

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2018
Mankato City Center Hotel, Mankato**

Call to Order: DG Nancy Mathwig called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 2nd VDG Brian Thies

Invocation: 1st VDG Diana Kroells gave the invocation.

Welcome: DG Nancy Mathwig thanked everyone for coming. Special thank you to Zone 4 for the Wonderful Convention that they have planned. We are on a tight timeframe this weekend. The District Goal for this year is teamwork. The Cabinet will support one another and working together we will accomplish more: One for All and All for One.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters, showing 43 in attendance, 9 absent, 12 guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Nancy Mathwig formally introduced ID Gwen White and her adult travelling companion PDG Rhett Butler White; DG Nancy introduced her daughter Amber Mathwig and other guests.

Adoption of the Agenda: Add under New Business: Project New Hope Presentation by Lion Darlene Wondra. Motion to approve agenda Lion Cathleen Williams; seconded by Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg; **MC**.

Secretary's Report: Chaperone was spelt wrong so that will be corrected. Motion to approve by PDG Marvin Grimm, seconded by Lion Janet Knakmuhs; **MC**.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Sue Vos presented her report. Motion by PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Brian Rykhus to accept the Treasurer's Report. **MC**. Copy of the Balance Sheet of the Treasurer's Report is located at the end of the minutes.

Communications: Lion Paula Stephens had to go home from convention due to her father's passing this morning. A card is being sent around for all to sign.

Old Business:

* **PID Brian's Campaign** – PDG Joan Blank: Team members were vigilant about speaking at each fall Zone meeting they were assigned to at our September 27th meeting. At each zone meeting letters of donations were distributed to the clubs that have not made a donation to the campaign. As a result, we received another \$900.00. A total of 31 club participated in our campaign drive. Each member and DG Nancy were instrumental in promoting the Waddle Walk and the purchase of penguin hats. We still have plenty to sell. To date, our total donation to PID Brian's campaign is \$6,420.00

At our 5M2 Midwinter convention, the team will be hosting a "Waddle Walk" after the lunch. One must be wearing a penguin hat to participate in the Waddle Walk. Hats will continue to be sold up to the luncheon for \$15.00. Our goal is to net \$2,000 to contribute to PID Brian's campaign and to have some fun!

We will also be selling hockey pucks for \$10 as a fundraiser for PID Brian.

ID Debra Wasserman and PDG Joan will speak at the business meeting on February 10, 2018 to promote both PID Brian's campaign and to also encourage Lion members to attend the International Convention in Last Vegas on June 29 – July 3rd.

PDG Joan and Lion Kevin are helping PCC Dave Dominick with the rally at the International Convention.

The team will meet before the convention to see how team members can help out at the rally.

- **Feed My Starving Children Update:** On Monday, March 26 we will be coming together to pack food. We will be packing at all three FMSC locations – Chanhassen, Coon Rapids and Eagan. Districts 2, 6, and 7 are all on board, trying to include more Districts in the project. The 5 shift times at each location are: 9:30-11:30, 12 noon-2 p.m., 2:30-4:30, 6-7:30 and 8-9:30. All people are welcome to attend and pack food together. The tail twisting at tomorrow's luncheon will go toward this project.
- **Project Pillowcase Update:** Lions Denise Parish and Sandy Schneider – Project Pillowcase is off and running! Our first delivery of pillowcases and Lion Lovey's was completed on January 11, 2018 to the MN Lions Children's Eye Clinic and the Lions Children's Hearing & ENT Clinic. We supplied the clinics with 100 pillowcases and 15 Lion Lovey's. After meeting with the staff and doctors, it became clear just how much this project will impact the children having procedures at the clinics. This small token of comfort given to each child, will help ease their recovery process in more ways than can be imagined. On February 3 we had another sew in event and completed an additional 24 Lion Lovey's and 100 pillowcases. Without your support, financial or otherwise, this would not have been possible! Since this is an on-going project, our goal is to provide a combination of 1500 pillowcases and Lovey's for distribution per year. We look forward to your continued support to this project as it cannot be done without you. We are available to come speak at your club meeting if you would like to hear more about Project Pillowcase. We are in need of: 100% cotton and flannel fabric yardage in child or youth appropriate themes (please no RED or TIE-DYED as they tend to bleed), Shout Color Catchers, new white polyester/cotton blend thread, 100% cotton batting and monetary contributions. Please stop and see our display at the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention and "like" our Facebook page @Lions Project Pillowcase. DG Nancy asked how else 5M2 can support the project...they are in need of financial support, they are not a 501(c) 3. There is a list of other items they can use as well. Motion by PDG Mary Spille that a second letter can be sent out requesting donations, Lion Evelyn Grimm seconded. MC. PDG Mary Spille mentioned that the Directors of the Hearing Foundation and the Vision Foundation showed a photo of the project and other districts have sent some donations for the project.
- **Update on Leo Taskforce:** 2nd VDG Brian Thies – No update at the present time.

New Business:

- **2018 MD5M Leo Conference Request:** Lions Anna and Hilary Wickenhauser – Leo Conference is October 12-15. Asked for permission to send letters out to the clubs to raise money for students to attend. The letter would ask clubs to donate at various sponsorship levels: Bronze sponsorship \$0-\$100 gets the club name on the program; Silver sponsorship \$101-\$250 gets name on program and t-shirt; Gold sponsorship \$251 up would publicize the club more \$171 is the cost for each camper to attend. The ultimate goal is to have sponsorships available for campers as well as bring in speakers who may require payment. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to give permission for Leo Conference staff to send letters out to the clubs describing this project; seconded by Lion Joe Gifford. MC.
- **Project New Hope:** Lion Darlene Wondra – Lion Dale Johanson recommended Above and Beyond Award be given to Lion Jack Webster in recognition of his work in raising money for veterans and their families and Project New Hope. Congratulations to Lion Jack.

Zone Reports: 2nd VDG Brian Thies

- **Zone 1** Lion Gary Koch – 275 Members; -8 members. Has made 2 visits; Sunday 25th of Feb- Membership Drive Hutchinson; March 18th Pancake breakfast Glencoe; March 23rd Lions Fish fry Brownnton; Pancake breakfast Feb 4th Lester Prairie; Pork Chop dinner January 1st Plato. Zone meeting still tentative

- **Zone 2** Lion Glenn Kaufmann – Zone 2 has a total membership of 551, which is up 23 this year, this includes the addition of the 25 new Mayer Area members. All clubs are current with LCIF reporting and are busy with club activities, with multiple Poinsettia Projects, Winter Bingo, and Blood Drives leading the charge. The Zone Chair has visited all of the clubs this year and all of the clubs are scheduling their interclub exchanges. Zone 2 Spring Meeting is scheduled for 29 March in Chanhassen. Mayer Lions Charter Night was a great success.
- **Zone 3** Lion Christy Trutnau – Zone 3 has 8 clubs and 1 Leo Club. As 02/06/2018 Zone 3 has 376 members. Zone 3 to date has lost 23 members and gained 13 with a loss of -10 for the year so far. Our Spring Zone meeting will be held on Tuesday April 10th hosted by Shakopee Valley Lions, place is TBD; more information to come so please watch for the invite. She has visited 7 clubs so far and has scheduled visits for the remainder of the clubs.

Events for Zone 3:

Shakopee Lions- have their annual Ice Golf Tournament on Saturday February 10th, with a noon start at the Jackson Town Hall in Shakopee. Next big event will be their annual softball tournament in June.

Prior Lake Lions- has bingo every Sunday night at the Pointe in Prior Lake. The Prior Lake Lions have screened 257 children from 7 different locations through our Kidsight program since July 2017.

Veseli Lions- has bingo at Brewster in Veseli on Thursdays. Beer Bash on Saturday March 17th at 7pm @ Brewster's. Meet the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 24th at 1pm at Holy Trinity Church. Meet Raffle 3rd Saturday of the month at Brewster's Bar in Veseli.

Jordaness Lions- just completed their annual bowling event in Shakopee on January 20th and the Hot Dog /Taco Feed on January 25th and January 26th at the home basketball games. They will have their Annual Fish Fry on Friday March 9th at St John the Baptists Church in Jordan. Bingo April 20th in the Apple Barn at MN Harvest Apple Orchard.

Jordan Lions - just had their annual Beer and Wine tasting on February 1st. They will have their annual Fish Fry's on February 16th and February 23th at St John the Baptists Church in Jordan.

Shakopee Valley Lions - has a meat raffle on Friday nights at the Pullman Club in Shakopee. They will have their Ham and Turkey Bingo on Saturday March 10th at the Shakopee VFW starting at 2pm.

N.E.W Lions- had bingo on Monday February 5th at the Doublewide in New Market. They are doing their first Kidsight screening on Friday February 9th.

Belle Plaine Lions- will have their 6th annual Lions Bowling Event on Sunday March 11th at Borough Bowl in Belle Plaine.

Shakopee Leo's - In September 2017, we had 9 Leo's attend the leadership conference. In October 2017, the Shakopee Leo Club worked with Tree Trust planting trees around Shakopee. It is a grant to plant multiple trees around Shakopee and they need volunteers to plant them. The Shakopee Leo Club plans to do 2 more tree planting sessions this spring. In December 2017, the Shakopee Leo Club along with the Shakopee and Shakopee Valley Lions participated in the Shakopee Holiday Fest Parade. We all worked together building a float and some of the Leo's dressed up and were on the float handing out candy.

- **Zone 4** Lion Chuck Toltzman – Didn't have the membership numbers with him; Fall meeting went well over 52 in attendance in Winthrop; has visited Lafayette Lions; Winthrop omelette breakfast will be the 8th; Spring Zone Meeting will be in St. Peter, March 22.
- **Zone 5** Lion Dean Williams – Number of members in the zone: 215
 - New Gain/Loss of members since July 1st, 2017: YTD adds was 9 and YTD drops was 15 for a net loss of 6 members.
 - Membership/Activity reporting issues: No problems have been brought to my attention from any of the clubs.
 - Financial Issues: No financial issues at this time that I am aware of.
 - Upcoming Club Activities: Zone 5 Spring Meeting yet to be determined.
 - Update on visitation for clubs in Zone 5:
 - Arlington Visits NYA

- Le Sueur Visits Hamburg
 - Hamburg Visits West Carver
 - Green Isle Visits Henderson
 - Henderson Visits Le Sueur
 - NYA Visits Green Isle
 - West Carver Visits Arlington
- He apologized for not being at convention this weekend but he is visiting friends and family in Puerto Rico. Hopefully an electrifying experience
- **Zone 6** Lion Doug Larsen – Down 2 members from last year. Two different clubs might be adding 10 people. Spring Zone meeting is planned and will be April 25th hosted by Faribault Lions. Has made several club visits.
 - **Zone 7** Lion Pamela DeMarce – Unfortunately she is out of town so will not be able to make the meeting today. Just wanted to report that all the Mankato clubs are doing fine. They are working together on some projects and it's been a very positive thing for our clubs. They are working on a new initiative for diabetes that will become more of an area Lions initiative hopefully. More information to come. Lake Crystal and Winnebago continue to meet and have projects. She has not had any contact with Amboy. Was hoping to do that before this meeting. Will do in next couple of weeks.
 - **Zone 8** Lion Diane Beckmann – Not in attendance.
 - **Zone 9** Lion Pam Koenen – The Clubs of Zone 9 were busy during December with a variety of projects to spread holiday cheer. A few examples -- the Minnesota Lake Lions stuffed treat bags for kids to be handed out during Santa's annual visit to the town. The Albert Lea Lakeview Lions collected clothing, household items and toiletries that were donated to the homeless shelter. The spring Zone 9 meeting will be hosted by the Alden Club on Monday, April 9 at The Alden American Legion.

Committee Reports: 1st VDG Diana Kroells facilitated.

Can Do Canines: Lions Andrea and Tony reported that they have done several club visits since the last cabinet meeting. They have been able to bring a team from Can Do Canines to every meeting, so far. They had 5 meetings scheduled in January, and have 3 meetings a month scheduled through April. At the meeting in Prior Lake, the guest actually had to excuse herself to have a seizure, in which Tony witnessed the assistance dog work and take her out of the seizure. It was pretty amazing! They have submitted the quarterly report online twice, which works well for them. Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg attended the Zone 8 Fall meeting in New Richland. Winter Graduation will be held Saturday, February 24th from 1-2 in New Hope at the Can Do Canines headquarters.

Centennial Service Challenge: PDG Steve Wasserman reported that As District Centennial Coordinator, he has continued to write newsletter articles celebrating our progress in meeting the goals we have set as a District and an International Association.

Diabetes has been added as a Centennial Service Challenge category this year. So far, 25 clubs in 5M2 have reported on Diabetes projects. 43 clubs have reported on projects in at least 2 of the 5 areas of the Centennial Service Challenge, and 12 clubs have reported on projects in all 5 areas.

A special emphasis is being made this year on completing and reporting on Centennial Community Legacy Projects. So far, we have had 27 clubs report on 47 Legacy Projects.

A Multiple District Centennial Celebration is being planned for June 10, 2018, at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. Flyers have been in the newsletter, are posted about the hotel, and I will be making a brief presentation at the Business Meeting.

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Steve Wasserman – He has completed a review of the 5M2 Constitution

and By-Laws in preparation for amendments to be voted on at the 2018 District Convention. The proposed amendments bring us into compliance with changes made to the LCI Standard District Constitution and By-Laws.

- Proposed changes were discussed and approved by the Past District Governor's Association at the meeting on December 3, 2018.
- Proposed changes were emailed to all club presidents and secretaries on January 9, 2018 in accordance with the 30-day notice requirements of the current documents.
- Proposed changes were also emailed to all Cabinet members and all Past District Governors in the district on January 9, 2018.
- He has prepared a PowerPoint presentation for the Annual Meeting on February 10, 2018, after which, the amendments will be submitted for a vote by the delegates.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported she will be conducting the Service of Remembrance on Friday evening Feb. 9th at the 5M-2 convention. We will be memorializing 33 Lions. Also, she will have both Bird Pins and Snowman Pins available for sale at the convention from current year and previous years.

Environmental Photo Contest: Lion Kate Pattison and Lion Evelyn Grimm – The photos are not on display at this time. Lion Evelyn did not give away the winner. This is the last Photo Contest as International is not having that contest again. It will be replaced with something else.

GLT: PDG Susan Bowman. The 2nd quarter GLT Meeting was held at the WOW Center in Mankato, Sunday, January 27. At the time there were no announced candidates for the 2nd VDG position. Hopefully, at the Saturday Business Meeting there will be nominations from the floor, (the 30 day time line requirements for announcement of candidacy prior to the convention had passed). If there is no qualified nomination (past club president, zone chair or district secretary) from the floor, the Cabinet will hold a special meeting to appoint a 2nd VDG with the approval of LCI, should the appointee not meet the experience qualifications.

The Multiple GLT met by way of "Go to Meeting" on January 21. Discussion was on reporting district leadership plans and follow up.

The tentative date for district training of new and returning club officers is Saturday morning May 5. The instruction will be conducted at the Meyer Hall of Science & Mathematics, the same location as last year. Registration begins at 9:00 and training sessions start at 9:30... All new and returning officers are strongly encouraged to attend.

The Lions Learning Center is a great resource also for information and skill development for officer positions. Go on line to [Lions Learning Center](#) you will be asked to log in. It will ask for your club membership number (if you do not know it, get it from your club secretary). Also, you will need to set up a password. You will be amazed at the wealth of information!

Other training opportunities:

- Emerging Lions Leadership Institute Fredericton, NB, Canada, May 5-7. 2018
Application deadline is February 19, 2018. Application and information available on the Lions Learning Center, click "Development Programs"
- USA/Canada Leadership Form Columbus, OH, September 20-22, 2018
Information and applications are available at www.lionsforum.org.
- Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum November 2-3, 2018
Shooting Star Convention Center Mahnomen, MN

GLT Orientation: PDG Joan Blank – Club visitations for Orientation have come to a standstill as she took on the role of Midwinter Registration Chair which kicked into high gear starting in November. She was able to fit in one club visit in November and that was for the Henderson Lions. This was a two for one visit as the Green Isle Lions were visiting that night. It was a very fun night having both clubs play the Orientation Jeopardy game. Lions from Henderson and Green Isle left the meeting knowing more about Lions than they had at the beginning of the meeting.

She will begin to work towards DG Nancy's goal of having all clubs have an Orientation presentation. This goal will be hard to attain in just six months. GLT Chair PDG Sue Bowman and PDG Joan are still planning to get together in January to see how best to implement a plan to reach as many clubs as possible.

GLT Mentoring Program: We continue to promote the Mentoring Program. 2 participants and their mentors will be recognized during the MidWinter Convention. Information is available from the GLT and on the District Website.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks – Not much headway with the New Club at Biscay, we are inclined to discontinue working there; looking at Eagle Lake, Madison Lake and Janesville area. Clubs still need to keep asking people to become Lions.

GST: PID Debra Wasserman – The packing event at Feed My Starving Children on Monday March 26, 2028 continues to be promoted. We hope to have participants from every club in 5M2. People to pack and/or donations from clubs and/or individuals are needed. Registration information/directions have been in the District newsletter for several months and will continue to appear through the March event. A display with registration information is available during the MidWinter Convention. A brief presentation on the event will be given during the Saturday Business meeting.

Historian: DG Nancy Mathwig has updated the Zone and Region Chair list will have it posted on the website when it is complete. The Hall of Fame display is out in the hallway.

Journey for Service: PDG Mike Vos - It is nearing that time of year again to tour the countryside of 5M2 for our annual Journey for Service. This year District Governor Nancy and PDG Mike will be traveling over 700 miles making some 63 stops meeting with Lions, Lioness, and Leo clubs collecting money for various service projects in our District.

PDG Mike will be contacting all the club presidents to verify meeting locations, time, and a contact person. Included in my report is a preliminary schedule for the three days of the journey. He is looking forward to another successful Journey for Service with 100% participation as his goal.

LCIF: 2nd VDG Brian Thies – Once again he is proud to part of 5M2! 5M2 donations to LCIF are over \$34,000 at this time which is an increase over last year's donations. These were donations from individuals and 28 of our 64 clubs.

He is challenging our district to reach for a \$50,000 goal to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of LCIF. We can do this. After the parade of green, he feels that we will be within striking distance of this goal. He will be contacting the clubs that haven't contributed so that our district can once again be at 100% participation.

He still has Contributing Member Pins for sale, so please let him know if you would like one. At this time there are no pending LCIF Grant Applications within our district. Thank you again for your support of LCIF.

Leader Dog: Co Chairs Lions Loretta Klenke and Emmy Koch reported Leader Dog has a new Logo. The old logo was drawn in pencil and hard for visually impaired individuals to recognize. The logo is bolder, the dog with harness remains to highlight the focus of Leader Dog, the Guide Dog program. The arrows accentuate the supporting programs for the Blind and includes a deaf-Blind training.

Leader Dog is working with The U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Council Administration to add sound requirement for all newly manufactured hybrid and electric vehicles to protect pedestrians. This new safety standard will be effective September 1, 2019 to assist pedestrians whom are blind or with low vision to detect presence of these vehicles and prevent about 2400 pedestrian injuries each year.

Leader Dog has extended its Special Centennial recognition for Lions until June 30, 2018. The money for this special Centennial Founders Tribute plaque must be donated with the form to recognize the

Lion your club may wish to honor. Copies for application for this award will be available at the Leader Dog display at the convention, or by contacting a Leader Dog chair, or accessing the Leader Dog website.

Lions impact on Leader Dog for 2017 included referrals by Lion's: 55 clients for Guide Dogs, 6 clients for Orientation and Mobility training and one client for Summer Experience Camper.

Thank all cabinet and Lion's clubs for your support for Leader Dog and the blind whom are served by Leader Dog.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser, Lion Hilary –

Cologne Leos – The LEO's have helped with the Cologne Lions Oktoberfest and had a photo booth taking donations that were donated for hurricane relief. They sold baked goods at Cologne Hollander bingo and the money was donated to the Waconia Lions Veterans trip. They also did a Lula Roe fundraiser with the money being donated the Waconia Lions Veteran trip. They teamed up with the Watertown LEO's and did a food shelf scavenger hunt. They collected personal care items throughout Cologne and Waconia and the items were taken to the Waconia food shelf. In December they sold baked goods at the Cologne Lions in the park event. The money raised was used to buy Christmas presents for 4 children in the community. They also did bingo at a nursing home in Chaska. They purchased the prizes. They had one LEO dressed up in a snowman costume. After bingo was done the snowman went room to room and handed out candy canes. The most touching moment of that day was when the snowman went to one room a little elderly woman whom we were told didn't interact with anyone including her family was listening to music and when she saw the snowman she motioned him over and danced with him. Last weekend we had a LEO who jumped with the 5M2 lions in the polar plunge in St. Peter.

Watertown Leos – We did Santa Day where kids came and played holiday themed games, wrote letters to Santa, got their faces painted, enjoyed holiday treats, and visited with Santa. We also hosted a Halloween Dance and Food Drive in October. Kids brought food shelf items for admission into the dance which we donated to the Watertown food shelf. We participated in the Cologne Leos scavenger hunt project and are planning one of our own this spring. We are doing the Polar Plunge on Saturday and want to help at the Special Olympics summer games. We of course do Rails to Trails Kids Fun Zone where we have our famous Gaga Ball pit which for the past 2 years we have raised and donated \$500 to charity each year, which the Watertown Lions matches our donation. We help every year at Freedom Farm Therapeutic riding center weekly during the summer and at their big Polo Event fundraiser in September. We are doing Feed My Starving Children in March and a book drive in April. We have our adopted park in Watertown that we clean up a couple times a year. We clean up Fort Snelling National Cemetery after Memorial Day. In August we help with the big Tour de Tonka bike ride, guiding bikers through Watertown. June we always help with the D-Feet walk at the Arboretum.

The other Leo Clubs in our district did not respond to my request for a report.

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt was happy to report that both Lion Dave Sebesta and he have had a good year for the Liberty Day Program. They have visited a good number of Lions Clubs, and attended many Zone Meetings. They gave out over 1700 Liberty Day books to 8 Lions Clubs in our District, so that number is up and they will have to do a forecast for this coming year and ask for a budget accordingly. They look forward to another strong year when schools start Fall 2018. The National Liberty Day group are very impressed with what 5M2 has done with this project. They have asked to promote what we have done in the Lions magazine, etc. Congrats Lions Denny and Dave for work well done.

Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Jeff Williams, PDG Marvin Grimm: The quarterly meeting was held in St. Cloud on January 13, 2018. Officers for 2018-19 were elected: PCC David Dominick remained as President, Secretary is Lion Beth Brostrom, Treasurers' are PDG Mike Vos and Lion Sue Vos.
New Business:

2018 Annual meeting and booth at MD5M convention in Winnipeg on April 13-15.

Spring tours at U of MN March 7, 2018.

MD5M Centennial Celebration June 10, 2018 at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. Hearing Foundation will be represented in the parade and program.

D-Feet Walk, June 2, 2018 at MN Landscape Arboretum. More news of this event later and at Zone

meetings. Let's increase 5M2 participation. 5M2 has the best attendance, but let's attend to keep 5M2 as the best District attendance.

Put Friday, August 24 on your calendar. This is 5M2's day to man the booth at the MN State Fair. Volunteer for a 3 hour shift. Continue to remind club members that the Hearing Foundation is collecting used hearing aids. They can be put in the eyeglass boxes.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike, Cathleen Williams and Janet Knakmuhs reported that Lions Quest was developed in 1975 to help youth develop life skills and strength of character. LCIF began supporting the program in 1984 and took it over in 2002. The program is used worldwide, K-12. 5M2 has the program, what we need now is help getting it into schools. While the Quest Chairs can bring information to individual clubs, we need individual Lions to make contacts in individual schools. Quest co-chairs are ready, willing and able to visit clubs and dates have been completed and more are scheduled.

Long Range Planning: PDG Harry Klenke – Long range planning should be used to help a club in becoming a more important part of their community. Members should listen to the concerns of their community. He hopes all Lions take a chance to look at the board he has out in the hallway.

MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation: PDG Rick Wagener reported that KidSight is officially a 501(c)3. With all monies collected at our Mid-Winter going into our 5M2 account held with the Multiple District.

We have had a successful and busy fall screening with winter and the holidays slowing a bit, but continue to have screenings and more club interest in adding this project to their community.

The co-chairs schedules have been very busy with 44 events and 54 members trained representing 23 clubs. We have had 1,223 kids screened and 155 kids referred for further assistance.

Mid-Winter Convention Report: Lions Charlette and Lowell Abbas –101 Years of Lions: The Start of Another Doggone Good Year! Welcome all LIONS! Zone 4 has worked hard to make this a great event. At this time we have a total of 327 registered at this point. There are 65 registered for Friday ID Supper, 248 for Saturday Lunch, 191 for Saturday night Banquet, and 146 for Sunday Brunch. We have a few 1st timers registered vying for first and second place prizes in the 1st Timers contest. Lion Lucy wants you to introduce yourselves to all first timers (they are indicated with a dog bone on their name tag). 19 display tables are in the hall and show all that Lions do. The eyeglass/hearing aid area has been filling up nicely. Thanks to all who contribute their used eyeglasses and hearing aids. We do hope everyone will have a "Doggone Good Time". Lion Charlette has the parade of green sheets for program chairs to pick up and put the X's on the Board. Please pick them up from Lion Charlette.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Brian Rykus and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – They continue to attend as many Zone meetings as they can and speak at clubs as requests are made. They encourage clubs to schedule them to speak at their club meetings. Diabetes is a priority to the International President and our goal is to educate as many Lions as possible on the progress of our efforts to treat diabetes and find a cure for diabetes. Please use your influence to promote our efforts to speak to the clubs in your zone.

Lion Brian and Lion Wanda attended the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's quarterly meeting held in Brooklyn Center, MN. in December. Committees met prior to the Foundation Meeting to plan for upcoming events, review the financial reports etc. Susan Klimek from the American Diabetes Association spoke to the foundation to express their appreciation for the support and efforts of the Lions in promoting wellness.

Thank you to clubs and members who donated to the calendar fundraiser. There are still calendars available for purchase for \$10 each. They will have them at our table at Midwinter Convention.

Once again, the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation partnered with Walmart stores in Minnesota and ADA for a Wellness Day on Saturday, January 20, 2018. 5M2 Lions were represented at a majority of the stores in our area. Thank you to all the clubs in 5M2 that helped out at Walmart stores. Another Wellness Day is scheduled for May. More information on that will be forthcoming.

The Ninth Annual Minnesota Lions Diabetes Research Update is scheduled for March 24, 2018. All Lions are invited to attend, however an RSVP is requested. Flyers with information are on the tables or on

the foundation website www.mnlionsdiabetes.org

A Foundation meeting is scheduled for the morning of March 24th at the McNamara Alumni Center. Lion Wanda presented a Dream Catcher pin to ID Gwen White.

MN Lions Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Diana Kroells – PDG Mary Spille & Lion Diana Kroells attended the MLVF Board of Directors meeting on Jan13, 2018. As always, they came away from that meeting in awe of all of the amazing things being done at the University of MN to restore and preserve sight and it is heartwarming to hear how appreciative the staff at the University is to Lions for all of their donations to make their work possible. These points highlight that meeting & work being done:

Communication report

- The biggest news & activity at the eye bank is the name change from MN Lions Eye Bank to Lions Gift of Sight. Diana & Mary shared this information at all Zone meetings last fall.
- Social media is being used to spread the word about what is happening at the Lions Gift of Sight and of course the newest project LEI. Media used is Facebook, Instagram & Twitter. We invite you to like & share to keep the news going,
- Cologne Lions delivered 200 pillowcases to the pediatric Eye & Hearing Clinics.
- A Helen Keller Award 25th Anniversary banner patch is now ready to be mailed out to clubs who have given out a Helen Keller Award,
- Dr VanKuijk gave us some information about non-Lions involvement in funding the Lions Eye Institute.
- After two unsuccessful Anoka Halloween festival events it was decided to tell the Anoka Lions will not be partnering with them for future Halloween events.
- Our major fundraiser- Voices for Vision – will take place on April 21st. We are seeking corporate sponsorship as well as hoping for an increase in ticket sales.
- A documentary is being prepared about the Lions Eye Institute to assist us in informing clubs about the magnitude and importance of this project by Lions.
- Lions Diana & Mary presented at 8 Zone meetings and continue to do club visits.

Research/Treatment report

- Lions Gift of Sight took part in a Corneal Preservation Time Study which showed that corneas can be preserved up to 12-14 days before transplanted and still getting good results. Donors who have had cataract surgery are more likely to have their donated tissue used for research beginning Feb 1.
- Surgeons in South Africa and Greece are using our donated tissue. We are also placing donated tissue with Sightsource. This is very good for Lions Gift of Sight as the number of donors increases.
- Dr Hou gave an amazing presentation on Stem Cell research and what they can do to restore sight with a person's own stem cells.
- Dr. Van Kuijk predicts that the number of surgeries at the Eye Surgical center will exceed 1000 by the end of 2018. Most surgeries are for cataracts but will be adding corneal transplants & retinal surgeries soon.

It is honor to represent 5M2 at the MLVF Board of Directors meetings.

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, committees, etc.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that she attended our quarterly meeting in St Cloud, a couple of weeks ago. December's retreat had a small attendance, but was well worth the time spent with the families. It has been exciting to hear from veteran from other states wanting to come to a retreat, because they saw us on Facebook.

Public Relations/Protocol: Lion Joe Gifford –

1. MDM5 Public Relations Contest

- District contest has been finalized with the Gold, Silver, & Bronze awards for submissions decided upon by DG Nancy Mathwig
- Awards will be presented to the winning clubs at the Mid-Winter Convention Sunday brunch. Placement is as follows:
 - GOLD = Lafayette Lions Club – Opening of A New Kiddie Playground at the Lafayette City Park
 - SILVER = Waconia Lions Club – Carver County Korean & Vietnam Veterans Memorial Trip project
 - BRONZE = Lester Prairie Lions Club – Holiday Celebration & Pancake Breakfast
- **NOTE:** Clubs will not be notified until the Sunday brunch.
- Gold award winner has been submitted to MDM5 Public Relations Chair Cheri Appel. The club will be awarded a plaque at the 2018 Multiple Convention and is in the running for a \$500 award for the top Public Relations Contest submission in the Multiple.

2. Public Relations Kit

- Public Relations Kit has been finalized at this time. An e-mail notification regarding the kits availability has been sent to Club Presidents, Club Secretaries & Zone Chairs along with pictures. So far the following clubs have either used or are signed up to use the kit:
 - November 12th, 2017: Winthrop Lions
 - January 21st, 2018: Hamburg Lions
 - February 3rd, 2018: Waconia Lions
 - February 23rd, 2018: Arlington Lions
 - April 8th: Winthrop Lions
- The kit will be on display during the district Mid-Winter convention and a sign-up sheet will be available for clubs interested in checking it out for their event.

3. Public Relations & Protocol Programs

- The Public Relations & Protocol presentation programs have been finalized. An e-mail notification regarding the availability of these programs has been sent to Club Presidents, Club Secretaries & Zone Chairs along with a PDF version of both presentations. So far the Green Isle Lions have requested that he attend their meeting and give a presentation on April 2nd.
- Both presentations are approximately 15-20 minutes in length.

Public Relations
Presentation.pdfProtocol
Presentation.pdf

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank reported that in fall her goal was to attend as many zone meetings as possible to promote the St. Peter Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. This has been my highlight of being the Special Olympics chair for the last two years. Not only have we raised quite a bit for Special Olympics, but this event brings Lions from different clubs together to a common cause and is a great get-together.

She asked Lion Paul Stephens if she would help recruit some Lions for her area and if she would design a t-shirt. What an asset Lion Paula proved to be for this event. We wore t-shirts that said “Freezin for a Reason” and we wore penguin hats to help support PID Brian Sheehan’s campaign. The response this year was beyond what I had expected. We had 48 Lions/Leos and friends jump for the 5M2 team. Clubs that participated were Shakopee (25 jumpers), Prior Lake, Jordan, Jordan Jordaness, Alden, Winnebago, Nicollet, Cologne, Cologne Leos, Watertown Leos, New Prague, Veseli and New Auburn.

She was very pleased to see such participation, especially from the New Prague Club, just being 1 year old. She believes our total donation to Special Olympics will be close or top \$9,000. This event made her very proud to be a Lion. On top of that, it was a blast!

Technology: PDG Steve Wasserman reported: **The District Technology Inventory now contains:**

- Lenovo Yoga: 13" screen, Slim, lightweight, high powered. Now with Lion Joan Blank
 - Toshiba Laptop: 16.5" screen, standard size & weight, high powered. Currently with Convention Committee.
 - Dell Laptop: 16.5" screen, standard size & weight, moderately powered. Currently with Steve Wasserman.
 - Optima Projector: Moderately aged, high power, HDMI, & VGA interface. Currently with Joan Blank.
 - Dell Projector: Older, high power, VGA and DVI interface. Currently with Steve Wasserman.
 - Two portable screens: One currently with Steve Wasserman.
- He continues to distribute the District Newsletter monthly to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairs, as well as all Cabinet Members and Past District Governors. He also has posted each newsletter on the 5M2 Website.
 - He has updated the District website as he becomes aware of needs, posts and shares information on the District Facebook page as he encounters appropriate posts. He has done some re-organization and cleanup on the website, but that is an ongoing process.
 - He will be assisting with presentations as needed at the District Convention.

Write Off: Lion Deb Koehnen – The district awarded \$100 prizes to entrants from 7 of our 9 zones.

Zone 1 – Kayla Salmela of the Plato Lions; Zone 2 – Natalya Wells -Watertown Lions; Zone 3 – Kivi Weeks-Jordan Lions; Zone 5 – Rebekah King-Arlington Lions; Zone 6 – Mason Bongers – Faribault Lions; Zone 8- Marie Rients – Waterville Lions; Zone 9 – Madalyn Hart – Wells Lions. The entrants of zones 1, 2, & 8 will be reading their Write-off entries at the noon luncheon at the convention. All 3 are attending with 3 guests each. Thank you to all of the clubs that sponsored the contests at the local level and to the zone chairs for working through the second level of the judging. Thank you to DG Nancy and past Write-off chair Christy for all of their help as she worked through her first year as chair.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Jim Walters reported that It's that time of the year when we need to find host families for our incoming exchange students. At this time we have received 23 applications from various countries around the world. 4 of these students are tentatively placed already. He would like to have 8 host families in 5M2 this year. He has a few families looking to host already and is looking forward to meeting this goal. If you know anyone that you think might enjoy this wonderful experience please have them contact him as soon as possible in order for them to get their best selection of students. You can pick up information at the table in the hallway or write your information on the sign up sheet on the table and he can send you applications electronically. Thanks for all you do for the youth exchange program. It is greatly appreciated.

Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported that 5M2 did not have a participant this year. The winner at the Multiple District was from 5M8.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and Lion Shirley Hesperheide - The Peace Poster Team has been busy since our fall meeting. They attended several Zone Meetings promoting Peace Poster Contest. November is fun as Lion Paula has more deliveries than Christmas and her local post office is very careful with the posters. They received 25 entries from 5M2 clubs and all posters were received prior to the deadline date. The posters were judged by a non-Lion and the winning poster was forwarded to the Council Chair for the next step of the contest. The poster was returned to her late December.

Congratulations to our 5M2 winners and the clubs that sponsored the posters. The first place poster was sponsored by Vesli Area Lions and is Quinn Benoklin, who is from Prior Lake and attends Holy Cross. Our second place winner was sponsored by the Chanhassen Lions and is Sofia Foley, who is from Eden Prairie and attends St. Hubert's School. Our third place winner was sponsored by Shakopee Valley Lions and is Sammy Sanders who is from Shakopee, and attends Shakopee Area Catholic Schools.

The winning Clubs have been contacted and two of the three winners will be attending the Saturday

luncheon honoring our youth programs. Plaques, certificates and prizes are ready for Saturday's presentation.

Thank you to District Governor Nancy for giving the co-chairs the opportunity to serve as Cabinet Peace Poster Co-Chairs. It is a fun and enjoyable journey to work with the youth in our district.

Comments:

- ID Gwen White
- 2nd VDG Brian Thies
- 1st VDG Diana Kroells
- DG Nancy Mathwig.- Arlington Lions LCIF grant has been officially closed. There are Lions working on getting an official Lions license plate. If you know anyone else in the legislature please talk about this. Display tables need to be taken down after the business meeting tomorrow afternoon. DG Nancy has the check list of criteria needed to run for 2nd VDG if you want to know what the qualifications are.

Next cabinet meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 20th.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters

Treasurer's Report

<p>8:24 PM 02/06/18 Accrual Basis</p>	<p>Lions International District 5M2 Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2018</p>	
		Jan 31, 18
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Checking		43,452.60
Money Market		
Activities Youth	7,361.31	
Adult Campion	717.27	
Diabetes	5,000.93	
District Conventions	-308.60	
Interest Income	2,178.71	
International Convention	1,403.23	
Journey For Service	8,309.55	
Kid Sight	3,766.70	
Light on for Life	1,455.48	
Multiplie Convention	7,303.69	
Quest	34,376.35	
Special Olympics	500.00	
Youth Exchange	13,108.00	
Money Market - Other	44.13	
Total Money Market	85,216.75	
Total Checking/Savings	128,669.35	
Total Current Assets	128,669.35	
TOTAL ASSETS	128,669.35	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	112,702.81	
Unrestricted Net Assets	7,605.08	
Net Income	8,361.46	
Total Equity	128,669.35	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	128,669.35	

Journey for Service – Tentative Schedule

	A	B	C
1	Faribault	8:00 AM	Perkins
2	Waterville	8:25	Lake Region Life
3	Waseca	8:45	McDonalds
4	Owatonna	9:05	741 East Main
5	Blooming Prairie	9:40	City Center Offices
6	Ellendale	10:00	Lerberg's Grocery
7	New Richland	10:20	Star/Eagle Newspaper
8	Albert Lea	10:55	McDonalds
9	Albert Lea Cloverleaf	10:55	McDonalds
10	Albert Lea Lake View	10:55	McDonalds
11	Alden	11:15	Newspaper office
12	Kiester	11:45	First State Bank
13	Wells	12:15	Farmers Insurance
14	Minnesota Lake	12:30	Frandsen Bank
15	LUNCH		
16	Blue Earth	1:30 PM	Country Kitchen
17	Winnebago	1:45	Royer Plumbing
18	Amboy	2:00	Bottoms Up Café
19	Lake Crystal	2:30	Kevin's IGA
20	Mankato	2:55	Best Western Inn
21	Mankato Key City	2:55	Best Western Inn
22	Mankato Sunrise	2:55	Best Western Inn
23	St Peter	3:15	1st National Bank
24	Nicollet	3:35	Ron's Pine Street Café
25	Courtland	4:00	312 Foothills Road
26	Lafayette Area	4:20	Citizens Bank
27	Gibbon	4:45	D's Pit Stop
28	Winthrop	5:00	Hahn's Café
29			
30			
31	Sibley East Leos	8:40	Gaylord Jr High
32	Sibley East Leao	8:55	Thomes Bros
33	Arlington	8:55	Thomes Bros

	A	B	C	D
34	Green Isle	9:10	CornerStone State	
35	Hamburg	9:25	State Bank of Hamburg	
36	Norwood Young America	9:45	Klein Bank	
37	NYA West Carver	9:45	Klein Bank	
38	Plato	10:00	Plato Home Center	
39	Glencoe	10:20	Bump's Café	
40	New Auburn	10:45	Post office	
41	Brownton	11:10	Security Bank	
42	Stewart	11:30	City Hall	
43	Hutchinson Lioness	11:55	Kamrath Chiro Office	
44	Hutchinson	11:55	125 S Main Street	
45	Silver Lake	12:15	American Legion	
46	LUNCH			
47	Lester Prairie	1:15	Community State Bank	
48	Winsted	1:30	Subway (Highway 1)	
49	Watertown	1:55	Citizens Alliance Bank	
50	Watertown Leos	1:55		
51	Mayer Area	2:20		
52	Chanhassen	2:50	Am Legion Parking Lot	
53	Victoria	3:05	Klein Bank	
54	Waconia	3:15	Security Bank	
55	Cologne	3:30	Community Center	
56	Cologne Leos	3:30	Community Center	
57	Carver	3:45	Community Hall	
58	Chaska	4:00	Community Bank	
59	Shakopee	4:15	O'Brien Public House	
60	Shakopee Valley	4:15	1st Ave	
61	Prior Lake	4:45	Velishek Auto	
62				
63				
64	Jordan	8:00 AM	McDonald's	
65	Jordaness	8:00	McDonald's	
66	Belle Plaine	8:20	Coborn's Liquor	

	A	B	C	D
67	Henderson	8:45	Road Haus	
68	LeSueur	9:00	News Herald Office	
69	Le Center	9:25	Home Plate	
70	Montgomery	9:40	Mackenthun's	
71	New Prague	10:00		
72	Veseli	10:20	Malecha Trucking Lonsdale	
73	Lonsdale	10:40	Malecha Trucking Lonsdale	
74	NEW	11:10	New Market Bank	
75	Northfield	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	
76	Northfield Cannon Valley	11:45	Shalter at Main	
77	Northfield Leos	11:45	Lions Riverside Park	