other Clubs. Also he is scheduling his individual Club Visits. It looks like it's going to be a busy year, but a fun year. One goal that he thinks is attainable is that every Club could have a net gain of one new member.
- **Zone 2** Lion Sandra Schneider reported that she looks forward to visiting with each club and helping them to drive the success of their clubs. She has already contacted the 3 clubs in my zone that have not reported membership reports since April and May of this year. That being stated, there are 8 clubs in Zone 2 with 455 members with 3 known drops at the end of July.
 - o She is working with the Chaska Lions Club and the Cologne Lions Club to set up the Fall and Spring zone meetings.
 - o She is looking forward to meeting with each club individually and helping them to get "Fired Up" about Lions!
 - o Her dream would be to have positive membership growth in each club as Zone chair during her term as she is also the membership chair of my club.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jen Malecha – Thanked DG Joan Blank for the opportunity to serve. There are 8 clubs in the zone with a current total of 374 members. She is in the process of setting up Zone meetings and club visits.

Region 2 Lion Charlette Abbas, Region 2 Chairperson reported that she is sorry she cannot be with us this morning – Family calls! She thanked DG Joan for having the confidence in her to designate her as the Region II Chair. Region II has 728 members as of the beginning of July. She has met with the Zone Chairs to go over material for the coming year. Each Zone is working on setting their Fall Zone Meetings. All are aware of the Club Excellence Process and are thinking of clubs who might be willing to participate. Of course, the goal of all clubs is to increase membership. The Zone Chairs are working on ideas for that. She hopes to see you at the Region II meeting on Tuesday, September 24, in St. Peter (e-submit).

From Zone 4, Gene and Sharon Retka, from the Courtland Lions Club

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

From Zone 6, Lori Klein, from the Faribault Lions Club

- **Zone 4** Lions Gene and Sharon Retka – Zone 4 has 272 members: Courtland – 20, Gibbon – 37, Lafayette – 47, Nicollet – 65, St. Peter – 69, Winthrop – 34. The Zone 4 meeting this fall will be on October 15 at Courtland. The Winthrop Lions Club is celebrating their 30th Anniversary with a party on September 14.

Goals for Zone 4 this year include:

 1. Maintain our membership at 272 members.
 2. Have 1 club participate in the CEP (Club Excellence Process).
- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that based on reports from LCI, Zone 5 began 2013-14 with 232 members, 9 less than on July 1, 2012. During the month of July there were 5 drops and 3 new members for a total at month end of 230. 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:

- o Fall zone meeting will be Tues, October 29th the fifth Tuesday of the month. Host club to be confirmed. I will be following a similar meeting format from last year and am planning to have informative speakers on Lions projects.
- o Spring zone meeting will be Monday, March 31st, the fifth Monday of the month. Host club and meeting format to be decided at this time.

A letter to all club presidents will be sent following this meeting to introduce herself and share pertinent information regarding Governor Joan’s year. Lion Nancy will also be setting up her visit to their club meeting and assigning them an interclub visit.

Goals for year 2013-140:

- o Schedule all club visits before the Fall Zone meeting and complete visits before Mid-Winter.
 - o Encourage club attendance at Zone/Region meetings, Mid-Winter convention and Multiple District 5M convention by encouraging clubs to reach beyond their own clubs and to learn from other clubs.
 - o Increase club attendance at Zone meetings with a changed, informative agenda.
 - o Encourage clubs to learn more about the Club Excellence Process.
- **Zone 6** Lion Lori Klein – Thanked DG Joan for the opportunity to serve on your cabinet. To begin the Lion’s year, Zone 6 had 226 members. The fall zone meeting is in the process of being scheduled. On August 8, a training about the Club Excellence Process will be held in Faribault for all the clubs in the Zone. During the Lions year, her dream is to share and promote Lion's projects locally, within the district and internationally (e-submit).

Region 3 Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 is composed of 20 clubs and 610 members. The following table gives the membership history:

| | 7/31/2012 | 12/31/2012 | 7/31/2013 | 6 month change |
|--------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| Zone 7 | 154 | 154 | 161 | 7 |
| Zone 8 | 233 | 219 | 218 | -1 |
| Zone 9 | 244 | 239 | 231 | -8 |
| Total | 621 | 612 | 610 | -2 |

Our Region 3 meeting will be hosted by the Winnebago Lions club on Monday, September 30 at the Applewood Restaurant in Mankato. The time and price will be available later.

- **Zone 7** Lions Janet and Charlie Knakmuhs – Zone meetings for the coming year are set. They are October 22, with the Amboy Club hosting, and March 25th with the Mankato Club hosting. The inter club visitations have been drawn, and will be mailed to the club presidents, with a note introducing ourselves, within the next 10 days. They are looking for a fun and busy year, with the clubs in our zone. They will start our club visits, in early September.
- **Zone 8** Lion Robert Hunter – Zone 8 has six clubs with a total membership of 218. Everything else is in process.
- **Zone 9** Lion Ron Theusch – No report.

Committee Reports:

1st VDG Harry Klenke told the chairs to make their reports brief and to be ready to present by coming forward and waiting on deck.

Can Do Canines: Lions Darlene and Vern Breamer reported that the clubs from 5-M2 have done a good job of contributing funds to Can Do Canines. Almost every club has donated at one time or another.

Training for the chairpersons has been delayed until September. There are still several Tails To Tell Tours for the year. There is one more graduation scheduled for 2013. That date is Saturday October 12, at 1 p.m. in New Hope, MN. Other fund raising events coming up are: September 7; Can Do Woofaroo, and November 9, Fetching Ball.

The last step in the “Campaign for Independence,” our capital campaign, is to raise funds to put our wonderful new facility to its best use. The campaign will conclude on December 31, 2013. They now have the space to train twice as many dogs. There are other challenges. The vehicles they use to transport the

dogs are old and unreliable. Some of their equipment is out dated. They need better ways to communicate with clients, volunteers and staff. They must also rebuild their operation reserve to pre-recession levels so they can pay competitive wages and secure the future of Can Do Canines. Staff is stretched to the maximum. Funds raised in this phase of the campaign will also be used to provide additional staff as well as to adjust staff wages to fair levels.

Completing the campaign will mean that they can invest in our programs by adding more staff to assist with training, graduate services, and administrative support. It will mean that they can dedicate additional staff to evaluating more shelter dogs and expanding our dog breeding and purchasing program.

In order to fully implement this vision, the goal is to raise \$625,000 in cash and from pledges during the remainder of 2013. This will help us to achieve our goal of increasing assistance dog graduates at the rate of 10 additional teams per year between 2014 and 2017.

Since May the Breather's have done one club presentation. They helped with another presentation at the Courtland Fire Department's "Courtland's Night Out". Jean Lundquist was one of their speakers. Jean was there with her Diabetes Assistance dog Juno. They handed out lots of information to that community.

Lion Deb Koehnen reported she has no report prepared as it's been quiet this summer on the Can-Do-Canines chair position. The chair workshop/training scheduled for this weekend has been postponed because so many couldn't make it. It's being rescheduled for late September and she's planning to attend. (e-submit).

The co-chairs are still looking to do more club visits. Visit the Can Do Canines web site.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Steve Wasserman reported that he is honored to have been appointed by District Governor Joan to be District 5M-2 Constitution and ByLaws Chair. He plans on doing a thorough review of the 5M2 Constitution, 5M2 ByLaws, and 5M2 Policy Manual, and formulate proposed changes as necessary to bring the documents into compliance with the equivalent MD5M and LCI documents and with current best practices. He also intends to encourage the clubs in the district to look at their club documents and provide them support in making changes to them as desired.

His dreams for the upcoming year are to complete any needed modifications, make the documents available to all clubs, and to promote enthusiasm for this exciting and necessary work.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Ron Dahlke reported that the USA/Canada Forum is September 19-21, 2013 in Overland Park Kansas. Overland Park is an easy 6-7 hour drive from most points in 5M2. If you want to attend, but prefer to leave the driving to someone else, the Wendinger Travel Agency in New Ulm has arranged a motor coach/lodging packages for your convenience. Please contact Wendinger Travel at 888-363-9104 for all the details. They may or may not still be able to accommodate you at this late date.

The DREAM for the year is to promote the conventions.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that the Bird Pins have been ordered. They should be here around the middle of August.

Remind your club that if they have had a death in their club, they should send in information regarding that person for the Memorial Service. This information would include a short bio and a picture.

She also has Hamburg Snowman pins if anyone is interested in them, please see her today.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman thanked DG Joan for continuing her appointment as the District 5M2 GLT Coordinator. This year we will be working on both officially submitted GLT goals as well as several on-going projects. Below are the official goals submitted by DG Joan to LCI.

1. 2 clubs in each zone will complete the Club Excellence Process. (18 clubs in 9 Zones.)
2. Offer a seminar at the Mid-Winter Convention on leadership opportunities within our district.
3. Develop a plan with Region/Zone Chairs to meet IP Barry Palmer's goals towards Zone Chair Awards
4. Encourage Zone chairs to have CEP speakers at their fall Zone meetings.
5. Have quarterly joint GLT/GMT meetings, including the DG Team.

Non-submitted GLT areas to be worked on.

1. Continue development of a manual including Cabinet/Program Chair position descriptions.
2. Club Officer Training in cooperation with the DGE.
3. The Lion's Orientation project

PID Debra's "dreams" are to see International recognition of Zone Chairs for accomplishment of IP Palmer's expectations of them and of course completion or accomplishment of the submitted and unsubmitted goal/projects.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that there is not a lot to report. He is still waiting for information from International regarding the CEP program. The CEP will be done again this year. Last year three clubs participated—one in each region. This year they are to do two in each zone.

In the extension area Lion Dennis Hewitt is working with PID Maynard in identifying new clubs.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that as he was getting started on his 5M-2 History records for this year, and needed some information from Governor Joan, he managed to commit an "oops" by disturbing the Governor's vacation. He apologized for that. However she very graciously e-mailed him the information he needed from Germany.

His dream is to keep the 5M-2 History records up to date and to keep trying to fill in the holes where we are missing old data. One area that needs help is to get copies of Old District News Letters from these past district governors: PDG Bob Vogel; PDG Dean Steiner; PDG Ken Schrader; PDG Dave Pichotta; PDG Bill Ritter; PDG Dick Graf; PDG Buzz Knudsen; and PDG Jerry Schmiege. If any one has a copy that they would be willing to part with, he would appreciate getting a copy.

He has been able to answer questions for several Lions and Clubs about their History. He is eagerly waiting for the new Multiple District Directory so that he can update our History files with the new information.

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster will again be spearheading the Journey for Service, this is his 23rd or 24th year!

The Journey for Service is looked forward to by the DG and the clubs she 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 Dist. 5M2 make a huge difference in the lives of many people, and the world is a better place because of your generosity.

So as they "Fire Up" the vehicle, he asks for your support again this year in spreading the word of the Journey. As usual it will probably take place in April. 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 she 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.

The 2013 Journey was another success, with a total of \$14,451 contributed by the Clubs of 5M2, average \$15,003/year. Thanks again to all of the clubs for their support, and to the Cabinet members for their aid in spreading the word and promoting our Journey.

Considering Governor Joan's adopted theme: "Fire Up for Lions" would it be disrespectful to refer to her as Governor "Fireball" Joan.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that as his 2nd year of being LCIF Chair starts, his dreams are simple. To squeeze money out of, seek donations from 100% of our Districts clubs, to increase donations from last year, and to provide speedy and accurate information to the clubs. LCIF does this to prevent measles, blindness, hearing loss and to help with natural disasters, and humanitarian needs.

A re-cap of 2012 - 2013 year donations is as follows: 5M2 - \$44,596.09; District 5M - \$341,946.09; Total worldwide - \$ 28,991,022.42

Since inception of LCIF program: 5M2 - \$265,223.00; District 5M - \$4,890,473.48

Looking forward to another great year.

Leader Dog: Lion Steve Wasserman reported that he is excited to have been appointed by District Governor Joan to be a District 5M-2 Leader Dog Co-Chair along with Lion Shirley Hespeneide. This is his

first appointment as a Parade of Green Project Chair, and he is looking forward to informing Lion members about Leader Dogs for the Blind, helping to raise funds within the district in support of Leader Dogs, and in facilitating recognition of Lions for their role in supporting the program.

His Leader Dog Dreams for the upcoming year are to have donations from every club in the district, and to see more Lions honored with a Founders' Tribute Award.

Lion Shirley Hespeneide reported that she went to Spring Lake Park on June 21 and met with Deb and Mark Mansell. This is the couple who were riding motorcycles to all 48 states in 24 days. They were led into the park by a group of motorcyclists who had met them in the prior stop. Minnesota was their 12th state and they were continuing into Wisconsin yet that day. They ended their ride in California on July 8. The last Lion Shirley had heard, they had raised \$35,000 for Leader Dogs for the Blind. If anyone is interested in their story go to the Leader Dog website and check it out. There are quite a number of pictures of their journey.

She has not heard anything regarding the upgrade to the kennels at Leader Dog at this time. Kathleen Breen had reported that it would possibly be decided this fall.

She has printed out a report for her co-chair showing which clubs she has spoken to over the last five years and also a report of how much each club has donated over that time period. This will help clubs know if they are eligible to get a founder's tribute from Leader Dog.

Lion Shirley also attended her first Council of Governors meeting as Leader Dogs for the Blind MD5M Chair in St. Cloud on July 27 and she is sure that she will be attended more.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser thanked DG Joan for asking her to be a part of the Cabinet and this year's adventure. Short and Sweet will be this report. Her goal is to try and start two Leo clubs this year. She will be developing a guideline/checklist as to what is expected in starting a Leo club and send it out to Club Presidents. She will also be supporting the Cologne Leos on their book drive journey and hoping to stimulate interest in other clubs as to the power of what small groups of people can do. She plans on visiting with the two existing clubs in 5M2 and will try to get a better idea of how their clubs are ran. Thank You to PDG Ron for the experience to serve with him.

One Person can make a difference and everyone should try~ John F Kennedy

Liberty Day: Lion Mary Spille reported that as of July 28, a new stash of Liberty Day books are available for club presentations. So off to a good start with the delivery of 300 books to Hutchinson for their annual fall program to ninth graders.

Last May, PDG Bill Curtis hinted to her that Glencoe District will be doing a program this year. On June 23, PDG Mary presented Liberty Day info to the Plato Lions and mentioned that they will want to work with Glencoe and other clubs of that school district. Will follow up on the Veseli and Carver clubs who indicated interest last May when she visited their clubs. She has contacted the NYA Lions and Hamburg Lions about a program in their school district and plans to contact Cologne. We are long overdue for this!

Have chatted with Co-Chair Denny Hewitt – they are ready to expand their presence!

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that the MD5M Long Range Strategic Plan will be updated during this Lion year.

Goals for 2013-2014:

1. Work with the MD5M committee to update plan.
2. Continue to promote a long range plan for clubs.
3. Continue to encourage Lions to develop a personal plan and a Lions plan.
4. Encourage clubs to provide a Long Range Planning presentation at a club meeting.
5. Design a new display for the Mid-Winter Convention.

PDG Tom looks forward to working with 5M2 Lions during 2013-2014.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: PDG Mike Vos reported on the May 20th meeting of the Foundation. Our Canadian Lions reported on their work:

- Implementing Early Infant Screening
- Implementing the Hands and Voices Program
- Consolidating health regions

- Starting the new Telehealth Medicine Program
- The success of their 100 Holes in a Day Golf Tournament
- Parade of Green earnings were \$10,000 + annual contributions of over \$9,000

Other items of discussion included:

- HF committees sign up
- Cochlear Implant Picnic
- Corporate fundraising
- The Long Range Plan
- New fundraising projects
- How to package donated hearing aids
- D-Feet Hearing Loss 2014

The highlight of the Hearing Foundation's fundraising projects was the 2013 D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk. With our 5M2 Lions Mike and Sue Vos as chairs, the walk exceeded its goal with earnings of over \$106,000. A discussion followed on ways to improve next year's walk and earnings, and on ways to improve donor recognition.

Both the Hearing Foundation and the Vision Foundation will again be manning both at the MN State Fair on Friday, August 23rd. We are looking for a few volunteers to help us man the booth, and lots of Lions so stop by and say "Hi". A discussion followed reviewing the materials and ear plugs to be handed out, and ways to improve how information is collected and dispersed at the booth.

Hearing Foundation Upcoming events include:

- Sept. 22nd – Cochlear Implant Picnic
- October 5th – Next Hearing Foundation Meeting
- October 12th – Hearing and Vision Foundation Tours at the U of M

Mid-Winter Convention: Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer reported that planning for the 2014 Mid-Winter Convention is underway. The 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention is set for February 7, 8 & 9, 2014. It will be held in the City Center Hotel, in Mankato, MN. The convention will have a Mardi Gras theme. Entertainment for Friday and Saturday night have been booked.

They have had one planning meeting. The next meeting is set for August 15 at Main Street Grill in Alden, MN. They are planning on meeting once a month except for December but will meet twice in January. Volunteers have been coming forward to take charge of the various things that need to be done to make it a wonderful convention.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Emmy Koch – Lion Kevin reported that on July 20, 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 \$5,000.00 to the foundation. These funds came from club donations to the Parade of Green at our Mid-winter convention. He has also been submitting monies as he receives them from various clubs as they continue to "Feed The Pig".

This past year, District 5M2 has submitted over \$18,000.00 to the Islet Imaging Lab. This was the second highest total in 5M. Also, over \$1,500.00 was submitted in the "Feed The Pig" campaign. The \$3.00 per member campaign and the "Feed The Pig" campaign are now in their last year. However we will encourage all clubs to continue to "Feed The Pig" as long as they would like. This year the Foundation will be raffling off a ATV for \$10.00 per chance, this will be awarded at the Multiple Convention to be held at Morton in April of 2014.

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. Mentor Lion Emmy Koch about the Foundation enabling her to promote diabetes awareness in 5M2 at club visits.

MN Lion Vision Foundation: Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells and PDG Marlys Meskan reported that they are ready to begin another Lions year. Thanks to District Governor Joan Blank for appointing them as directors to the MN Lions Vision Foundation board representing 5M-2. This will be Lion Diana's second term and DG Marlys will be completing her sixth year, which is the maximum she can serve consecutively.

They attended the MLVF training at the Lions Eye Bank at Westgate in St. Paul on Friday, July 19th, which was an excellent session. Following the training we all went to Minneapolis to tour the Lions Children's Eye Clinic. Dr. Eric Bothan gave a very enthusiastic tour, it wasn't hard to see how excited and appreciative he is of the new facility, thanks to the Lions.

Friday evening they attended a banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel along with the MN Lions Hearing Foundation.

Saturday morning was the MLVF board meeting held at the hotel. Reports were given by Dr. Erik von Kuijk, director of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neuroscience, Lion Jackie Malling, CEO of the Eye Bank, Jennifer Marshall MLVF Public Relations Director, and Lion Frank Lorenzo, treasurer. There are four committees within the Foundation. Lion Diana will serve in Finance and Long Range Planning. Lion Marlys will serve on Public Relations and Legal. This is also Lion Mary Ferleman's last year as the MLVF secretary.

The volunteers who will be working the State Fair booth Friday, August 23rd are scheduled.

The next MLVF Board meeting is October 5th in St. Cloud.

Their calendars are open for club visitations.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis thanked Governor Joan for giving him the opportunity to serve the district as Newsletter Editor this year.

You have seen the first issue of "FIRE UP" the new 5M-2 Newsletter. District Governor Joan has done an excellent job of redesigning the newsletter with the a new section called "Match Strikes!". This area will be used to mention Lions and Clubs that have had a project or an idea to promote Lionism. The clubs have been great this year with furnishing us with News Articles and Photos. **The deadline for articles is the 20th of the month.**

Subscription notices to clubs have been sent out and are returning with their subscriptions. The new August Newsletter is out now and you should be receiving it at any time.

Project New Hope: New Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that Project New Hope held a quarterly Conference call meeting in June. In August they will have a "face to face" meeting. Their 501C3 is on hold. It has been assigned to a congressman from Florida that is sitting on it. They have had 2 successful retreats this season. One at Camp New Hope in June and a Boundary Waters canoe retreat for female veterans in July. There are 2 more scheduled. One is October 4 -6 at Ironwood Springs near Stewartville and the other is December 6 - 8 at Inspiration Camp near Clitheral. A training retreat is also being looked at.

Lion Darlene has visits to Lions clubs and an American Legion County Council lined up for presentations.

Technology & Computer Support: Lion Laura Maki reported she was asked to assist with the Officer Training in April. She believes that having online access was beneficial to many of the newer club secretaries. There were a few minor issues with having so many people logged in using the same user name and they found that a longer session might have been helpful.

This is probably the busiest time of year for Computer and Technology. Lion Maki has been "Fired Up" creating the new letterhead, updating the website with DG Joan's info, creating the Cabinet Directory for the "Members Only" section of the website and have helped several Clubs get set up to use "My LCI" and navigate it, sent out the Club Excellence and 100% Secretaries Awards info to the 2012-2013 officers. One of my "Dreams" for this year would be to get more clubs to create their own e-clubhouse website.

Protocol/Public Relations: No chair for this presently.

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille had no report.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall thanked DG Joan for the opportunity to serve as YE co-

chair this year, it is an honor. We had 35 incoming students this year and 9 were placed in 5M2. 5M2 had one outgoing student to Australia and the co-chairs are eager to hear of his trip on August 19 in Nicollet. They are in the process of sending information for another possible outgoing student this year and are going to try and get the word out earlier about needing host families so they are not in a time crunch at the end. This year, as always, the young students that come here are a great, well spoken group of kids and the co-chairs wish everyone could have the opportunity to meet them. Lion Janet was happy that she got to meet and get to know some of them.

Would like to do more club visits this year to get the word out even more about Youth Exchange.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Paula Stephens from the Cologne Lions and PDG Sue Bowman from the Albert Lea LakeView Lions –

Certainly their dream would be 100% club participation in the Peace Poster contest; however, they are realists, and would be ecstatic to see 2/3 of our clubs (42) participating. That means, all the past participating clubs need continue with the program and 15 more clubs to come on board.

They realize school schedules are tight and it is difficult to get another project into the schools, but if it is not possible, at this time, please consider sponsoring the contest with an organized community youth group. The Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) is ordered from the Lions Store from January-October 1, 2013 for \$10.95 plus shipping. For such a minimal investment, it is difficult to think of anything more productive than getting our youth involved into their future world vision, and for them to know that Lions in the community look for and respect their vision of the future. The July/August Lions magazine has all the Peace Poster Contest club order information.

The theme for this year's contest is "Our World, Our Future". Please encourage the children in your community to share their vision of peace. The contest is open to students ages 11-13 as of November 15, 2013. Participating students are asked to create posters depicting the contest theme "Our World, Our Future". Entries will be judged on originality, aesthetic merit, and portrayal of theme. Lions Paula and Sue are grateful for the opportunity to evaluate the creative talents of our district's youth.

All club sponsored winning posters need to be received by PDG Sue Bowman, P.O. Box 215 Geneva, MN 56035 by November 15, 2013. The 5M2 first place winner will receive \$300 (plus Sunday brunch with family at the Mid Winter), 2nd place, \$200, and 3rd place \$100.

Thank you to Lion Laura Maki for including **all of the Peace Poster Contest rules** on the 5M2 website. Please insure your club sponsored winner has followed **all the contest rules** or sorry, the entry will be disqualified. Lion Laura will also be sending an email to all club presidents and secretaries with the contest information and encouraging the club's support. Thanks again to Lion Laura for her help in getting the information to the clubs. Thank you to PDG Bill Curtis for the full page information notice regarding the Peace Poster Contest in the July newsletter.

Youth Outreach/Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that since the last meeting we were able to do one presentation. They are happy to report that they will have a Lions Quest training on Tuesday, August 20th at Central Elementary School in Norwood. Feel free to drop in and check it out.

VDG Harry Klenke thanked everyone for his or her reports and turned the meeting back over to DG Joan Blank. DG Joan also thanked everyone. She also reiterated the "Fire Up" theme for the year, as well as the Dream theme.

2nd VDG Comments: 2nd VDGE Marvin Grimm gave the following thoughts. "Follow Your Dream" The dictionary definition of "dream" is, "a sequence of images passing through a sleeping person's mind". The image he would like to project of himself is to gain the knowledge, terms and functions of the 2nd Vice District Governor position. He knows that working with District Governor Joan and 1st Vice District Governor Harry will be a large help in achieving this "dream". Wearing the black coat and a tie for all Lions events will be a huge adjustment for him. Life has allowed for him very casual dress the last several years.

1st VDG Comments: 1st VDGE Harry Klenke is looking forward to serving on DG Joan's cabinet. He is happy to see the returning Cabinet members but is extremely happy to welcome the new Cabinet members. He also recognized Lion Shirley for stepping forward to serve at the Multiple Level as well as others who

DG Comments: DG Joan recognized and thanked her “Dream Team” cabinet. The reason for the “Fire Up” theme is that she loves camping and ending the day with the campfire. It is comforting at the end of the day to stare at the embers and have a smore. PID Debra won the smore package. DG Joan also recognized PID Maynard Rucks for his birthday.

Motion to adjourn made Lion Anna Wickenhauser and seconded by Lion Wanda Breimhorst. MC. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Cindy Walters