

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2016
Ney Nature Center, Henderson, MN**

Call to Order: DG Marvin Grimm called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Welcome: DG Marvin Grimm welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st VDGE Nancy Mathwig

Invocation: Led by DGE Steven Wasserman

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 37 in attendance plus 4 guests and 15 absent.

Introduction of Guests: DG Marvin introduced Lion Loretta Klenke, Lion Evelyn Grimm, Lion Sue Vos. Lion Duane Kroells. Welcome to all guests.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda Lion Sandy Schneider; seconded by Lion Charlette Abbas; **MC.**

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by PID Maynard Rucks, seconded by PDG Gordy Affield; **MC.**

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report. YTD income is \$51,137.42 and expenses of \$33,386.47 leaving balance of 17,750.95. Special Funds account is at \$100,573.61. Special Funds Expenditures have been Cologne Leos – conventions \$555; LCI Essay \$479.06; Write Off Winners \$1,840; Peace Poster winners \$790.92; Environmental Photo \$200; and Liberty Day \$1,102.15. There are no outstanding dues and no outstanding bills at this time. After this year's mid-winter convention a check was returned for \$5,015.12. Motion to approve was made by Lion Charlette Abbas and seconded by PDG Joan Blank. **MC.**

Communications: Thanked everyone for wearing Red and Black shirts today. Received a thank you from the Northfield Leos for the opportunity to present at the Multiple Convention last week. Mentioned membership cups – 2nd quarter awarded for No Dropped clubs and Plus membership, 3rd quarter plus membership +25. Don't keep your clubs a secret – Mayer and New Germany looking to join a club...Mayer-Watertown Dandyions will follow up. Received thank you from International for checks send to LCIF which have come from the DG's Club Visits.

Old Business:

- **Arlington Lions Grant Request** – PDG Eunice Rucks it was sent in last week. It is on someone's desk. Should learn by the August 1st. The application is for \$35,000 from LCI, \$17,000 from the city and \$35,000 from Arlington Lions.
- **Centennial Event** – DGE Steven Wasserman talked about the Bike Rally September 24th to benefit Project New Hope. It will be 100 miles and people can ride some or all of the event. Asking for clubs members to ride and send money. We have received a centennial patch for our District Banner. There will be a mailing to all clubs. Lion Brian Rykus mentioned that the Northfield Lions have a new member who volunteered to help Lion Jack Webster and that Northfield Lions also donated \$1,000 toward the event. The gauntlet has been tossed down.
- **MD5M Multiple Convention Committee** – VDG Nancy Mathwig reported that the 2016 MD5M Convention held last weekend in Mankato was a huge success! We had a total of 547 registrants. Totals information is preliminary since final details, bills, etc are being gathered. A final report will be presented to the Council of Governors in July and to this Cabinet at our August cabinet meeting.
 - As part of the Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebration, the convention participated in all four Centennial Service areas. On Friday afternoon, prior to the official start of the convention, we partnered with Food for Kidz to meet the "Relieving the Hunger" challenge. Those gathered packaged 21,168 packets. On Sunday morning, tail twisting raised almost \$600 to support Food for Kidz.

- Also on Friday afternoon, the Northfield Leos, assisted by the Northfield and Northfield Cannon Valley Lions, hosted a WWII Veterans session to meet the “Engaging Our Youth” challenge. WWII veterans were present to discuss their experiences serving our country during war time. We received many positive comments from the Lions present.
- Throughout the weekend, Waste Management recycling containers were available throughout the Verizon Center to assist in recycling paper and plastic products to meet the “Protecting our Environment” challenge. Waste Management donated the use of their containers as well as the drop-off and pick-up of the containers. Thank you to PDG Gordy for arranging this service.
- The “Sharing the Vision” challenge was met with our ongoing collection of eyeglasses. Glasses were picked up the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Sauk Rapids.
- The seminars on Saturday afternoon and our Sunday morning speaker, Jerrid Sebesta, were very well received.
- No final report on the raffle/silent auction room has been received from the MN Lions Vision Foundation; however, early comments indicated it went well. PDG Mary Spille reported that \$16,120 for the MN Lions Vision Foundation after expenses; \$12,000 was raised from the sale of the raffle tickets and the rest came from the life auction and silent auction.
- It was again a pleasure to work with the Verizon Center staff. They would like to see us return approximately every five years. If our district does decide to again bid for a multiple convention, the next venue will be somewhat different since the new addition is slated to open by September of this year. There would be no need to utilize the arena for future conventions, which would solve the main complaint we heard this past weekend – poor sound in the arena area. Depending on where you were seated, the sound system was either fine, too loud or you were unable to hear everything that was said.
- VDG Nancy Mathwig complemented the committee that was involved. It was tremendous. There were 18 people on the committee who met for 2.5 years. Thanks to the committee from the Governor and the Cabinet. A round of applause was done for PID Maynard Rucks and VDG Nancy Mathwig for their hard work in chairing.
- **Hall of Fame** – DG Marvin Recognized PID Maynard Rucks for being elected to the Hall of Fame this year.
- **Kids Sight** – DGE Steven Wasserman reported that PDG Dennis Kelly from 5M6 is the Multiple chair of this program. The DG team is waiting for a confirmation on Kids Sight program to have a chair from 5M2. There will be a proposal coming to the cabinet in the future for the vision screening equipment that is necessary for this project. for more about this project in the future. Target population is preschool.
- **Journey for Service:** PDG Gordy Affield reported that the Journey for Service dates were April 13-15, 2016. Lions District Governor Marvin Grimm, Lion Evelyn Grimm and PDG Gordy completed the journey and collected over \$12,400. They traveled 717 miles. Five clubs checks are still in the mail – Waseca, Lake Crystal, Mankato Sunrise, Waconia, Lonsdale.

New Business:

- **Flag Pole Bill** – DG Marvin Grimm has a bill for a flag pole because we have been taking flags off of poles to have enough poles. He ordered \$35.59. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to approve this bill, Lion Charlette Abbas seconded. **MC.**
- **Governor’s Expenses** – DG Marvin Grimm has visited 55 clubs and has 9 to go. He will make all 64 clubs. At this point he is \$500 over the budget set. Lion Cathleen Williams made a motion to raise the budget up \$800; Lion Anna Wickenhauser seconded. **MC.**
- **Traveling Companion Extra Cost** – DGE Steven Wasserman talked about the cost for the International Convention. This year \$1,250 is budgeted. There is \$717.27. The cost for PID Debra Wasserman’s airline ticket to attend the convention is \$2388.36. LCI pays \$500 of that leaving \$1888.36 to be paid. PID Maynard gave a history lesson that the budget of \$1,250 plus the carryover from year’s before \$717.27 is what was decided. We looked back at minutes from 2010. We have agreed that 5M2 will cover the cost of getting to the Convention which is not covered by International. This was voted on at the mid-winter in 2010.

- **New Convention Computer** – Lion Cindy Walters made a motion to purchase a new convention computer for up to \$800, Lion Janet Knakmuhs seconded. MC.
- **Sunderman, Multiple Dinner** – DG Marvin asked for the District to cover Lion Sunderman's lunch. He thought he was invited as a guest. It isn't in the budget yet since it was a new contest. Lion Wanda Breimhorst made a motion to pay \$30 for the Environmental Winner's lunch; seconded by PDG Joan Blank. MC.
- DGE Steven Wasserman made a motion that the additional Youth Activities expenses be approved by the Cabinet, VDG Nancy Mathwig seconded. MC.
- PDG Harry Klenke presented a Progressive Melvin Jones to Lion Dale Oldenburg.
- DG Marvin Grimm presented PDG Harry Klenke with his PDG pin.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Sandy Schneider - Region 1 has been doing a fantastic job hosting their zone meetings! Lots of great service projects and information has been shared. Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work. A special recognition to Lion Cindy Walters for all of her hard work for the newsletter, the Mid-Winter convention and everything else that she does without hesitation!

- **Zone 1** Lion Connie Rau – Zone 1 has 10 clubs, including the Hutchinson Lioness Club. Membership currently is 280 for a -2 for the year. The number of Lion hours is 4297 and the number of people served is 43,469. Spring Zone 1 meeting held at Lester Prairie April 6, 2016 with 66 attending. 8 clubs have been visited/2 remaining. All clubs very active as reported at Zone meeting:
 Brownston: Cabin Fever, Fish Fry, sandbox fill, donated to Tim Orth foundation
 Glencoe: Membership drive, spring Brunch, Donated to Tim Orth foundation, Bingo/Meat Raffle, music in the park or summer
 Hutchinson: 4 new members, Cash Wise cook out, distribute water during Memorial Day Parade, donation for McLeod County new K-9 unit, Habitat for Humanity, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program
 Hutchinson Lioness: parade of green, High School Scholarship, Food Shelf, Easter Bunny photos
 Lester Prairie: 3 new members, Brunch, hosted spring Zone Meeting, Santa bags for kids, Easter Egg Hunt
 New Auburn: visit shut-ins, 2 Scholarships, Food Shelf, Toys for Tots, Spring Fling Breakfast
 Plato: Santa Breakfast, fruit baskets for shut-ins, Spring Brunch, Summer Burgers in the Park, Blood drives, 3 new projects this year: Octoberfest, New Years Day porkchop dinner, Food for Kids packaging
 Silver Lake: donated to the Robotics Team and Tim Orth Foundation, Sausage Supper, Participated in St Patrick's day parade
 Stewart: Sunday Bingo and Meat raffle
 Winsted: Bingo, Cook outs, Free Lunch for Veterans, volunteer at St Mary's, participate In summer and winter parade, hot dogs and brats for Police, donated to McLeod county K-9 unit.
- **Zone 2** Lion Brenda Fritzke reported that Zone 2 has 8 clubs and 1 Leo club, the Watertown's Leo club will take off the end of May or beginning of June. The Cologne Leo's have 10 members. As of this year Zone 2 dropped 21 members and have 20 new members. The total is 512 members. Waconia is the only club that has not dropped any members. All of the clubs are busy with service projects. In April she started working the day shift, so she will be calling the remaining clubs that she needs to visit.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – Thanked DG Marv & PDG's Harry and Joan for allowing her the opportunity to serve as Zone 3 Chairperson for the last 3 years! It has been a great experience and also encouraged her to move outside of her comfort zone and try something new. Zone Chair has been an awesome opportunity to meet so many new Lions members within our zone and meet all of the cabinet members! She has made some awesome new Lions friends along the way! Our current membership is at 382 members which is a plus 7 year to date. Our Spring Zone meeting was held on Monday, April 18th at The Knights of Columbus Event Center in Shakopee, MN and was hosted by the Shakopee Lions who did a fantastic job in keeping everyone in attendance entertained. Thanks to all who attended

the Spring Zone Meeting. Congratulations to Dr. Wendy Goldsmith of the Veseli Area Lions who was awarded the Zone 3 Lion of the Year Award! She is finishing up Club Visits for the year and looks forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Region 2 Lion Lori Klein, Region 2 Chairperson, Region 2 is composed of 19 clubs. As of May 1st, current membership is 681 members, which is a loss of 13 for the year. Clubs can continue to ask one and be able to overcome this deficit. All clubs have submitted their officers for the next year and hopefully District Governor Marv is receiving those reports. All clubs have been active and reporting their activities. Help was provided to two clubs that asked for more information on using the online reporting system due to a change of officers through the year. She thanked District Governor Marv for the chance to serve and looks forward to finishing out this Lions year.

- **Zone 4** Lion Brenda Jones – Zone 4 membership is currently at 255. They have done an impressive job of bringing in 12 new members this year, but unfortunately, have lost 16. The Zone 4 Spring meeting was held on March 30th, with the Nicollet Lions hosting. It was a great meeting with 57 members present, and all 6 clubs were represented! There are many fantastic projects going on in Zone 4. Almost all clubs in Zone 4 donated to Journey for Service, have been hosting a wide range of fundraisers, giving out scholarships, and participating in the 4th Grade Foresters program. She thanked everyone for their help during her 2 year tenure as Zone 4 Chair. Everyone helped to make it a great experience!
- **Zone 5** Lion Jim Spille – The Zone's 7 clubs and 2 Leo Clubs have reported 222 members. They have been very active with numerous activities. All club visits have been completed except LeSueur which meets in a place that is not handicap accessible. Spring meeting was held on Tuesday, March 29 in Arlington. It was generally felt to be quite successful. Fifty three Lions attended including representatives of all clubs. Club visitation schedules have been distributed and should have been acted on. This completes the activities for the year. Information will be passed on.
- **Zone 6** Lion Brian Rykhus – As of April 28, 2016 Zone 6 has 201 members, up from 196 reported at last Cabinet meeting. The Zone began the year with 206 members. Zone 6 is minus 5 members for the year. This month Zone 6 is showing one added member and one dropped members for plus 0. One Club in the Zone remains to report 2016-2017 Officers yet.
 - The Northfield Lions Club hosted the Spring Zone 6 meeting on Monday, Mar. 14 at Jesse James Lanes. All Clubs in the Zone were represented. 43 Lions, Leos, and Cabinet members were in attendance. The program included Lion Jack Webster presenting the Bike-a-thon, and the Northfield Leos sharing their vision and planning of their Hometown Heroes Program.
 - The Northfield Leos Club presented their Hometown Heroes Program at the MD5M Convention on April 22. They had 11 WWII veterans from Northfield, Faribault and Mankato participating in the program.
 - Zone 6 has reported 1,512 Lion hours of service this fiscal year serving 6,253 people.

Region 3 Lion Paul Gorman had no report.

From Zone 7, Lion Charlie Knakmuhs– Lake Crystal Lions Club

From Zone 8, Lion Diane Beckman – Waseca Lions Club

From Zone 9, Lion Kathleen Blackeberg – Alden Lions Club

- **Zone 7** Lion Charlie Knakmuhs – Zone 7 has a membership of 161, which is a net loss of 1, working to get it to a plus before the end of the year. All the clubs are hard at work with their fundraising and trying to improve membership. He thanked DG Marv for allowing him to serve on the cabinet.
- **Zone 8** Lion Diane Beckmann – Lion Zone Chair Diane Beckmann conducted the Zone meeting on May 4, 2016 hosted by the Blooming Prairie Lions. Zone 8 has 225 members. Each club has been very active, ranging from pie sales to pancake breakfasts and pork chop dinner fundraisers. To further their community involvement scholarships are given to high school seniors and dictionaries for 3rd graders. All

the clubs have given eyeglass and hearing aid donations. Zone Lion of the Year was awarded to Andy Lerberg, a 45-year charter member of the Ellendale Lions.

- **Zone 9** Lion Kathleen Blackeberg – Reported that since the last Cabinet Meeting held during the Mid-Winter Convention on Feb 12, 2016 she has two club visit's scheduled Blue Earth on April 27th and Albert Lea Noon Lions May 12th, Spring Zone 9 meeting was held on Wednesday March 9th at the American Legion in Wells. Wells Lions club was the host club. 53 people were in attendance. She was able to attend the Multiple District convention of Saturday April 23th, attended that morning's business meeting and lunch
 - Membership at this time is:
 - Albert Lea ~ Added 12, Dropped 9 = gain of 9
 - Albert Lea Cloverleaf ~ Added 2 Dropped 2 = no gain
 - Albert Lea Lakeview ~ Added 0, Dropped 1 = loss of 1
 - Alden ~ Added 2, Dropped 0 = gain of 2
 - Blue Earth ~ Added 2, Dropped 1 = gain of 1
 - Kiester ~ Added 0, Dropped 0 = no gain
 - Minnesota Lake ~ Added 1, Dropped 2 = loss of 1
 - Wells ~ Added 0, Dropped 2 = loss of 2
 - Zone 9 is at a gain of 8 – As of April 25th 2016 at total of 223 members

Committee Reports: DGE Steven Wasserman facilitated.

Can Do Canines: Lion Kathleen Blackeberg reported that since our last Cabinet Meeting held during the Mid-Winter convention on February 12th, 2016 she attended the Zone 9 spring meeting in Wells, Zone 7 spring meeting in Winnebago, Zone 6 spring meeting in Northfield and visited the Blue Earth Club on March 27th.

Next graduation is June 18th at 1 p.m. at the New Hope facility. Chair training will be held on June 25th and the Next Tails to Tell will be held on May 19th and June 11th.

Lion Deb Koehnen reported that she visited the NYA West Carver and the Hutchinson Lions clubs. The District 5M2 and the Can-Do-Canines co-chairs were recognized at the Mid-Winter convention for the highest club participation percentage in 5M.

The Discovery Channel in Canada aired a segment on how different animals can detect disease. A few of the animals featured were Can-Do-Canines Diabetes Assist Dogs.

Centennial Service Challenge: DGE Steve Wasserman reported that he is pleased to report that we are now up to 27 clubs having earned their **Four Diamond Banner Patch** for reporting service projects in all four areas of our **Centennial Service Challenge**. Please see the Centennial Dashboard Report for information on specific clubs. Last year, 35 clubs received a four diamond patch. His goal for this year remains that we become a 100% four diamond patch district.

As a District, we have added 142 Centennial Members since July 1. 21 clubs have added three or more Members, and are on pace to qualify as Premiere Centennial Lions Clubs.

He has written newsletter articles for each 5M2 District Newsletter detailing progress on the Centennial Service Challenge and Centennial Membership Awards, and encouraging clubs to start planning Centennial Events and Legacy Projects.

He attended a meeting of all District Centennial Coordinators at the Multiple District Convention. He reported on our progress and plans, and heard what other districts are doing. They also heard an update on the plans that are being made for the MD Centennial Celebration Event at the Mall of America on June 3, 2017.

Constitution & By-Laws: DGE Steve Wasserman reported that the proposed changes to the 5M2 Constitution and By-Laws were passed at the Mid-Winter Convention on February 13, 2016.

Conventions: IPDG Harry Klenke reported that Upcoming conventions we need to know about are The

International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan June 24th thru June 28th and the USA Canada Forum in Omaha, Nebraska September 15th thru September 17th.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that she did the Memorial Service at the Mid-Winter Convention. She also continues to work with selling pins and will order the Bird Pin again for the next District Governor.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman mentioned the passing and the funeral of Lion Tim Lindbo that was held last Monday. She passed around the program from the service.

PID Debra then began her report: Goals 1-4 were set by DG Marvin. Goals 5 & 6 were developed by GLT-D Coordinator.

1. Conduct Region and Zone Chair Training.

Completed. See August 2015 GLT report.

2. Conduct Club Officer Training.

Completed. See August 2015 GLT report.

3. Convention speaker on Leadership Training.

Completed. PCC Bruce Beck presented a Motivational Leadership session at the 2016 MidWinter Convention.

4. Conduct CEP workshops in clubs.

The Courtland Lions completed a CEP workshop on September 18 and the Norwood West-Carver Lions Club conducted CEP on 2 dates in March and April. The "Club Quality Initiative" is now the official name as determined by LCI. CEP will continue to appear on materials until the next printing.

5. To provide Orientation to clubs in 5M2.

a. Recruit a Lion to Shepherd Orientation area.

PDG Joan has agreed to provide leadership in this critical area.

b. Review existing PowerPoint.

Completed

c. Develop promotion process directed toward clubs.

A number of Orientation presentations have been given to clubs and also at the zone 6 fall meeting. Work on a specific promotion plan is ongoing. An update will be given at Region/Zone Chair and Club officer training sessions in late May.

6. To introduce a specific mentoring program to clubs in the District.

a. Select/develop a specific mentoring program.

b. B. Recruit several clubs to pilot the program.

DGE Steve is working on this project and plans to introduce it at the spring club officer training.

Upcoming Leadership training

- Region/Zone Chairs: Saturday May 21 at the Treaty Center (St. Peter)
- Club Officers: Sunday May 22 at Bethany College (Mankato)

PID Debra has submitted monthly articles to the District newsletter. Topics have included the USA Canada Leadership forum, the Club Excellence Process application, IP Yamada's crane symbol story, and more.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that he has nothing new to report.

Historian: VDG Nancy Mathwig reported that she has begun work on gathering information on past secretaries and presidents for each club in District 5M-2. At the request of the Waconia Lions, she sent the information she had to date and will forward additional information as received. She has also continued to include various historical facts regarding District 5M-2 and Lions in her 2nd VDG article in the monthly newsletter.

Journey for Service: Reported earlier in the agenda. PDG Gordy mentioned that the Lions at Lion Tim's funeral meant a lot to the family. There were 35 Lions in attendance.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that 5M2 will be very close to getting 100% club participation for the year. He has 2 more programs scheduled before the year end. He thanked DG Marvin for having him on his cabinet. It was a privilege to help Lions. His apologized for not being at the meeting, but his Granddaughter's First Communion is today.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hespenheide reported that April 27 is one year to the date that the renovation of the kennels at Leader Dogs for the Blind started. Phase three of the renovation is still in progress. At this time, there is only \$250,000 to raise before the June 30 deadline. 5M2 is 3rd in giving from MD5M for this renovation. To see updates go online the Leader Dogs for the Blind.org. Click on Lions Clubs; click on Progress, down on this page is Construction update and view the photos of the renovation.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser –

- **The Sibley East Senior High Leos** is hosting their annual Pet Week - April 11-15. The Leos will be selling Puppy Chow and Meow Mix during lunch hours. Check out the Pet Wall of Fame, all proceeds go to our Can Do Canines service project.
- **Northfield Leos** did a Fantastic job at the Multiple Convention in Mankato. They hosted 13 WWII Veterans who gave us their personal stories about what they did during the war. It was a very humbling experience.
- **Watertown Leos** have had their 1st informational meeting and signed up 13 potential Leos and they are having another on the 10th. Hopefully after that they will be able to charter. Stay tuned for more announcements.
- The Veseli Lions will be chartering a New Praque club in the upcoming year. More to follow....
- **Cologne Leos** are accepting donations for Families Moving Forward a homeless shelter located in Chaska. It currently serves Carver and Scott counties. They will be volunteering their time alongside the Cologne Lions at the shelter. They also are working with Lion Roger of the Cologne Lions and building their Legacy Project as we speak....a timber planter that has been discarded when you come into town will now be taken care of by the Leos. Also Leos Jordon and Raven came back from the UN with a goal to achieve all of the Sustainable Development Goals by the end of June 2017. There were 4 Leos at Convention and they met with IPIP Joe Preston for about 45 minutes. 3 of the potential Leos from Watertown came down for the Leo seminar and heard about the Sustainable Development Goal's and about the Oral Health Project's coloring book. The Cologne Leos are mentoring them.
- The St. Peter Lions are working on a Leos club as well.

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt had no report.

Lions Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported that Megan Copeland presented her Essay at the Mid-Winter and the Multiple Convention. It was passed on to International. She can still enter one more year.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that he has nothing to report at this time. He has enjoyed working with Lions and clubs to develop a Long Range Plan. He has been on the Cabinet for 23 years. He will no longer be on the Cabinet, it is time to start a new journey.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Arlene Richter reported that the Board of Trustees Hearing Foundation meeting was held on April 2, 2016 and called to order at 8:00 AM, followed by the approval of the agenda, the Feb. meeting minutes, and the treasurer's report.

Old Business

- **Spring Tours:** The tour date is set for April 30th. Because of the recent move to the new facility, the medical team is not yet set up to receive tours at the facility. So it was decided that, for this year, the Hearing part of the tours would take place in the Moos Tower auditorium where the doctors will do their presentations. It is everyone's hope that future tours will include the new facility.

- **Lions Children's Hearing & ENT Clinic:** The clinic is in need of some new toys, so we have asked them to provide us with a wish list.
- **Deferred Giving Letter:** We voted to proceed with the U of M mailing, and to develop a letter of agreement with the U of M on how the funds will be managed.
- **Lion Bob Harms Award Update:** The proposed plaque design was shared

New Business

- **MD5M Convention:** Plans were finalized for the staffing and materials needed for the Hearing booth.
- **D-Feet Walk:** Letters and emails have gone out to the clubs, HF trustees signed up to staff the event, the PR committee will work on press releases, and donations are starting to come in.
- **Trustee Training:** Training is set for July 15, 2016 at the Ramada Plaza Inn in Mpls.
- **Phillip Wienstein Building Signage:** The old Lions signage will not be used in the new facility. All the old signage has been stored, inventoried, and will be disbursed properly.
- **State Fair Booth Schedule:** Each trustee was given a schedule to be filled for the state fair.
- **Cochlear Implant Picnic:** The picnic is scheduled for Sept. 11th. The board passed a motion to spend up to \$950 for food and supplies.
- **Golf Tournament:** The Whispering Pines Golf Course in Annandale will be holding a tournament on June 14th, with proceeds going to the Hearing and Vision Foundations.

Other Business

- Committees worked during the breakout sessions:
- PR: Discussed the Bob Harms Award Banner Patch, Plaque, and Award presentation.
- Finance and Legal: Set the State Fair handout allocations.
- Long Range Planning: Made recommendations for current and 10 year goals.
- Two outgoing 6 year trustees were recognized with Hearing Research Fellow Awards and two outgoing 2 year trustees were also recognized.

Trustee reports were given

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Mid-Winter Convention Committee: Lion Sandy Schneider reported that the photo and article were sent in for the Lions International magazine. They reported that they couldn't use this information. PDG Rick responded back to them. We haven't heard from the Guinness Book yet, either. DGE Steve mentioned that the red/black plaid made quite an impression on the visiting dignitaries. DG Marvin has gotten a number of letters in regard to this event and congratulating him on thinking outside the box. GOOD JOB!

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – On April 2, 2016 the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Meeting was held at the University of Minnesota's McNamara Alumni Center. At this meeting officers were elected for the 2016-2017 year. The Foundation granted the University of Minnesota \$145,000.00 for four different areas of research.

The annual update was also held after the board meeting, attendees had an opportunity to mingle with researchers and ask them about the research that they were working on as they had displays of their work. After lunch, three researchers gave presentations on the work that they are doing at the University, which is being funded by the Foundation. The Foundation will be funding the following requests of \$25,000 each for one year: Dr. Hering's pig islet immunology research, Dr. Bernholr's new drug treatment research and Dr. Fife's autoimmune research.

The website is being updated to allow for information to be inserted in a more timely manner. The Feed My Pig piggy banks are being distributed as requested.

Lion Kevin attended the MD5M multiple convention held in Mankato on April 22-24. The Foundation had a booth that the board members in attendance were asked to staff. The Foundation had a presence in the program of the convention as well. Lion Bonnie presented her story and Doctor Brad Weegman talked about the research being done at the U of M.

The next Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation meeting will be on July 9, 2016 at the Doubletree Hotel in Minneapolis.

Any clubs that would like a presentation should contact Lion Kevin and Lion Wanda.

MN Lions Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Diana Kroells – Spring has been a busy season. Mary attended spring meetings for Zones 1, 3 and 5. Diana attended for Zones 1, 3, 4 and 5. Both visited the Chanhassen Lions on April 25. Both attended the quarterly Foundation meeting April 2 in St. Cloud. Reports were given by the University principals. Highlights:

- Dr. VanKuijk stated that the temporary location of the Surgery Center opened February 29, 2016. First pieces of equipment have been ordered.
- New website is up and quite well developed – mlvf@mnlionsvisionfoundation.org
- First payment re: Surgery Center is made.
- Request made to Kidsight that they report to us on the two machines (two manufacturers) purchased by MLVF
- Budget approved for 2016-2017.
- Work being done to re-issue “The Spectacle”
- Still searching for a signature fundraising project
- Long range plan basically done
- Work progressing well on the Multiple Convention Fundraisers cosponsored this year with Camp Confidence
- 83,000 pairs of eyeglasses delivered to Rosholt in March

Mary has continued with the monthly article “Viewing Forward” for our newsletter.

A great fundraiser was completed for Multiple Convention in April 2016. Total proceeds to MLVF are \$16,120. \$12,160 from raffle and \$3,960 from silent and live auctions. Anna Wickenhauser prepared and delivered the 5M2 baskets for the Multiple Convention. Several 5M2 clubs and individuals made generous contributions and will be sent “thank you”.

Thanks to all of the clubs who donated to the parade of green at Mid-Winter Convention.

Next quarterly meeting is set for July 15 and 16, 2016 in Minneapolis. Lions Diana and Mary sincerely thank DG Marvin for the opportunity to serve the MN Lions Vision Foundation.

Friday, August 26th is 5M2 day at the fair.

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that she thinks that things are going good. She has been getting a lot of information but can always use more. All newsletters have come out on time and were full of information. Please continue to send information to her from your clubs, zones, regions, committees, etc. PID Maynard thanked Lion Cindy for the job she has done on the newsletter.

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank reported that this last quarter of the Lions year has been eventful with 3 speaking engagements:

1. Jordaness Lions where Lion Doni McQuiston who has a son who is a Special Olympian was interviewed. This resulted in a \$1000 donation from the Jordaness Lions which was split between two area Special Olympic teams.
2. Spoke to the Plato Lions.
3. Spoke at the Waterville Lions Social Night. The Waterville Lions have a Lions member who is also a Special Olympian, which made it fun and relevant.

This past year has been a great year of growth in Special Olympics and also involvement in this great organization. This summer she is planning on volunteering at the summer Special Olympics so she has more firsthand experience and information to share in the coming year.

She thanked DG Marv for allowing her to stay on as Co-Chair for the 2015-2016 Lions year.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported she attended the quarterly meeting in St Cloud yesterday. There are four retreats planned for the season. The first retreat will be in May in MacGregor. Working on promoting the 100 mile bike ride for the 100 years celebration. Save the date September 24th.

Protocol: Lions Lowell and Charlette Abbas reported that there have been no changes made to the 5M-2 Protocol manual at this point. Lion Lowell and Lion Charlette were happy to work on this endeavor. It gave

them more insight to Lionism.

Technology Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that she completed and sent out the Parade of Green Reference/Description booklet with the 501(c)3 letters to all the clubs in the district for easy reference as to what projects each support and whether or not they qualify for gambling donations. The Mid-Winter Planning Committee kept her busy sending out and posting information about the Mid-Winter Convention on the website and Facebook. IT equipment was set up for various presentations during the convention weekend.

She continues to send out the monthly 5M2 District Newsletter and put it on the website. Prior to sending she reduces its size as some email servers will reject large attachments. She shares items on our Facebook page. On April 20, 2015 we had 220 followers. On April 30, 2016 we are at 390. Spring Zone meeting notices were all sent out and soon it will be time to create the letterhead and update the website with DGE Steve's information.

There have not been as many requests for the computer for CEP Trainings although more Project chairs are utilizing the equipment. Please let her know of your needs as far in advance as possible to assist with scheduling.

It has been a pleasure to serve on DG Marv's cabinet this year and she looks forward to working with DGE Steven Wasserman.

Write Off: Lion Christy Trutnau – Thanked DG Marvin for the opportunity to serve. All awards have been presented.

Environmental Photo Contest: Lion Kate Pattison reported that this last year, 2015-16, was 5M2's first year of involvement in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest. Lions Evelyn Grimm and Kate Pattison were in charge of the contest in its first year and were very impressed with the result! For those who are still slightly unfamiliar with the contest, it is a photo competition where each club in good standing is encouraged to submit a photo (unaltered and without people) representing their community in any of the categories of Animal Life, Landscape (Urban or Natural), Plant Life, Weather Phenomenon, or the special theme of "Dignity, Harmony, Humanity: Celebrating the Peaceful Coexistence of Species". In our district's first year of involvement there were 19 participating clubs: NYA West Carver, Cannon Valley, NYA Lions, Courtland, Silver Lake, Alden, LeSueur, Gibbon, Ellendale, Mankato Sunrise, Albert Lea LakeView, Mayer Watertown Dandy, Hamburg, Carver, Arlington, Green Isle, Faribault, Waterville, and Plato.

Submissions showed a broad variety of interpretation of the categories and were all of amazing quality. The final winners this last year were Lion Dave Sunderman (LeSueur) with 1st place, Lion Sandy Posusta (Silver Lake Lions) in 2nd place, and Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg (Alden) in third place). All three winning Lions were notified of their wins and invited to be acknowledged at the Mid-Winter Convention. Throughout Convention all photo submissions were displayed on a photo board and in a photo binder. On the final day of Convention the three winners were acknowledged, awarded prize checks, and asked to speak on the background surrounding their winning photos.

Our first prize winner was sent to Multi-District to compete. 5M2 won Multi and continued on in the International Environmental Photo Contest.

For next year we hope to see 100% club participation throughout the District! In the first year we believe the only thing holding back submissions was questions regarding "will my photo work for this?", and through the wide range of photo topics submitted we have all learned that artistic interpretation allows for so many different topics to be considered!

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Cindy Walters reported that we will be hosting 30 youth this summer and at this point 11 are placed. Coming from the following 18 countries: Belgium, Brazil, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey. Please contact Lion Cindy if you are interested in hosting one of these wonderful kids and learning about their countries. Camp Spicer will be July 16-24, 2016. Lion Cindy thanked the clubs in 5M2 for their generous donations to Youth Exchange and Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and PDG Sue Bowman. The theme for the 2015-16 Peace Poster contest was *Share Peace*. Thirty-three posters were entered and judges on originality, artistic merit and expression for the theme "Shared Peace".

The first place winner was Mariah Kranz, a 7th grade student at Gaylord Immanuel Lutheran School. Green Isle Lions sponsored Mariah.

Thank you to all the clubs that supported the Peace Poster contest. The Peace Poster program is a great avenue for Lions and youth to join forces for positive community publicity. We continue to inform clubs about the Peace Poster contest through attendance at Region and Zone meetings, plus club visits upon request, and informational emailing to club presidents.

The Peace Poster theme for 2016-17 is "A Celebration of Peace". Kits are available through LCI and in the Lions magazine until October 1. Clubs are encouraged to contact the local art teachers this spring so they can get the Peace Poster contest on the fall curriculum. The kits contain all the information needed for the sponsoring club and for the participating school or youth group.

As co-chairs of the Peace Poster contest the co-chairs are much honored to have such a rewarding responsibility, and thanked everyone who participated. They also thanked DG Marvin for allowing them to serve on the cabinet.

Youth Outreach/Lions Quest: After a slow start this year, Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams have made Lions Quest presentations at Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. They attended the Multiple Convention and Lion Cathleen attended a Council of Governors meeting. They have 3 presentations scheduled for June and July. They were excited to hear the IPID mention Quest in his talk. The program has had a recent update and Lions Mike and Cathleen will be able to be brought up to date when they visit Illinois this summer.

Lion Janet Knakmuhs reported that she has some clubs really thinking about the Quest program and will be following up with them in the next couple weeks. She is still trying to meet with a few more clubs, that have shown interest in the program. She thanked DG Marv for the chance to serve on his cabinet.

Comments:

PID Debra Wasserman complemented PDG Tom Ferleman on his leadership and thanked him; PDG Mary Ferleman taught PID Debra Wasserman to never forego a chance to pee. We have an endorsed candidate from our Multiple - PCC Bruce Beck; there are 6 U.S. positions open and 13 endorsed candidates for those positions. It is highly anticipated that there will be more names on the ballot than seats available. Lions are helping with the earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador, flooding in southern U.S. etc. LCIF is there, our dollars are at work.

2nd VDGE Diana Kroells thanked GLT in placing their confidence in her. She is excited to get started with her years of service. Thanks for the cabinet support.

1st VDGE Nancy Mathwig thanked the cabinet for a great year. This is a great District.

DGE Steve Wasserman stated he is still looking for a few cabinet positions, Zone 4 and 7 are open. He would like to involve some clubs that have not been involved in the cabinet in the past. He thanked everyone for their support. Thanked DG Marvin for his leadership as well.

DG Marvin Grimm – Please take note of the events on the agenda. He thanked PDG Mary Ferleman for the cornering at Jungle days. He has learned a lot and met a lot of fun people. He will have 100% LCIF and Journey for Service. PU101's are still missing. He has 23 to date. THANK YOU for this opportunity. Lion Evelyn and DG Marvin will remember this year for a long time.

CALENDAR:

Zone & Region Chairs Training – May 21, 2016

Club Officer's Training – May 22, 2016

D-Feat Hearing Loss – June 4, 2016; Arboretum in Chanhassen

Jungle Days – August 1, 2016; Jordaness Lions

USA Canada Leadership Forum – September 15-17, 2016; Omaha Nebraska
Northern Pride Lions' Leadership Forum – November 11, 12, 2016; Mahnomon, Minnesota

Motion to adjourn made at 6:55 p.m. by Lion Kevin Blank; seconded by PDG Joan Blank. MC.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters