

District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2018
Jungle Days
Oakdale Country Club, 55106 Country Road 38, Buffalo Lake, MN

Call to Order: IPDG Nancy Mathwig called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st VDG Brian Thies.

Invocation: 2nd VDG Anna Wickenhauser gave the invocation.

Establish Protocol: IPDG Nancy Mathwig established protocol appropriately.

Comments: IPDG Nancy Mathwig had a few pieces of unfinished business. Thank You for the Cologne Lions Pillowcase project received from a recipient's grandmother. Award given to Lion Shirley Hesperheide for her work with Leader Dogs for the Blind as District chair.

Passing the Gavel: IPDG Nancy Mathwig passed the gavel to DG Diana Kroells with great pleasure.

Welcome: DG Diana Kroells

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters, showing 35 in attendance, 21 absent, 7 guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Diana Kroells introduced guests: Lion Duane, Lion Rose Thies, Lion Don Wickenhauser, Lion Evelyn Grimm, Lion Julie Beckius, Vinnie

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda Lion Gary Koch; seconded by Lion Janet Knakmuhs; **MC.**

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by PID Maynard Rucks, seconded by IPDG Nancy Mathwig; **MC.** Motion to approve the minutes of the June special cabinet meeting PID Maynard Rucks, seconded by Lion Glenn Kaufman, **MC.**

Treasurer's Report: Lion Sue Vos presented her report. Motion by PDG Marvin Grimm and seconded by Lion Gary Koch 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. 44 clubs have paid their dues so far.

International Convention/Council of Governor's Report: DG Diana gave a recap of the International Convention in Las Vegas. Every obstacle is an opportunity. She also gave an overview of the first COG meeting. Centennial Celebration was a huge success and \$1,000 was donated to each Foundation in attendance. Vets program extended. September is Childhood Cancer month. License plate project still moving forward when the legislature is back in session.

2nd VDG Candidates: Lion Glenn Kaufmann came forward to run in this position at the mid-winter convention.

Communications: None received.

Old Business:

- **PID Brian's Campaign** – PDG Joan Blank: Mission Accomplished. PID Brian Sheehan was voted in as 3rd Vice President at the International Convention in Las Vegas. PDG Joan had everyone who helped with the rally stand up. PID Brian is very thankful for all of the support he received from 5M2. Thank you 5M2.

- **2021 MD5M Convention:** IPDG Nancy Mathwig, PID Maynard Rucks – Convention to be held April 30, May 1 and 2, 2021 at the Verizon Center in Mankato, MN. Hotels have been confirmed through “Visit Mankato”. Convention Chairs, PDG Nancy and PID Maynard, are putting together a general steering committee, with a goal of scheduling an organizational meeting in October/November 2018.
- **Jungle Days Task Force:** IPDG Nancy Mathwig is forming a task force to put a procedure together on Jungle Days processes and procedures. The task force is comprised of Dave Sebesta, Julie Beckius, and Chris Lund. The cabinet decided at the last meeting to accept the bids from the two clubs who are interested in hoping. The decision will be made through the cabinet at this meeting.
- **Jungle Days Bids for 2019:** Jordan Jordaness & Hutchinson Lions.
Lions Doni and Julie put forth the bid for the Jordaness Lions.
Lion Dave Sebesta presented a bid for the Hutchinson Lions.
The cabinet voted for the Jordan Jordaness Lions hosting the 2019 Jungle Days.

New Business:

- **Campaign 100:** PID Debra Wasserman is the new LCIF chair. She made a presentation on the goals of LCIF this year. This campaign is empowering service. She had a handout regarding how we need to continue with what we have been doing but we need to expand our focus as well. They are trying to raise \$300,000,000 by 2021. Every club is asked to have an LCIF coordinator and every Lion is asked to make a personal donation. If every Lion gave \$100/year it would be easy to make the goal. A goal is to give presentations to at least 18 clubs this year. She has pledge cards and soon will be able to go online and make a one time donation or a recurring donation. PID Debra and PDG Steve have already made their personal pledge...she asked that the 5M2 Leadership make their personal donation pledges as well. There will be some recognition forthcoming as well. There will be an article in every newsletter and she is planning to attend every district meeting to promote this. Serving is doing and donating.
- **Lions Gift of Sight:** PDG Mary Spille thanked DG Diana for her service and welcomed Lion Christy Trutnau as her co-chair. PDG Mary discussed the Jim Hansel print that the Chaska Lions are selling. The proceeds for the sale of the print are being donated to the Lions Vision Foundation. PDG Mary then highlighted the crisis that is occurring through competition for eye bank. We are now a state with two separate eye banks. She read an email that she had written. Please continue to read the newsletter for more detailed information. PDG Mike Vos asked what individual Lions can do to assist. There will be cards coming stating preference for donation. It is hard to counter. Lion Christy told everyone to change their healthcare directive. People can designate where they want their eyes to go. If you aren't a donor please donate. Lion Anna suggested something should be put together for the fair to tell people about this issue and inform them. PDG Steve Wasserman suggested taking the direction from the Vision Foundation so messaging remains consistent.
- **White Cane Days:** PDG Steve Wasserman – A letter will be forthcoming asking for donations and support.
- **Photos for the MD5M Newsletter:** Lion Pam Cramer has volunteered to do the MD5M Newsletter. It will mostly be comprised of photographs. So all clubs need to send her photos. Her contact information is: pamc@heartofmn.com.
- **Feed My Starving Children:** PDG/GST Sue Bowman reported that this event will again be held on April 15. It is a cooperative effort between 5M2, 5M5, 5M6, 5M7.
- **Approval of Bank:** Motion to keep the Cornerstone State Bank as our official bank by PDG Mike Vos, seconded by Lion Janet Knakmuhs. **MC.**

- **Approval of Bond for Treasurer:** Motion to approve the Bond for the Treasurer was made by PID Maynard Rucks, seconded by PDG Mary Spille. **MC.**
- **2018-2019 Budget:** Motion to approve the budget made by PDG Marvin Grimm, seconded by PID Maynard Rucks. **MC.**

Zone Reports: 2nd VDG Anna Wickenhauser

Zone 1: **Lion Gary Koch** - 264 members-1 member. No visits yet. First Zone meeting August 29th at Biscay.

Zone 2: **Lion Glenn Kaufman** - Zone 2 has a total membership of 543, which is down 1 this year. All clubs are current with LCIF reporting and are already busy with club activities, with 750 hours reported to date for Project Pillowcase, Vision Honduras, Victoria Softball Tournament, Blood Drive, Ribfest and Rodeo concessions. The Zone Chair will be scheduling his club visits in the coming month and have notified the clubs of the inter-club exchange schedule for the year. The Joint Zone 2/5 Presidents and Secretaries Meeting is scheduled for 13 September in Cologne.

Zone 3: **Lion Gerald Ziskovsky-** Zone 3 has 8 clubs as of Aug. 2, 2018, Zone 3 has 361 members (down 1 from last month). Working on combined Presidents and Secretaries meeting with Zone 6, looking at Sept. 17th, place to be decided, plans to send e-mail this week to clubs to introduce himself as Zone 3 chair and set up visits to clubs.

Zone 4: **Lion Chuck Toltzman** – no report.

Zone 5: **Lion Dar Mondor** – Number of members in zone as 8-1-2018: 214

There is 1 new member and no lost members. She sent all her club presidents an introductory letter since this is her first time of being this zone's chair and so far no concerns or problems have been brought to her attention. She's in the process of setting up club visits, which will happen this fall.

Zone 2 and this zone are having a combined Presidents/Secretaries meeting in Cologne on Thurs., Sept. 13. Our Fall Zone meeting which will be hosted by the Arlington Lions is tentatively planned for Oct. 30th.

Service Activities for Zone 5:

Arlington Lions – July BOD meeting

Green Isle Lions – U41C

Hamburg Lions – Taste of NYA

Henderson Lions – Easter egg Hunt

Le Sueur Lions – Athletics Booklet Le Sueur/Henderson Sports

NYA Lions – Annual Corn Feed – Hamburgers/pork burgers, corn, freezes were served

NYA West Carver Lions – Music in the Park, hot dogs, chips, cookie and freezes were served

Inter-club visits have been shared with the club presidents as follows:

Arlington visits Le Sueur

Le Sueur visits Henderson

Hamburg visits NYA

Green Isle visits Hamburg

Henderson visits NYA West Carver

NYA visits Arlington

NYA West Carver visits Green Isle

Zone 6: **Lion Doug Larson** – no report.

Zone 7: **Lion Mary Pegram** - Membership total-149

Amboy: 36 members.

Sold brats at Mapleton Fun Days & hosting a vision screening at Ridge School on Sept. 8.

Lake Crystal: 44 members

Had a pasta feed; Highway cleanup; distributed eyeglass collection boxes in local area, and presented four \$600 scholarships.

Mankato: 16 members

Had the highway cleanup May 18; helped Key City with Pioneer Power; assisting Sunrise with wristbands at various events through the Civic Center & Riverfront Park. Will be hosting the Mankato Area Lions picnic August 16; starting to plan a spaghetti dinner in the fall.

Mankato Key City: 10 members

Spent a very busy weekend with the hot dog stand at Pioneer Power April 27-29. Looking forward to the classic car show on Sept. 16

Mankato Sunrise: 27 members

Wrist bands at MANY events in August at the Civic Center & Riverfront Park, including RibFest (Aug 2-5); assisted Key City at Pioneer Power; the Diabetes Rally is Oct. 13 at the Wow Zone in Mankato (the ADA is no longer having their walk in Mankato) and there will many fun activities and a KidSight screening at the event-more information to follow (Lions Ann Coleman and Frank Smasal are chair persons); Sunrise is also sponsoring the re-establishment of an Eagle Lake Lions Club with the Guiding Lion Creighton Wersal (with PDG Lion Steph Gurney and Lion Rich Wheeler as backups).

Winnebago: 16 members

Emailed all members with email address on 7/23; still no officers listed on MyLCI; reminder email sent Aug. 2.

Zone 8: Lion Troy Wetzel – 6 clubs with a total membership of 206 as of July 1st, 2018. That is a drop of 2 members from the start of the 2017-2018 calendar year.

*Activities in July

*Blooming Prairie: No activities reported.

*Ellendale: Supported a local teen dance.

*New Richland: Held a potato bake as part of the Farm City Days celebration. Proceeds to go towards a college scholarship for a NRHEG 2019 senior.

*Owatonna: No activities reported.

*Waseca: No activities reported.

*Waterville: Held a pancake breakfast on the 22nd of July. Continuing to sell tickets for a 50/50 raffle to be drawn on Sept. 27th.

*Upcoming items to note

*President/Secretary only zone meeting to be held Sept. 11th at the Pizza Ranch in Waseca. This will be a joint meeting between Zones 8 and 9.

Zone 9: Lion Pam Koenen – no report.

Committee Reports: 1st VDGE Brian Thies facilitated.

Can Do Canines: Lions Andrea and Tony reported that they visited 26 clubs including zone meetings, since October 2017, and successfully brought a working Can Do Canines team with us to every meeting.

Club visits since August 2017 --26

October 2017 - Zone 3 meeting, Zone 6 meeting, Zone 5 meeting

November 2017 - Zone 2 meetig, Zone 4 meeting, Mayer, Montgomery, Waconia

January 2018 – Arlington, Gibbon, Nicollet, Prior Lake, Chanhassen

February 2018 – Cologne, Winthrop

March 2018 - St. Peter, Lafayette, New Auburn, Hutchinson, Shakopee

April 2018 – Veseli, Courtland, Jordan

May 2018 - Lester Prairie, NEW

June 2018 - Green Isle

Donations from 7-1-17 to 6-30-18 for 5M2— \$19,147. Only 2 clubs in 5M2 did not donate; Wells and Le Center (both have donated in the past).

Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg reported that at the June Graduation there were 13 teams

- The First Community Service Dog in Minnesota for the Orono Police Department
- 221 dogs were provide food and medication thru volunteer efforts
- Can-Do-Canines was the host for the 2018 Assistance Dogs International Conference in August
- Woofaroo September 29, 2018 ~ A special request has been asked of each District of MD5M to have a Woofaroo team at this year's Woofaroo. It is on Saturday September 29th. Registration starts at 10 am and the walk begins at 11 am
- If you are interested in forming a team contact Lions Kathleen, Andrea or Tony for more details
- Fall Graduation October 27, 2018

Childhood Cancer: Lion Tom McCarthy – Each year, more than 15,000 children and young adults are diagnosed with cancer. That's about 42 every day. Nearly 2000 children under age 19 die each year, making cancer the leading killer of children by disease. He is excited to be a part of this new Lions Program, and look forward to learning more to help find a cure for this dread disease. Contact information will be forthcoming. A shout-out to Jordan Lioness for their bean bag tournament September 15 to benefit childhood cancer research and treatment. Thank you!

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Steve Wasserman – Goals for 2018-2019:

- Review the 5M2 Constitution and By-Laws for compliance with International Constitution, By-Laws, and Policy Manual.
- Prepare and present any necessary changes for adoption at the 2018 5M2 District Convention.
- Review and update the 5M2 Policy Manual as needed.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that she has received the bird pins for 2018-19 and they are ready for distribution. She has some at this meeting. Reminder...if you have had anyone pass away in your club this year, send that information in by January 1, 2019.

Environmental: Lion Kate Pattison and Lion Sandy Schneider – Environmental right now is in a bit of limbo; the Lions Environmental Photo Contest had it's last year and Lion Kate hasn't heard what is the next project to follow at the moment. As details come out she will be keeping the Cabinet and clubs updated. Currently she plans on getting back into submitting monthly Environmental Features in the newsletter regarding environmental projects clubs can partake in (ex. recycling drives, snow shoveling projects, holiday light recycle locations, etc). For those articles she tries to look at events that are happening centrally in the district and coming up with other things when there aren't large community events occurring.

Lion Sandy reported that the environmental position on the cabinet has changed this year to encompass a large variety of topics not just the photo contest any longer. Our new international president's focus is tree planting. As co chair I will focus on encouraging clubs to develop a structured recordable impactful environmental vision for their clubs. She looks forward to diving into this role to create attainable goals for 5M2.

GLT: IPDG Nancy Mathwig was unable to attend the Multiple GLT-GMT-GST Summit held in St Cloud on Saturday, July 21st and need to contact MD5M Chair PCC Earl for updates. Goals for 2018-2019 will be to assist District Governor Diana in reaching her leadership goals as stated in her District Leadership S.M.A.R.T goals on the LCI website:

1. Encourage attendance at the USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum in September in Columbus, Ohio (Diana – 10% of clubs represented).
2. Encourage attendance at the Northern Pride Leadership Forum in Mahnomen, MN on November 2nd and 3rd (Diana – 20% of clubs represented).
3. Encourage Lions in the District to consider attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Mahnomen, MN, March 29-April 1 (Diana – 6 Lions from District)

4. Encourage Lions in the District to consider attending the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Winnipeg, Canada from November 10-12, 2018. This institute is targeted to Lions who have completed a term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor.
5. Encourage Lions in the District to consider attending the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago, Illinois from November 3-5, 2018. This is targeted to Lions who have not yet been club president.
6. In addition to DG Diana's goals, she will work with VDG Brian on planning the spring officer training.
7. Have a monthly Leadership presence in the newsletter.
8. Pass on information received from LCI pertaining to Leadership.
9. Continue to encourage use of the District Mentorship form for new members.

GLT Orientation: PDG Joan Blank – She is excited to again be promoting what Lions stand for and what Lions are about in District 5M2. There are many new focuses and international information that should be disseminated to all the Lions of 5M2. PDG Joan will be focusing on the clubs that have not asked her to present to their club yet. There are a total of 65 clubs in our district and out of these, 20 clubs have had the orientation presentation. That means there are 45 clubs that have not had an Orientation Program.

There are 12 counties in our multiple. PDG Joan has decided that each quarter she will concentrate on 3 counties, beginning with the southern counties of Faribault, Freeborn and Steele. She will personally contact the presidents of the clubs within each county, explain the orientation presentation and ask if the club could schedule a visit. She will then work on the central counties during the colder months and leave the northern counties to the spring time. She is also hoping to recruit another Lion or two to help with the Orientation program in order to canvas the district in an expedited manner.

She does already have two clubs on the calendar – Le Sueur Lions on August 21st and the Carver Lions on September 19th.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks – If anybody wants help with membership please contact him. Every club should have a membership drive. He will help organize one if you need. Very close to having a club at Eagle Lake. Eleven people are signed up and 4 more haven't paid their membership yet. PID Maynard asked if the District would be willing to pay the initiation fee for the club. PID Maynard made a motion that the District pick up the additional \$10/member initiation fee to this new club (Eagle Lake) being chartered; seconded by Lion Darlene Wondra. Discussion followed. PDG Steve asked if this would become a policy moving forward? More discussion followed. **MC.** This motion only applies to this club at this time and is not setting a policy.

GST: PDG Susan Bowman – The Global Action Team (GAT) which is Global Membership (GMT), Global Leadership (GLT) and Global Service (GST) for MD5M met July 21 for a Pursuit of Excellence Summit. We discussed each team's responsibilities in the GAT and we soon come to the realization that as a whole we are far greater than the sum of each part.

LCI Forward initiative it to have at least 200 million people served per year by 2020-21, this would triple the Lions part in worldwide service. The focus service areas are Diabetes, Vision, Hunger Relief, Environment, and Childhood Cancer.

Reporting of service activities is essential for reaching the goal. As GST coordinator PDG Sue needs to ensure each club in the district is report all service activities, if not by the club secretary then by an appointed club GST member.

DG Diana has outlined specific district service goals; PDG Sue's role is to ensure success. She has the goal of 100% of all clubs doing service project in at least three of the above areas.

Another of her goals is having 55% club participation in a district wide service project. One will be the Feed My Starving Children event on Monday, April 15 in Chanhassen, Coon Rapids, and Eagan. This event is co-sponsored with 5M6, 5M7, 5M8.

A third goal is to have 100% of our clubs use the various media outlets to promote and advertize club service and fund raising project. A related fourth goal is to have 50% of our clubs using the District Public Relations Kit for promotion of Lion's community service activities and fund raising projects.

PDG Sue will promote DG Diana's goals through the district newsletter, zone meetings, club visits; and club twining where needed.

Historian: DG Nancy Mathwig - Goals for Historian for Lions year 2018-2019 are:

1. Complete updates to current Historian page links as well as the Region/Zone chair grid by October Cabinet meeting.
2. Work with District Technology PDG Steve to add photos of all bird pins to the list of Bird Pins in the Historian section of the District webpage. Complete by Midwinter Convention Cabinet meeting.
3. Compile list of past Presidents and Secretaries for each club and work with District Technology Chair PDG Steve on best storage for lists. Completion by April/May Cabinet meeting.

Journey for Service: PDG Mike Vos – At this time a date has not been chosen for the Journey for Service. Planning on early April.

LCIF: PID Debra Wasserman – Report is at the end of the minutes.

Leader Dog: Co Chairs Lions Loretta Klenke and Emmy Koch: Lion Loretta completed four club visits promoting Leader Dog programs in our District. She plans to attend Zone meetings in attempts to promote Leader Dog and elicit future club visits. She plans to continue to write articles for the District's newsletter to continue to promote Leader Dog and provide additional education on Leader Dog. She has not written her article for September newsletter, but hope to promote the history of Leader Dog. The Detroit Lion's saw a need and started Leader Dog to reply to that need.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser, Lion Hilary –

Cologne Leos:

- Participated in the D-Feet Hearing Walk as character mascots
- Presented a weekly Reading in the Park program at Cologne Lions Park for local children with themed books/crafts/snacks each week
- Planted and maintained the Cologne Leo planter
- Inducted new officers, Leos and Leo cubs. Inducted by PDG Bill Curtis (Abigail's grandfather).
- Participated in Cologne Glad Days by selling walking tacos, beverages, T-shirts & bounce house wristbands
- Past President Jordon is attending the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum
- Next activity is Carver County Fair parking

Sibley: No report but they are bringing in a new advisor to help the current advisor Mike.

Shakopee: Both Leo Advisors have stepped down due to personal reasons. We are meeting with the new Team of Advisors in the next few weeks to help them restructure.

Northfield: Talked with Dan Christ and he is actively trying to find a couple of Leo Advisors to step up since he is having knee surgery.

Watertown: Watertown's Rails to Trails Festival. The Leos were in the parade and hosted the Kids Fun Zone where they provided carnival type games for the kids, kiddie train rides and of course Gaga Ball. The annual Gaga Ball Tournament was held as well. The Leos through ticket and wristband sales at the Fun Zone reached their goal of raising \$1500 to name a puppy through Can Do Canines. We plan to tour the facility in New Hope in the near future.

Other recent events:

- Peach Fundraiser - estimate funds raised \$2000 (June and July)
- July 10th we presented our end of year awards with 5 Leos earning the 50+ service hour award for 2017/2018.
- We participated at the D-Feet Walk in June and held a pool party/going away party for the Heidorn Family who moved to CA.

- In May we invited the Cologne Leos to help with a food shelf scavenger hunt resulting in 355lbs of food and paper products donated to Friends For Life Food Shelf of Watertown. We also did our Spring clean up at our Adopted Park - Grove Street Hockey Rink.
- In April we collected and donated 1700 books that were split between Books for Africa and Better World Books. A \$150 donation was also given to Books for Africa.
- Upcoming events include Tour de Tonka on Aug 4th and Freedom Farm Polo Event in September. And of course our annual Halloween Dance and Food Drive held the Sunday before Halloween.

2nd VDG Anna Wickenhauser made a request in the form of a motion that the district donate of \$250 for the Leo Conference coming up in October, the money to come from Youth Activities; seconded by Lion Emmy Koch. **MC.**

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt and Lion Dave Sebesta reported that the Liberty Day Program has ordered and received 1500 Liberty Day Booklets and may need more as they have more interested Lions Clubs and schools talking about the Program.

Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Jeff Williams, PDG Marvin Grimm: Congratulations 5M2!!

At the 2018 Lions Hearing Foundation Trustee training and Board Meeting held on July 27,28, the final results of the D Feet Walk were made available. 5M2 had five more clubs represented in 2018, 28 clubs, than in 2017, 23 clubs. Increase in giving from \$8359 to \$22450 in 2018. This was the highest percentage increase in MD5M. 5M2 was awarded the Most Improved District trophy. Total money raised at the D Feet Walk, \$130,988.61. Seven year total raised is \$734,712.66.

The challenge is to do a little better in 2019. The Walk will be June 1, 2019 at the MN Landscape Arboretum. It would be great to keep District 5M2 on top. The money raised is used for research, professorships and equipment for labs. Questions were asked to get more feed back from the U of M as to programs and exactly where the money is used and what are the future needs.

The cochlear implant picnic will be held September 30, 2018 at a park in Golden Valley.

Next Hearing Foundation Board meeting is October 13, 2018 in St. Cloud.

We received four awards. Most valuable district, sharp as a tack, #1 award and

Lions Quest: Lions Janet Knakmuhs and Janet Hall. They are continuing to work with Winnebago & Mankato clubs. The Lions Janets will be sending a letter of intro to all clubs and are looking for a list of names of charter and parochial schools.

Long Range Planning: PDG Harry Klenke – Long Range Planning should be looking into arranging an invite of your friends and neighbors event at this time of year. Bringing in new members is always good, but especially at the beginning of a year to get new ideas for the club to work on during the year.

MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation: PDG Rick Wagener reported: We would like to welcome PDG Harry to the KidSight project and becoming a member of the Foundation. The last training was in May with 35 attendees. We now have about 85 screeners for our District and about 24 clubs are active or considering the project. 5M2 held 28 events this past year.

We are now going to offer our own "Sight Saver" award. For every \$1000.00 cumulative donation that is made to KidSight Foundation, your club will be eligible for our very nice plaque.

Our fall screening schedule is filling up fast and some very interesting stories on some of our referrals coming from the parents and the Opticians. Our Multiple District is nearing 3600 volunteer hours for this project.

PDG Harry Klenke reported that: Kidsight is a continuing program that is gearing up for the fall rush at the beginning of the school year. We already have many days scheduled. So, it is imperative that you get your days on the schedule. There is a Certified Vision Screener program that you can take the test for to get the certificate to take with you to display at your screenings. You can find the certification test on the International Kidsight site. Any questions contact one of your District Chairs. It will make us look even more professional. Lions Loretta and Harry both have received their certificates.

Mid-Winter Convention Report: Lion Darlene Monder – The first meeting was held June 13th. It is an amazing committee. The convention will be held February 8-10, 2019 at the City Center hotel. Committee will be meeting on August 8th in Hamburg at which time they will set a theme. She guarantees a lot of fun. Many more details to follow.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Brian Rykus and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – The co-chairs continue to reach out to clubs at the Zone meetings and are available for club visits to present overviews of the important work of the Foundation to fund research at the U of M to realize the dream of a life without diabetes. Also available are videos that can be shown at meetings. These are found on the foundation website: mnlionsdiabetes.org.

The Foundation is bringing back Walmart Wellness Days. The Lions along with Walmart are continuing a joint effort to educate consumers about diabetes, nutrition etc. The plan is to simplify what the process for participating has been and to work with Walmart to spotlight the Lions involvement. More to come on that in the near future.

July 28th and 29th the Diabetes Foundation held their quarterly meeting at the Radisson Hotel in Roseville and the research center at the University. Friday was an informational day with doctors from the U updating us on the progress of their research. In the evening our committees met and prepared our reports for Saturday. In the evening we joined with the Vision and Hearing Foundations for dinner and speakers from each of the foundations.

The Foundation continues to award Dream Catchers. We would like to receive pictures of the awarding of the Dream Catchers and will post in our newsletter as well as on Facebook. Clubs wanting to know what their donation balance is can contact Trustees Wanda and Brian.

The Lions Clubs in 5M2 were the largest contributors to the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation during the 2017-2018 Lions year. Thank you to all the clubs for their donations. These efforts help further our goal of a life without diabetes.

Just a reminder: Dollars designated to 5M2 are maintained by 5M2 and are eligible to be used for these scholarships. Dollars designated for the foundation are maintained by the foundation and distributed to designated grants at the U and other projects. These donations are eligible for the Dream Catcher Award.

MN Lions Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Christy Trutnau – Summer quarter included annual director training and summer quarterly meeting, July 27 - 28.

Training held on Friday at the 1000 Westgate building. Information highlights:

- New directors introduced.
- Tour of Gift of Sight facilities including break outs headed by LGS employees explaining donation processes and usages.
- Evening banquet combined with Hearing Foundation and Diabetes Foundation. Great presentations by one doctor from each area.

Quarterly meeting on Saturday at Radisson Roseville. Presided by Chair Lyle Goff.

- All following bullets involve activities of the Vision Foundation (not the Eye Bank):
 - Financial information – approval of Lion Leslie Palmieri as interim treasurer.
 - Lengthy discussion on plans to include tissue collection as new mission of LGS. Vote to approve and begin process.
 - LGS activities report by director Lion Raylene Streed.
 - LGS communication report by manager Lion Jennifer Marschall.
 - All reports “clouded” via information about SightLife/GenCare and Life Source activities and competition. Specific details provided.
 - Lions Eye Institute information we updated and fundraising report was given by PDG Dave Moen Lion Leslie Palmieri. Decision to place LEI activities on hold considering competition from SightLife.
 - Sub committee meetings of four divisions – Legal, Financial, Public Relations, and Long Range Planning. Reports and plans presented.

- Request to share our district communications with each other and to work diligently on club visits, etc
- Plans for 2018 State Fair booth.
- Fall meeting set for October 13 in St. Cloud.
- Thanksgiving for Vision is scheduled for October 27, 2018.

5M2 notes:

- Lion Christy Trutnau warmly welcomed to MLVF
- Lion Mary visited Winthrop in July.
- Mary plans to continue “Viewing Forward” for our newsletter.
- Intent by both Christy and Mary to cover all fall zone meetings.

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that the newsletter has been out on time each month. Several districts asked if they could use the pages from International convention in their newsletters too. Keep the information coming.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra attended the quarterly meeting in July. Our new retreat venue in Sandstone was a beautiful place. Attendance is still a bit of a struggle with the exception of Stewartville in September is full. She is working on creating a one day retreat at the St Peter Treatment Center.

Protocol: PDGs Tom and Mary Ferleman reported that they are looking forward to working with the District Cabinet, clubs and individual Lions to address protocol questions. They will review and update (if necessary) the current Protocol Manual.

Public Relations: PDGs Tom and Mary Ferleman reported that they are looking forward to working with Lion Troy Feltmann on ideas our clubs can use for Public Relations in their communities. They also will be getting the second display box ready for use in the southern part of the district.

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank reported she is excited to have a new Lion on the Cabinet as Co-Chair for Special Olympics. Lion Donelle (Doni) McQuiston from the Jordan Jordaness Lions has graciously accepted this new position as co-chair and PDG Joan welcomes her expertise in this field as she has a son who participates in Special Olympics. Her knowledge will be invaluable.

After the first cabinet meeting the co-chairs will be meeting to strategize what their goals will be for the coming year. They will again pursue the Polar Plunge and other fund raising activities.

Lion Kevin and PDG Joan did participate in the Minnesota Special Olympics summer games held at St. Thomas in June. They gave out medals to basketball participants. How could that not be fun and rewarding? She would like to volunteer again in the fall for the fall Special Olympics sports.

Technology: PDG Steve Wasserman Goals for 2018-2019:

- Keep the District Website updated. I have posted IP Gudrun's and DG Diana's photos. The new letterhead is in the “Members” section. Password is 2018DianaKroells. Use your email address as the username.
- Keep the District Website Calendar and Facebook Page updated with appropriate District Activities.
- Distribute the District Newsletter in a timely fashion.
- Other duties as requested by the District Governor or Cabinet.

Goal is to use MyLion more frequently. Steve asked for some direction in where the line is in regard to sending out info to all clubs. PDG Nancy last year directed people to ask PDG Steve for direction. Remind secretaries and presidents in regard to when the newsletter deadline is. PDG Steve could facilitate assisting clubs in sending their own emails. The end result of the conversation is that the Technology chair will send out District communications and put events on the website but not send out information for individual clubs.

Write Off: Lion Deb Koehnen – This year's theme is “New Horizons through Service.” Zone chairs and club presidents will receive an email with information regarding the contest, judging criteria, and essayists essay

form by the end of August so that a contact from each club can reach out to the local high schools. Once again Zone chairs will receive one winner from each of the clubs participating and select one winner from each zone to be forwarded on to the Write-off chair for final judging. Deadlines will be communicated with letters to club presidents and zone chairs. She thanked all zone chairs and club presidents in advance for their willingness to participate in this competition.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Jim Walters reported that this was another successful year for youth exchange. We had 34 youth from 20 different countries. All of the students reported having a great time in Minnesota with their host families as well as during Camp Spicer. A special thanks to 5M2 for all of your support for this program.

Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman

2018-2019 Theme: "Kindness Matters" An email including the contest theme and rules, as well as her contact information, will be sent to Minnesota Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired at the beginning of the school year. Please be aware that Essay contest information is also included in the Peace Poster kits. She is more than happy to answer any questions for clubs, Lions, teachers or parents as they learn about or conduct the contest.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and Lion Shirley Hesperheide - This year theme is "Kindness Matters", The 5M2 District website has been updated and requirements are posted. Lion Shirley is/has submitted newsletter article. We will attend fall meetings to promote the project. We appreciate the opportunity to serve our District.

Comments:

- PID Debra Wasserman – Echoed appreciation for all everything 5M2 did to support PID Brian Sheehan in his campaign. There were some minor housekeeping changes made to the constitution at the International. Two clubs in her district will be having their 100th anniversary. Hoping that the IP will be able to attend that as well since it will be the week of the multiple convention. Dr. Patty Hill has been endorsed for the next International Vice President after Brian. This will probably be a contested election.
- 2nd VDG Anna Wickenhauser – Expressed her gratitude at being allowed to serve as 2nd VDG. She introduced her travel partner Lion Don and son Vinnie.
- 1st VDG Brian Thies – Thank you for coming...Let's golf.
- DG Diana Kroells – Thank you for coming. She is wearing the bird pin – a common house wren. Lion Duane feeds them. They hosted Youth Exchange kids this summer and enjoyed the time spent with the youth. She encouraged others to consider hosting. Looking forward to a great year, thanks to all the cabinet for their work.

Adjournment:

PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to adjourn the meeting; PDG Nancy Mathwig seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters

6:38 AM
 07/29/18
 Accrual Basis

Lions International District 5M2
Balance Sheet
 As of June 30, 2018

	<u>Jun 30, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	32,609.33
Money Market	
Activities Youth	12,038.30
Adult Companion	717.27
Diabetes	5,044.19
District Conventions	89.88
Interest Income	2,247.93
International Convention	1,403.23
Journey For Service	8,309.55
Kid Sight	3,332.39
Light on for Life	1,455.48
Multiple Convention	7,303.69
Quest	39,771.35
Special Olympics	500.00
Youth Exchange	14,147.66
Money Market - Other	148.46
Total Money Market	<u>96,509.38</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>129,118.71</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>129,118.71</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>129,118.71</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	112,702.81
Unrestricted Net Assets	7,605.08
Net Income	8,810.82
Total Equity	<u>129,118.71</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>129,118.71</u>

LCIF Report

August 6, 2009

PID debra Wasserman



LCIF is kicking off a new effort to increase Lion engagement. Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service will increase our impact in sight, youth development, and humanitarian efforts, fight the global diabetes crisis, and expand our focus to include environment, hunger, and childhood cancer. The campaign will support grants and partnerships that will enable our Lions to serve more than 200 million people per year by 2021. Campaign 100 is a tremendous opportunity not only to enable Lion service, but also to change the way Lions think about giving and service. This effort will truly transform LCIF in four key ways:



Increase Lion Awareness and Support of LCIF – Lions will learn more about what the foundation does, the work it supports, and be invited to translate that awareness into a personal gift. Our collective service, worldwide, is strengthened as more Lions participate as donors to our foundation.



Expand Our Impact in the World – Campaign 100 offers an opportunity to increase Lions’ service impact, tackle the modern health crisis of diabetes, and support our expanded global causes.



Increase Non-Lion, Corporate, and Foundation Awareness and Support - With a broader scope of focus in the new Global Causes, LCIF’s priorities will align with the funding priorities of more organizations than ever before.



Promote Monthly and Electronic Giving - Online and digital platforms are increasingly common methods of giving. Automated monthly contributions offer a simple way to establish long-term giving habits. Small monthly gifts will be promoted, creating a transformational impact on the foundation.

I hope to speak about LCIF/Campaign at all District meetings this year. DG Diana has set a goal for LCIF presentations at 25% of the clubs, (16). I have 2 scheduled and hope to have many more on the calendar soon.

