

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2017
City Center Hotel, Mankato**

Call to Order: DG Steve Wasserman called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 2nd VDG Diana Kroells.

Invocation: Led by 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig.

Establishing Protocol: DG Steve Wasserman established protocol.

Welcome: DG Steve Wasserman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 39 in attendance and 7 absent, 14 guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Steve welcomed all guests; especially ID Bill Phillipi and his partner in service Vickie Phillipi.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda Lion Pam DeMarce, seconded by Lion Cathleen Williams; **MC**.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by PDG Mike Vos Grimm, seconded by Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg; **MC**.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Sue Vos presented her report. It is attached at the end of these minutes. Motion to approve by Lion Lori Klein and seconded by Lion Janet Knakmuhs. **MC**.

Communications: None.

Old Business:

- **PNH Bike-A-Thon** – Lion Jack Webster reported on the bike-a-thon; 100 Years of Service 100 Mile Bike Ride; Raised in excess of \$10,000 goal, \$11,261.25 was the total raised. There are shirts for sale \$10. The big job now is to get the word out to the Veteran's regarding the opportunity to attend the Camps from Project New Hope.
- **KidSight** – PDG Rick Wagener reported that the screeners have arrived. The \$100,000 grant from LCIF and the \$100,000 from the Vision Foundation will be paying for the Districts screeners. We will recoup our \$11,000 that we voted to put toward this project. There will be operating costs to the project. We need to insure the equipment and this is causing some issues finding someone to insure the equipment. It may be \$600-\$800/year to insure them. Need to put this in the budget. Question was asked whether the insurance would cover damage, we do have a warranty on the equipment from PlusOptix. Nobody in the multiple has answered this question yet. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion that the insurance be paid out of the \$11,000 which will be returned from purchasing the equipment; Lion Laura Maki seconded. Several Lions mentioned that they may have connections to get the insurance. The motion was clarified to include that the \$11,000 would go into the KidSight line item in the budget to pay for incidentals that arise. **MC**.
- **Other Old Business** – None

New Business:

- **Expenses for contest winner attending Multiple Convention** – PID Debra Wasserman made a

motion to have 5M2 support the Essay Contest Winner to attend the luncheon at the Multiple Convention; the motion includes the winner and three family members with the cost to come out of Youth Activities, PDG Marvin Grimm seconded. MC. PID Debra suggested that the Policy Manual should include something in regard to this support as it is put into place; to make this a policy.

- **Leos** – Lion Anna Wickenhauser spoke about the First US Leadership Forum for Leos. This will be held in New York. A form letter has been sent out asking for money to support the event. Lion Anna is asking the cabinet to possibly make a donation on behalf of 5M2.
 - There are a couple of Leos that would like to attend this event. Registration is \$125 and the hotel room costs are \$140/night. Lion Anna and Hilary are planning to attend. The dates are August 2-5th, 2017. Lion Anna Wickenhauser made a motion to pay the registration fee for the Leos to attend; Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg seconded. This would come out of Youth Activities. PID Maynard Rucks amended the motion to limit the expense up to \$500 toward registration to be reimbursed after attendance. Lion Evelyn Grimm seconded the amendment. Several members spoke for and against the amendment. Amendment Motion Carried. MC.
 - Lion Pam DeMarce made a motion that 5M2 donate \$100 to the forum, seconded by Lion Cathleen Williams. This would come out of Youth Activities. MC.
 - DG Steve Wasserman wanted to make clear that Leo clubs are able to solicit funds from clubs.
- **PID Brian Sheehan's Campaign – PDG Joan and Lion Kevin Blank – T.E.A.M PID BRIAN FOR 3RD VP (Together everyone achieves more)** Past International Director Brian Sheehan made a public announcement on December 27th that he is running for 3rd International Vice President and hopes to be endorsed as such at the MD5M Multiple Convention in April. He asked if Lion Kevin and I would be Team Captains in 5M2 for his campaign. Of course, we said we would be honored. He asked if we would put a team together, which now consists of:
 - PID Debra and DG Steve Wasserman
 - PID Maynard and PDG Eunice Rucks
 - 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig
 - 2nd VDG Diana and Lion Duane Kroells
 - Lions Brian and Rose Thies
 - PDG Mike and Lion Sue Vos
 - Lion Christy Trutnau
 - Lion Hilary Wickenhauser
 - PDG's Marlys and Larry Meskan
 - Lions Anna and Don Wickenhauser
 - PDG's Mary and Tom Ferleman
 - PDG Joan and Lion Kevin Blank

The estimated cost to run the campaign for 1 ½ years is approximately \$100,000 and PID Brian and his executive team would like each district to try to raise \$8,500.00.

At the 5M2 Mid-Winter, our committee will be setting up a table, selling hockey pucks for \$10.00 and taking applications for jerseys. We also will be asking the members of 5M2 to support PID Brian in his campaign. At the cabinet meeting, the committee will be asking permission to solicit funds from each club (much like we did for the last multiple convention). The committee will also be meeting before and after the convention to brainstorm on continuing to fund raise and encourage Lions from 5M2 to attend the Multiple Convention this April in Bemidji and International Convention in Las Vegas 2018 where PID Brian hopes to be voted in.

DG Steve Wasserman purchased the first hockey puck.

Lion Wanda Breimhorst made a motion that 5M2 contribute \$5,000 out of Budget excess toward PID Brian Sheehan's campaign for 3rd VP; PDG Marvin Grimm seconded. PID Debra made a comment that if Brian receives the endorsement we may need to contribute more later. Lion Cathleen Williams made a motion to amend the amount to \$1,000, Lion Connie Rau seconded. Amended Motion defeated. PDG Rick Wagener made an amendment to the motion to give \$2,500, seconded by Connie Rau. MC. Back to the original motion as amended. MC.

PDG Joan Blank made a motion that the Campaign would be able to solicit funds from clubs seconded by Lion Sue Vos. MC.

There will be a demonstration tomorrow in support of Brian.

- **Other New Business** – None.

Strategic Planning Session – Handout shared with cabinet. Please email DG Steve if you have input into the document.

Region/Zone Reports

Region 1 Sandy Schneider – The Zone 1 and Zone 3 spring meetings have been set. Congratulations to all of the clubs in Zones 1-3 that have increased their membership numbers! There has been continued success in starting and completing legacy projects from all of the clubs that are working on their goals.

- **Zone 1** Lion Connie Rau – Zone 1 Membership report; 10 active clubs (Includes Hutch Lioness)
This Year

Opening Balance.	269
Added Members.	17
Dropped Members.	14
Closing Balance.	272
Net Gain.	+3

Spring Zone 1 meeting planned for April 27, 2017 at Silver Lake. Most Clubs are planning some kind of Centennial Legacy Project. My goal to visit each club is almost complete, 1 club left to visit. Two members from Zone 1 are interested in leadership roles. Those names have been passed along.

Zone 1 clubs brief list of events:

- o Brownton: Annual Cabin Fever Days Feb. 26th 10-1. - Fish Fry March 24th
- o Glencoe: Spring Brunch April 2--Bar Bingo/Meat Raffle twice a month at the Glencoe Country Club--Tip night at Unhinged Pizza Feb. 20th
- o Hutchinson: Centennial Legacy Project- Purchase of 7 sight machines to be placed around town. They received Grant money to add to their donation to the schools for sound system equipment.
- o Lester Prairie: Very successful Christmas wreath sale in Dec.-- Community Breakfast Last week
- o New Auburn: Spring Fling April 2
- o Plato: successful New Years Pork Chop Dinner--Spring Brunch April
- o Silver Lake: Meat raffle 1st and 3rd Saturday thru April. Will host Spring Zone 1 meeting in April
- o Stewart: Meat Raffle/Bingo Sunday's until April--Pancake Breakfast April 9.
- o Winsted: Easter Bunny Bingo April 11, Volunteer at Community Meal, provide busing for Seniors to go to Local Restaurant, Celebrate their Charter Night (7) years, Members built 2 "Little Libraries" and will stock them and place them around town!

- **Zone 2** Lion Brenda Fritzke reported that Zone 2, has 2 Leo Clubs with 29 members, 7 Lion Clubs with 518 members. All the clubs are hard at work supporting the community and raising money for various projects. Chaska Lions will be hosting the Spring Zone in April 2017. Chanhassen Lions raised \$15,000 at their Christmas tree lot this year. Cologne Lions had a Christmas in the park with Santa and Winter Bingo. Watertown Lions held their annual pancake breakfast. Victoria Lions delivered poinsettias to senior living, Carver Lions had breakfast with the local seniors and held purse bingo in November. Waconia Lions donate \$2000.00 yearly to the public library for the summer reading program. Watertown Leo's are volunteering at "The Jungle Book" production selling concessions and ushering. The Cologne Leo's and Cologne Lions are raising money to support Lion Jay, who was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer.

- **Zone 3** Lion Christy Trutnau – Zone 3 has 8 clubs. As of this month Zone 3 has 387 members which is a loss of 2 members for this month

- Belle Plaine-currently has 28 members this includes a loss of 1 member
- Jordan-currently has 51 members this includes; a loss of 2 members and a gain of 3 members (loss of 2)
- Jordaness-currently has 55 members this includes; a loss of 2 and a gain of 5 members (gain of 3)
- N.E.W - currently has 47 members this includes; a loss of 3 members and a gain of 2 (loss of 1)
- Prior Lake- currently has 36 members this includes; a gain of 3 members and a loss of 7 (loss of 4)
- Shakopee- currently has 124 members this includes, a gain of 11 members
- Shakopee Valley- currently has 20 members this includes, a gain of 4 members and a loss of 1 member (gain of 3)
- Veseil- currently has 26 members this includes, a loss of 2 members

Our Spring Zone meeting will be held on Monday March 20th at the Rancher Supper Club in Webster, MN. Social starts at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm and Program at 7pm. More information to come. She has visited 4 clubs so far and have scheduled visits for the remainder of the clubs.

Events for Zone 3

- Shakopee Lions have their Ice Golf on February 18 noon start at the Jackson Town Hall in Shakopee
- Prior Lake Lions has bingo every Sunday night at the Pointe in Prior Lake, will have their Easter Bunny Breakfast on April 8
- Veseli Lions has bingo at Brewster in Veseli on Thursdays jackpot is \$1000.00 in 58 numbers or less, Beer Bash in March and Meet the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt; Meet Raffle 3rd Saturday of the month at Brewster's Bar in Veseli.
- Jordaness Lions have their Annual Fish Fry on Friday April 7th and Bingo April 15th
- Jordan Lions - just had their annual Beer and Wine tasting on February 2, their annual Fish Fry in March 10 and March 17
- Shakopee Valley Lions - has a meat raffle on Friday night at the Pullman Club in Shakopee
- N.E.W Lions- had bingo on January 30 at the Doublewide and a meat raffle on Friday Feb 3rd.

Region 2 Lion Lori Klein – Region 2 has 677 members as of February 1, which is a loss of 5 members at this point in the Lion's year. Zone winners for the Write-Off contest were received, judged, and Region winner was sent to the Write-Off chair. New Prague Area Lions, chartered in January, is in Zone 6 and a member of Region 2. Share a warm 5M2 welcome to all these new Lions ready to serve their community, district, multiple and worldwide.

- **Zone 4** Lion Charlette Abbas – Zone 4 has 244 current members. We are down 10 from a year ago. All clubs are represented here at the 2017 Mid-Winter Convention. Some Clubs have completed all 4 of their Centennial Projects and others are working to complete theirs by the end of June. Zone 4 Clubs are also working on Legacy Projects. Lion Abbas does email clubs quite regularly to keep them updated on events.

Since October, she has visited one club, Lafayette, (all 6 clubs have been visited once already) and presented 3 worthy men a chevron for their years of service. She will visit Winthrop and do the same in the near future. All clubs have been busy providing food – pancakes, waffles, pork chops, or omelettes as fund raisers. There will be more this spring! So visit any of the Zone 4 Clubs for some good food! Check the District Newsletter for dates.

Zone 4 Spring Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, in Courtland, MN. The invitation will be sent out via email next week.

- **Zone 5** Lion Dean Williams – No report.
- **Zone 6** Lion Brian Rykhus – As of Jan. 31, 2017 Zone 6 has 216 members in seven Clubs, an increase of 10 members and one Club since the beginning of the fiscal year. Welcome New Prague Area Lions Club to Zone 6 and District 5M2. Their Charter Celebration was held Jan. 8.

- Zone Chair goals thus far are:
 - Each Lions Club in Zone 6 increase by one net member: Two clubs have net increase in members, three clubs have net decrease, one has no change.
 - All Club visits completed by Midwinter Convention.
 - Assist Clubs in Zone 6 with questions or needs related to Lions Centennial.
- Zone meeting was held Thursday, Oct. 27 in Montgomery. Five of six Clubs attended the traditional Zone meeting. Program included a presentation on Centennial Legacy Projects.
- The Faribault Lions (10/11) and Northfield Lions (10/24) celebrated 95 year Charter Anniversaries since the last Cabinet meeting.

Region 3 Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg gave the following report: Since the last cabinet meeting held on Oct 23, 2016 she has visited two clubs: Albert Lea Lakeview Lions: Attend the clubs Christmas party and helped wrap gifts for girls in Foster care. Minnesota Lake Lions: Attend the clubs Christmas party and helped fill goodie bags for their Santa Days.

Membership:

Zone 7 has a loss of 3 and a total as of 2-05-2017 of 154

Zone 8 has a loss of 12 and a total as of 2-05-017 of 210

Zone 9 has a loss of 5 and a total as of 2-05-17 of 215

Region 3 has a loss of 7 and a total as of 2-05-17 of 579

Goals for this 2nd half of the year to visit more clubs

- **Zone 7** Lion Pamela DeMarce – Zone 7 clubs have had a busy year so far. They held the Fall Zone Meeting in November with all clubs represented but one and are in the process of setting up the Spring Zone meeting, no date yet. Lion Pam has had the most contact with our Mankato Clubs and the good news is the three clubs are working very well together on projects. They will be hosting a Sunday Fundraising Brunch on April 2, 2017 at the WOW! ZONE benefiting the Backpack Food Program. They are working together to look at ways to raise funds for diabetes. The Lake Crystal Club continues to be strong. She has had limited contact with Amboy and Winnebago. In the remaining time of the Lions calendar year, she intends to be more in touch with Amboy and Winnebago.
- **Zone 8** Lion Diane Beckmann – Zone 8 had an unconventional meeting. She invited all the club presidents and secretaries for a brainstorming session. Each president, all but 1 club represented, went through their projects and activities. Fifteen Lions were in attendance. At that time there was discussion with question and answer time about their activities. This led to great insight of the logistics of each project – what went right and what they could improve upon. The clubs were then able to “borrow” ideas for their own projects. District Governor Steve asked each club about their legacy projects. DG Steve gave ideas of ways to achieve this project. My feedback was that the group enjoyed the format of this meeting. The theme of the night was not to reinvent the wheel, but to improve it.
- **Zone 9** Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg - Since the last Cabinet Meeting held October 23, 2017. Zone Spring Meeting has been scheduled for Monday March 13, 2017 in Minnesota Lake Lions Club. An invitation has been sent out. She was able to visit two Clubs: Albert Lea Lakeview club; Minnesota Lake Club
Membership: Albert Lea Lions Club ~ loss of 1; Albert Lea Cloverleaf Club ~ 0; Albert Lea Lakeview Club ~ gain of 1; Alden Club ~ loss of 2; Blue Earth Club ~ loss of 2; Kiester Club ~ 0; Minnesota Lake Club ~ gain of 2; Wells Club ~ loss of 3; For a Zone total loss of 7 and a total membership of 215.

Committee Reports: 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig facilitated.

Can Do Canines: Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg reported that since the last meeting she has visited the Northfield Leos club, 20 members were in attendance. Showed a two minute video on what Can Do Canines is about and then gave a short presentation, received and answered quite a few questions. Great bunch of kids.

She also attended:

Zone 9 fall meeting on October 10th
 Zone 6 fall meeting on October 27th
 Zone 8 fall meeting on November 7th
 Zone 7 fall meeting on November 29th

Next graduation will be held on Saturday February 18th in New Hope.

Co-chair Lion Deb Koehnen reported that Can-Do-Canines certified 50 teams in 2016. All dogs were provided free of charge. Twenty new assistance teams will graduate on Saturday, February 18. There are two remaining tours for our Lions year - Saturday, March 25 at 10 am and Thursday, April 20 at 11 am. She visited Hamburg and Jordan last fall and plans to visit Victoria in March with a possible visit to the Watertown Leos. She has enjoyed co-chairing this district position but was approached by another Lion from 5M2 that has passion for this organization.

Centennial Service Challenge: DG Steve Wasserman: Goals for 2016-2017

- **That 100% of clubs in the district qualify for four diamond Centennial Service Banner Patches**
 So far, sixteen clubs have qualified for the four diamond patch. Twelve clubs have reported on projects in three areas of the CSC.
- **That 50% of the clubs in the district conduct a Centennial Legacy Project**
 So far, eight Level 1, six Level 2 and two Level 3 projects have been documented.

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Harry Klenke reported that our committee is working on updating the Policy Manual. He has sent some updates to Lions Nancy and Debra, but they are very busy with other things. This will be finalized after the convention. There will probably be a change in the 5M Constitution and By-Laws at the Multiple Convention. This information will be brought to the Cabinet at the next Cabinet meeting.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that the Celebration of Service (Memorial Service) will be taking place on this Friday evening. Family members of the deceased and fellow club members have been encouraged to attend. She will have Bird and Snowman pins available for sale at the convention.

Environmental Photo Contest: Lion Kate Pattison and Lion Evelyn Grimm - There were only about 15 photos entered in the contest this year. The photos were judged by the Nicollet Lions Club. 1st place, \$100, Chrissy Christenson, Waterville Lions; 2nd place, \$50, Ruth Klossner, Lafayette Lions; 3rd place, \$25, Norma Musel, Faribault Lions. Presentations will be made at the Sunday Brunch at the Mid-Winter Convention. All photos will be on display at the Mid-Winter. You may take your photo from the display if you wish to keep it.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman – Report on goals:

1. **To make all club presidents aware of the International Theme and District Governor Goals by August 1, 2016.**
Completed. See August Cabinet report for details.
2. **To establish and have all clubs aware of a District Mentoring Program by August 1, 2016**
Completed. See August Cabinet report for details.
3. **To establish and have all clubs aware of a District “New Member Kit” by August 1, 2016**
Completed. See August Cabinet report for details.
Note: Region and Zone Chairs received all documents listed in the above 3 goals.
4. **To have all clubs file at least one activity report on MyLCI by October 1, 2016.**
 54 clubs have filed at least 1 report with 9 not having filed.
5. **To have at least 4 Lions trained to present the District Orientation Program by October 1, 2016.**

The District's Orientation program has been updated by PDG Joan Blank in consultation with the DG and GLT Coordinator. PDG Joan has been presenting the Orientation program around the District. It is an outstanding program (she said).

6. To have at least 30 clubs have the District Orientation Program presented at a club meeting by June 30, 2017.

- a. **Orientation:** PDG Joan Blank reported that one of DG Steve's goal is have 50% of the Lions Clubs in 5M2 host an orientation presentation. She has attended the Region 1 and Region 2 meetings promoting two different orientation presentations. To date the following clubs have had an orientation presentation: Norwood Young America West Carver; Mankato Sunrise Lions; Zone 9; Hutchinson Lions.
- b. She held a training session after the last cabinet meeting to Lion Anna Wickenhauser and Lion Wanda Breimhorst as they volunteered to help present an orientation session.
- c. Other clubs that have had an orientation presentation are: Faribault Lions, Nicollet Lions, and Cologne Lions. This calculates out to 19% of the goal being met.

7. To have at least 40 clubs qualify for the Club Excellence Award for the 2016-2017 Lions Year.

8. To hold monthly DG Team Meetings, including GLT and GMT every other month with Liaisons giving reports in alternate months.

Several formal meetings have occurred. Many pre and post event conversations and email exchanges have been keeping communication strong.

Officer Training is scheduled for: Saturday, May 6th at Bethany College in Mankato

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that the New Prague Area Lions club had its Charter Celebration January 8th, 2017. The club is of and running and will do well. Have not done a lot since knee replacement, but will get busy soon on looking at another club.

Historian: VDG Nancy Mathwig reported that the Hall of Fame photo board is again on display during the convention. She has continued to include history information in her monthly newsletter article. Updates to the district website Historian page continue to be an ongoing process.

Journey for Service: PDG Mike Vos' goal is to carry on the legacy of Lion Jack Webster and do his best to promote and execute this year's Journey for Service along with our District Governor Steve and spouse PID Debra. He will be contacting all the clubs and anticipates 100% participation. The dates this year will be April 5, 6, and 7th.

KidSight: PDG Rick Wagener reported we will be having our screener training at our Mid-Winter convention Plus Optix will be the first seminar tomorrow morning.

After our Multiple chair and the Minnesota Child Care Association board meet, letters of introduction will be sent out to participating day cares to see if they would participate in our project. Non-members and more rural areas should be contacted by the local clubs that wish to participate.

He has one program scheduled for Prior Lake club and one for Winthrop club.

Program funding and insurance for screeners will be determined at the Mid-Winter.

LCIF: Lion Brian Thies - LCIF has initiated a new program looking for Club Coordinators in each local club. This will be handled at the club level if they wish to participate. We are currently behind last year's pace in contributions. This is our biggest weekend for giving and we hope to make up the difference. Johnson and Johnson has partnered with LCIF in a new program called Sight For Kids. Download the app Charity Miles on your smart phone. Choose Sight for Kids when prompted by the app. The app records your distance and will donate to LCIF for every mile walked. He has club visits scheduled for March but is always looking for more.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hespenheide reported the 77-year partnership between Lions and Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB) started with \$400 and a hatful of ideas. Together we've assisted people who are blind

and Deaf-Blind in all 50 states and many other countries. LDB is your community's resource with all of our programs provided free of charge.

LDB offers these skills: Guide Dog Training, Accelerated Orientation & Mobility Training (Known as white cane training), GPS Training (All guide dog clients from the U.S. and Canada receive this device free of charge).

Summer Experience Camp (for teens ages 16-17 who are legally blind combines summer fun with an introduction to guide dogs, leadership training and the opportunity to spend time with peers who are facing similar challenges.

Lion Emmy Koch and Lion Shirley would like to report that they gave a presentation to the Green Isle Lions club. Lion Shirley has a presentation to give on February 21 at Albert Cloverleaf Lions Club.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser – Cologne, Northfield and Watertown Leos will be present this weekend. Talk to them about what they have been doing. Sibley Leos are busy with their Sadie Hawkins Dance this weekend. She thanked DG Steve for the opportunity to showcase what is happening with Leos at the luncheon tomorrow. Shakopee is working on forming a Leo club as well. There is a lot going on with all of the Leo clubs.

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt and Lion David Sebesta – Lion Denny reported that the Liberty Day activity has been pretty quiet since the last Cabinet Meeting, as most of the Liberty Day Programs happen at the beginning of the school year. They have given out nearly all the 1000 booklets that were ordered last year and hope to need that number again for this coming year. Lion Dave made a club visit recently, and the co-chairs hope to do more.

Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lions Arlene Richter and Jeff Williams reported The Hearing Foundation met in St. Cloud for its quarterly meeting on January 14, 2017. Chairperson, PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge and roll call. Following the adoption of the agenda, the secretary's report and treasurer's reports were approved.

Old Business:

\$100.00 for 100 Years Campaign: Campaign ideas were discussed; the goal of the campaign was reviewed; it is a onetime event to raise funds to refurbish and replace aging items in the kid's clinic to make it feel more like home. Ideas for better distribution of the banks, implementation and participation in the campaign were shared.

By-law Amendments were reviewed and passed.

Nomination Committee Report given.

Elections of the 2017-2018 Foundation Officers

Officers for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary were elected.

New Business:

Spring Tours: Plans for the spring tours of the hearing center in the new MN Health center are underway, but have not been finalized yet.

D-Feet Walk: Ideas and recommendations were shared to further promote the event to the public and corporate sponsors.

2017 MD5M Convention: The convention is scheduled for April 21-23, 2017. Volunteers signed up to set-up and man the booth at the convention.

Committees:

Committees met, planned, and reported back to the rest of the foundation on their progress. The meeting concluded with individual trustee reports.

Our next meeting is March 24th in St. Cloud.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that by the Cabinet meeting they will have been able to make only one club visit. They hope to make more this spring. As they have in years past, they continue to hope other individuals will come forward to accept the leadership as the Lions Quest Chair; if not, they will continue to encourage clubs to make contact with schools so that they can further this program.

Mid-Winter Convention Committee: Lion Loretta Klenke, Lion Julie Beckius reported that as of February 4, 2017; 308 Lions registered. 343 total registrations including Leo's, Write off, Peace Poster, Peace Poster Essay, and Wasserman family. The committee is busy putting final portions together to welcome everyone to the Convention. Our committee members are working hard to make this a memorable Centennial Celebration. New this year is Midwinter Feud, will be played after the banquet with Gary Koch playing music of the past 100 years. There will be prizes for Feud teams, so please come and join us after the banquet. DG Steve has some inspirational programs planned. Please come and learn, and be uplifted to go out to be a motivated Lion. Thanks to the District for all the support given to the committee.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – On December 3, 2016, Lion Kevin attended the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's quarterly meeting held in Brooklyn Center, MN. At this meeting election of officers was held and new officers were elected. Discussed audit results, progress of the calendar fundraiser and the availability of Piggy Banks for Feed The Pig and which can be used by clubs. New Trustees were also welcomed.

World Diabetes Day events were held on November 5th and 12th at 8 sites throughout the state, none in 5M2.

A diabetes research update will be held on April 8, 2017 at the University of Minnesota, everyone is encouraged to attend to hear about the research that is going on at the U.

It is exciting to learn that in the last issue of the LION magazine, diabetes will be announced as a new global service focus at the 2017 centennial convention in Chicago. The Lions will work to prevent and control this global epidemic and assist those affected by the disease.

Next Foundation meeting is April 8, 2017 at the McNamara Alumni Center at the University of Minnesota.

Lion Kevin's goals for the year:

- 1- \$1,000 in calendar sales----- \$1100
- 2- Visit minimum of 6 clubs----- visited 4 so far
- 3- Attend all Foundation meetings----- attended 3 so far
- 4- Attend ADA expo ----- attended
- 5- Attend all cabinet meetings ----- attended 2 so far
- 6- Attend all region meetings ----- attended 2 of 3
- 7- 100% club participation at Parade of Green --?

Lion Wanda has attended several Club meetings to talk about the work of the foundation and to present a Dream Catcher Award to a very worthy recipient. They are available to visit your club and present information on the important work being done at the U of M to find a cure for Diabetes.

MN Lions Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Diana Kroells – Lions Mary & Diana were both in attendance at the MLVF January meeting and came away with the feeling of pride to be able to represent 5M2 on this board. There are exciting things going on at the U of M in efforts to help those with visual impairments and research to cure blindness or low-vision problems.

Highlights of the meeting include:

- Dr. VanKuijk stated that the MN Lions Eye Surgery Center is now performing 4-5 surgeries per day. This may not sound like many but consider that just a few months ago there were none being done on the U of M campus. As more surgeries are scheduled- the use of the center will increase – hoping for up to 25 per day in a few months. The VA Hospital has contacted the U of M about doing surgeries for the many veterans that are now facing cataract surgeries.
- \$750,000 of the \$4 million grant for equipment at the Eye Surgery Center Equipment has been paid off and by June 1 that will stand at \$1 million and this is due to the generosity of Lions.
- Dr. VanKuijk also presented a plan for a new Eye Institute at the U of M. The bldg. will be a state of the art & provide the necessary space & technology to suit the needs of the doctors, patients & researchers. This would also be the home of a permanent Eye Surgery Center. The Foundation is looking at some ideas of signature fundraising projects and other avenues before we make this commitment but we feel that Lions have always come through and we would be so proud to have our name proudly displayed on the building.

- MLVF has supported the KidSight project with a grant for \$100,000.
- Thanksgiving for Vision will be moved to the end of September this year.
- The spring tours will be on Saturday, May 6. Please encourage new Lions to attend these tours so that they may realize the tremendous amount of appreciation that the U of M has for Lions as well as learning about the newest advancements in the fields of hearing & sight.
- The public relations committee is working on the development of an official logo and also the department is seeking a new name to be more inclusive of the 27 facilities we are partners with in North Dakota.
- Eye Donations are up about 300 over a year ago partly because of some restrictions that have been removed by the FDA.
- Three new patients are being interviewed for retinal implants.
- Your district directors Mary & Diana are happy to announce their clubs, West Carver Lions and Hamburg Lions along with NYA Lions have purchased 3 low-vision readers for a retirement home in NYA.

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that she has been getting a lot of information submitted for the newsletter but can always use more, especially about Club activities. 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. Goals continue: getting newsletter out on time; continuing to provide timely information to all Lions in 5M2.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that the retreat in December was poorly attended but very needed, as a Veteran with a 15 year old daughter attended and got the help needed. The retreat was considered a very successful retreat.

As far as her goals – She is working on speaking at a McCloud county veterans meeting in March, to promote attendance at the retreats.

Protocol: IPDG Marvin Grimm — No report. If you need a protocol handbook, please see him. He also showed the clock that we purchased to award to Lion Oldenburg for his 22 years of service to 5M2 as Treasurer.

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank reported that she has not had any speaking engagements since October. She has found that being the Chairperson for both Special Olympics and Orientation really limits her time for one or the other project. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending upon who is asking, more of my time as been spent with the Orientation program and trying to help DG Steve achieve his goal of 50% of clubs having an orientation program. This has made my push to speak on Special Olympics take second place.

The great news is that 5M2 had a team of 13 that participated in the Polar Plunge in St Peter on Saturday February 4th. We had a great time and raised over \$5000 for Special Olympics. Those that participated were:

Lion Janet Knakmuhs – Lake Crystal Lions
 Lion Christy Trutnau – Jordan Jordaness Lions
 PDG Harry Klenke – Prior Lake Lions
 Lion Tom Hoffman – Winnebago Lions
 Lion Don - Winnebago Lions
 Lion Paula Stephens – Cologne Lions
 Lion Don Wickenhauser – Cologne Lions
 Lion Hilary Wickenhauser – Cologne Lions
 Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg – Alden Lions
 Lion Jerry Goodburn – Nicollet Lions Club and daughter, Bailey Goodburn
 PDG Joan Blank – Nicollet Lions and son, Jared Blank
 There were 5 Lions from the Shakopee Lions who donated \$2500.00

There were 3 Lions from the New Auburn Lions

Talk for next year is to set the goal higher for participation with help from a Polar Plunge Committee.

Now that there are 4 Lions who will help with Orientation, she hopes to expend more energy in promoting Special Olympics this spring.

Technology: Lion Laura Maki reported that the Mid-Winter Planning Committee has kept her busy sending out and posting information about the Mid-Winter Contention. IT equipment will be set up for 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 does reduce its size as some email servers will reject large attachments. She shares items on our Facebook page. Notices for Spring Zone meeting are starting to arrive and are emailed to Club Presidents, Secretaries and Cabinet members as well as posted on the website calendar page.

A link to club facebook pages has been added to the website "Clubs" page. Clubs with an "*" after their name have facebook pages and by clicking the * will take you to their page. You don't need to be signed up on facebook to view the pages.

Write Off: Lion Christy Trutnau – The 2016-2017 Write-off Competition will come to a close at the Mid-Winter Convention.

This year's theme was "Legacy of Service"

Webster's Dictionary defines a legacy as "something transmitted or received from an ancestor, or predecessor or from the past." For nearly 100 years, the Lions have reached out to local communities as well as communities around the world leaving their legacy "We Serve". How do you want to be remembered? A legacy isn't always about things. In this essay, write about who you are, how you touch other people's lives, and the legacy you wish to leave behind.

In District 5M2 we had Zone winners from 5 of the 9 Zones.

This Year's District Winners are:

1st Place Aliyah Speiker from Zone 3; Aliyah will receive a plaque and \$600.00 (\$100.00 Zone Winner and \$500.00 1st Place District Winner)

2nd Place Annie Schroeder from Zone 9; Annie will receive a certificate and \$400.00 (\$100.00 Zone Winner and \$300.00 2nd Place District Winner)

3rd Place Kelsey Novak from Zone 6; Kelsey will receive a certificate and \$300.00 (\$100.00 Zone Winner and \$200.00 3rd Place District Winner)

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Jim Walters reported his goals include: finding more host families in 5M2, creating promotional material for the project, and continuing to promote the 501C3 Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer Foundation. There are already 14 applications received and ready to be placed. Please see the YE table for more information about these youth. Also, Lion Jim will be giving a short presentation at lunch tomorrow.

Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported that the

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Chairperson Lion Paula Stevens reported that the theme for 2016/2017 Peace Poster Contest was "A Celebration of Peace." I received thirty-four (34) entries, which was one more than the prior year. The posters were judged by a non-Lion community member who is a teacher (not art) with an interest and experience in drawing and painting. The posters were judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme and she was impressed with the student's thought process, talent and creativity. She enjoyed judging the posters for 5M2.

The first place winner was Elizabeth Guggemos, a 7th grade student at St. Hubert's School. Her poster was sponsored by the Chanhassen Lions Club. She will be honored at an award ceremony at Mid-Winter during Saturday lunch. She will receive a plaque, her framed poster and a monetary prize of \$300.00.

The second place winner was Morgan Thoele, a 6th grade student at Sibley East. Her poster was sponsored by Arlington Lions Club. She was honored at an Arlington Lions Club meeting and presented a

certificate and a monetary prize of \$200.00.

The third place winner was Madi Schwanke, a 6th grade student at Cologne Academy. Her poster was sponsored by the Cologne Lions. She was honored during a school award ceremony and presented a certificate and monetary prize of \$100.00.

Thank you to all the clubs that supported the Peace Poster Contest. This contest provides an opportunity for Clubs to engage with our schools or organizations, teachers and leaders, youth and their families by providing a positive way to encourage youth to think about peace and how they can impact their future and promote Lionism.

The theme for 2017/2018 contest is "The Future of Peace." Kits are available for purchase through LCI until October 1. She will continue to encourage clubs to participate in this project. Over the next few months, I will be contacting clubs that are not current participants and encourage each club to become involved and sponsor a contest.

She thanked DG Steve for this rewarding opportunity to serve.

Comments:

PID Debra Wasserman reminded us that we have a sitting director, Bruce Beck, who was at the Board meeting in October. We have a candidate who has received the nod to 3rd Vice International President Judge Haynes Townsend. An action that the Board did take in Nashville approval of 1st VDG Jack as acting DG in 5M8 with the passing of DG Judy Hoofnagle.

2nd VDG Diana Kroells discussed some of her travel confusions with GPS. One of her goals is to learn to use the GPS instead of UPS so she arrives at the right place and in a timely fashion.

1st VDG Nancy Mathwig reviewed her goals and her growth toward reaching those goals and the visitations she has made and will make coming up. She is learning a lot during this year and has been very busy in all aspects of Lionism. She has information available regarding Jungle Days bids for 2017 and 2018. She expressed thanks for all the serving that the Lions do in 5M2 and MD5M. Keep up the great work.

DG Steve Wasserman He can't believe he skipped over the Strategic Planning that he wanted to do during the meeting. There are sheets on all the tables for Cabinet members to fill in with positive aspects of the District as well as areas for growth. The DG team will be working on developing the strategic plan. DG Steve brought up the expense sheets on the tables as well. A question arose regarding mileage on that form. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to follow LCI rules of audit in regard to expenses paid (ex. mileage, meals, per diem), PDG Marvin Grimm seconded. Discussion followed. Lion Brian Thies made a motion to table this motion and refer it to the Policy committee, 2nd by PDG Mike Vos. MC.

His goals and status toward goals are located at length at the end of the minutes after the Treasurer's report. He needs help in meeting the goal of having Lions participate in the Mentorship program. We need to encourage our clubs to look at the criteria for Club Excellence Awards.

Being a DG is a pretty big job and he is trying to do the best he can. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to allow him to be the DG this year and also for their work in service and Lionism.

ID Bill Phillip xxxx

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn was made by PID Maynard Rucks, seconded by Lion Lori Klein at 6:06 p.m. MC.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters

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Accrual Basis

Lions International District 5M2
Profit & Loss
July 2016 through January 2017

	Jul '16 - Jan 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
District Dues	
5M2 Administrative Fund	6,993.90
5M2 Adult Campion Fund	613.50
5M2 Intl Convention Fund	1,227.00
5M2 Special Fund	1,717.80
District Pins	1,600.00
GLT/GMT Training & Orientation	319.02
MDSM Administrative Fund	5,938.68
MDSM Campaign Fund	319.02
MDSM Convention Fund	613.50
MDSM International Parade Band	319.02
District Dues - Other	18,865.46
Total District Dues	38,529.90
GAF	876.20
Governor Visits	696.00
Grants	70,000.00
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	201.57
Total Investments	201.57
Misc Income	554.00
Pins Sold	70.00
Project New Hope Bike A Thon	11,261.25
youth Activities Income	25.00
Total Income	122,203.92
Expense	
1st Vice District Governor Expe	
USA/Canada Forum VDG	703.59
1st Vice District Governor Expe - Other	992.87
Total 1st Vice District Governor Expe	1,696.46
2nd VDG Expense	
2nd VDG Expense-other	1,141.53
USA/Canada Forum 2ndVDG	555.00
Total 2nd VDG Expense	1,696.53
Cabinet Expenses	
GMT	129.45
Program Chairs	75.03
Zone Chairs	100.00
Total Cabinet Expenses	304.48
Centennial Celebration	-250.00
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	700.00
Total Contract Services	700.00
District Awards	258.92
District Governor Expense	
Adult Campion Fund	1,688.36
District Governor Expense - Other	65.80
Total District Governor Expense	1,954.16
District Supplies & Operating	587.51
Essay Expense	300.00
IPDG Expense	265.32
Kids Sight expense	8,678.40
Liberty Day Expense	1,093.75
Mid Winter Convention	6,000.00
Multiple District dues-Expense	17,082.15
Photo Contest	175.00
Pins	

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**Lions International District 5M2
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2017**

	<u>Jan 31, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	33,678.45
Money Market	
Activities Youth	10,190.29
Adult Campion	717.27
Budget Excess	13,506.01
Diabetes	4,991.93
District Conventions	3,891.40
Interest Income	1,834.02
International Convention	1,403.23
Kid Sight	575.80
Light on for Life	1,455.48
Multiple Convention	4,000.00
Quest	30,482.35
Special Olympics	500.00
Youth Exchange	11,893.00
Money Market - Other	70,323.22
Total Money Market	<u>155,543.80</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>189,222.25</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>189,222.25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>189,222.25</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	112,702.81
Net Income	76,519.44
Total Equity	<u>189,222.25</u>
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**Lions International District 5M2
Profit & Loss
July 2016 through January 2017**

	<u>Jul '16 - Jan 17</u>
Governor Award Pins	165.00
Governor Pin	1,350.00
Multiple Pins-Snowman	393.00
Total Pins	<u>1,908.00</u>
Write Off	1,300.00
Youth Activities Expense	1,933.80
Total Expense	<u>45,684.48</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>76,519.44</u>
Net Income	<u>76,519.44</u>