

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
October 29, 2017  
St. Peter Community Center, St. Peter**

**Call to Order:** DG Nancy Mathwig called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Diana Kroells

**Invocation:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Brian Thies gave the invocation.

**Protocol** – Was established by DG Nancy Mathwig and all Lion dignitaries were listed.

**Welcome:** DG Nancy Mathwig. Follow-up from last meeting...did everyone receive their nametags and folders from the first Cabinet meeting. Lion Cathleen is missing hers. Reminder to all of you: PDG Steve is the Technology chair but is not responsible for sending out all notices, etc. He will help you compile an email list to use. Double check your email lists to ensure that everyone receives the notice.

**Special Presentations:** Certified Guiding Lion certificate presented to PDG Mary Spille. PDG Pin and Certificate of Appreciation presented to PID Debra Wasserman for PDG Steve Wasserman (who is not here tonight). PID Debra made a presentation to Lion Secretary Christy Trutnau for 100% secretary award.

**Roll Call:** Taken by Lion Cindy Walters, showing 33 in attendance, 4 guests.

**Introduction of Guests:** Cabinet members who brought guests introduced them – Duane Kroells, Rose Thies, Bill Bowman, Tom Ferleman.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda Lion Cathleen Williams; seconded by Lion Emmy Koch; **MC**.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve by PDG Marvin Grimm, seconded by Lion Christy Trutnau; **MC**.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Sue Vos presented her report. She is using Quick Books. This is a work in progress, so things won't look the same as before. Motion by PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Joe Gifford to accept the Treasurer's Report. **MC**. Copy of the Treasurer's Report is located at the end of the minutes.

**Council of Governor's Report:** DG Nancy Mathwig

1. Parade consultant PCC Keith had a trophy to be presented to the Waconia High School marching band along with a \$500 check for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the International Convention. Presentation will be Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at WHS. Lion Joe Gifford will also be at the presentation, he was a parent chaparone as well as being a Lion.
2. Dassel-Cokato band will be the marching band representing us in Las Vegas.
3. 5M2 received a Centennial Service patch for 2014-2015.
4. COG passed a motion to pursue a Lions license plate.
5. Approval was given for 5M2 to proceed with the bid for the Multiple Convention for 2021; Rochester/Pine Island received approval for 2020; and District 4 will provide a bid for 2022 which is when PID Brian will be International President.
6. Don't forget to Register for the MD5M convention in Winnipeg.
7. Mark your calendars for the Northern Pride Leadership Forum; November 2 and 3, 2018 in Mahnommen, MN

**Call for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Candidates:** Still looking for someone to step forward at mid-winter convention. Criteria –

Club President and have been a Zone or Region Chair.

### **Communications:**

- None.

### **Old Business:**

- **Update on Jungle Days and Lions Golf Trophy** – 54 golfers, \$2,000 was made on the tournament and it was donated to LCIF. It was a great golf tournament with ideal weather. Fun time was had by all.

- \* **PID Brian's Campaign** – PDG Mary Ferleman made the report for PDG Joan Blank: Meeting: Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>; Loose Moose, Mankato. Present: Lions Mike and Sue Vos, Lions Anna and Don Wickenhauser, DG Nancy Mathwig, Lion Rose Thies, Lions Mary and Tom Ferleman and Lions Kevin and Joan Blank

Joan reviewed the summary of donations – to date: \$5520.00

Committee agreed to send out another letter to those clubs that have not donated to the cause.

Joan will revise 1st letter that was sent out and will email updated letter to Presidents and Secretaries.

This should be sent out as soon as possible.

Much discussion was held on brainstorming for a fundraiser for PID Brian at the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention. Final consensus was a "Waddle Walk". This will happen most likely after the luncheon as that has the largest attendance. DG Nancy will determine the best time that fits into her scheduling for programs and speakers. Penguin hats will be sold for \$15 at the zone meetings and at Mid-Winter. One must be wearing a penguin hat to participate in the Waddle Walk. (The route of the Waddle Walk is yet to be determine, but will be indoors). Hats will be limited (to a few hundred). Cost of hat is \$4 so we will net \$11.00 at this point. Our goal would be to have at least 250 participants to net \$2500. Sue Vos has ordered 62 hats as that is all she could order on the internet. She will get the hats to DG Nancy to take to Zone meetings. It was agreed that we would split up the Zone Meetings as follows:

- Zone 1 – November 30/Winsted – Mike and Sue
- Zone 2 – November 1/Carver - Anna and Don
- Zone 3 – October 10/Ridges Golf Course/Jordan -Christy
- Zone 4 - November 9/Winthrop – Kevin and Joan
- Zone 5 – October 30/Le Sueur Gun Club - Maynard and Eunice
- Zone 6 – October 26/Le Center– Debra and Steve
- Zone 7 – November 6<sup>th</sup>/Lake Crystal – Kevin and Joan
- Zone 8 – November 7<sup>th</sup>/New Richland – Marlys? Or Mary/Tom
- Zone 9 – October 17/Albert Lea American Legion - Mary and Tom

A script of what is to be promoted regarding fundraising for PID Brian and attending the International Convention at each zone meeting will be emailed out by Joan to each team member. Mary volunteered to write up an article regarding the campaign for PID Brian for the November 5M2 newsletter. Kevin and Joan found that our district (5M2) has a total of 99 voting delegates. Getting 100 voting delegates will not be possible, but we will still try to encourage as many Lions as possible to attend the International Convention. Joan brought up the rally at the International Convention and the committee members all agreed to help when the time comes.

- **Laptops for District** – PID Debra Wasserman gave a short report and indicated to read the Technology Report later in these minutes.
- **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.

- **Mayer Area Lions Club** – PDG Marvin reported on the progress of the Mayer Area Lions Club. Charter night is December 9<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall in New Germany.
- **Lions Kidsight Parade of Green Request:** PDG Rick Wagener and Lion Lori Klein – Now that they are a Foundation they are asking to be on the Parade of Green for Midwinter. 501C3 status has been applied for but approval hasn't been received yet. If it is approved for the Parade of Green the dollars will stay in the District that donates them. The money will be needed to replace equipment and/or add equipment. There will be costs for supplies for printing. PDG Rick Wagener made a motion to add Lions Kidsight to the Parade of Green, seconded by Lion Gary Koch. Discussion followed. VDG Brian asked about the money that 5M2 gave initially. Lion Lori stated that that money is being held at the Multiple Level for 5M2 expenses. It was asked what amount of money could be anticipated to be needed from the Parade of Green. It is an unknown what may be needed in the future. Whether we add Kidsight to the Parade of Green or not, we currently have money in 5M2 for this project PID Debra asked if the Foundation wanted us to turn over our dollars to them and the answer is yes, they would like all monies turned over to them. 24 people are on the Foundation Board – 2 from each District. Is the Parade of Green getting too large? There is a lot of enthusiasm surrounding this project. Suggestion was made that a newsletter article be written giving Clubs an option to donate to KidSight but not put it on the Parade of Green until the 501C3 status is resolved. Vote made on the original motion. Needed to do a Hand count for passing. 18 to 14. MC.
- **Update on Leo Taskforce:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Brian Thies – Brief meeting was held at the USA Canada Forum. Need to have a budget for Leos, we could use a more broken down budget in the future. The tabled motion needs to be amended and cleaned up to include standard accounting principles. VDG Brian brought the motion to reimburse \$1,265 for a chaparone attending the Leo Forum. Lion Anna is trying to put something in place for the future to cover chaparone costs. Leos can not travel alone and will need chaparones. She is looking to have a budget put in place for the future. We voted to pay the registration for four Leos at a previous meeting. VDG Brian made an amendment to the motion that Rules of Audit apply, PID Maynard seconded. Question whether this was a one-time thing or policy? It is a one time thing. Voting on the amendment – 12 agreed; 18 opposed amendment failed. Original Motion was to reimburse Anna Wickenhauser her \$1,265 expenses for attending the Leo Forum in New York, the money to come from Youth Activities. It should have been brought to the Cabinet before the event. MC. Put this back on the Leo Task Force to discuss the budget in the policy manual for the future and include the Leo Forum.
- **Leo Conference Invoice:** Lion Anna Wickenhauser – there is \$1,000 budgeted for the Leo conference. The cost was \$2,900. Leos that go for the first time get 100% reimbursed and Leos that have attended in the past get reimbursed at a rate of 50%. Lion Paula Stephens made a motion to approve the amount owed, seconded by Lion Glenn Kaufman. Lion Lori noted that there was a math error on the bill which would reduce the bill to \$2,812.50. The motion was changed to include the error. MC.

- **Other:** None

#### **New Business:**

No New Business at this meeting.

#### **Zone Reports:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Diana Kroells

- **Zone 1** Lion Gary Koch – Currently 282 members -1 from beginning of the year. Attended Plato meeting last week and installed a new member which will make Zone 1 even. Zone 1 meeting will be on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Note in Winsted.
- **Zone 2** Lion Glenn Kaufmann – Zone 2 has a total membership of 523, which is down 5 this year. The only potential reporting issue is the Chaska Lions approaching 12 months between an Activity Report. The club was reminded of the requirement. Zone Chair has visited 7 of the 8 clubs so far and all of the

clubs are scheduling their interclub exchanges. Zone 2 Fall Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 1 hosted by Carver. Mayer Lions looking to activate in December.

- **Zone 3** Lion Christy Trutnau – Zone 3 has 8 Lions Clubs and 1 Leo Club. We currently have 378 Lions with a loss of 1 for the month; and 25 Leo's! Jordaness Lions recently held a Lions 101 and have three new Lions so Zone 3 will be up in membership soon. Zone 3 had their President/Secretary meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>; we had a great turn out with lots of information and discussion. Our Fall Zone meeting was held on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Jordan. Zone 3 had all clubs in attendance for this meeting. Zone 3 has been busy with Kidsight and other activities. Our clubs are getting ready for the busy season of Fashions shows, Ice Golf, Bingo and bowling! She has all her club visits scheduled for the year.
- **Zone 4** Lion Chuck Toltzman – Not in attendance, no report.
- **Zone 5** Lion Dean Williams – Number of members in the zone: 219  
Net Gain/Loss of members since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017: YTD adds was 4 and YTD drops was 6 for a net loss of 2 members.  
Membership/Activity reporting issues: We have one club past due with their MMR and he has contacted the club President regarding this issue and hopefully a resolution will follow.  
Financial Issues: No financial issues at this time that he is aware of.  
Upcoming Club activities: Zone 5 fall meeting is scheduled for Monday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 where club presidents will report on current activities. He also visited three clubs as Zone Chair and installed new members.
- **Zone 6** Lion Doug Larsen – We had a Pres and Sec meeting on Sept 26, 2017 at which all clubs except one participated from our zone. We met at Etlins in New Prague with the New Prague Lions hosting. After a great social time and meal we started our business. We had some really great discussion about membership and how to attract the next generation. As should be noted we did not have a perfect answer but had many ideas. One of the biggest ideas was to make the meeting more enjoyable (fun) and less pomp and circumstance and doing activities that would involve an interest or passion of the next generation. Another topic was how to keep the new members once they join. This had many ideas and one that is good for all Lions is to acknowledge acts of Lionism to all members. Letting each member know they are important. Also acknowledge that Lion meetings are not mandatory nor are the events either. We need to be open to have them come when possible and help when possible. Also get them involved giving them information about lions, the organization hierarchy, club positions, event leadership and participation, etc. We talked about Legacy Projects and how our zone was coming along with each project. Many of the clubs were done or on the last steps of completing their projects. We covered some needs each of the clubs had and what they were having going on. Of course we covered many other Lion topics such as White Cane Safety Days (noting the intersection crosswalk white lines were very important), Vision Honduras, LCI Forward, Pillow Case Project, KidSight, club visits and more. 1VDG Diana Kroells gave her comments followed by DG Nancy Mathwig giving her comments. We had to close at this time as the hour was getting late. Zone 6 had their fall Zone meeting at Le Center on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. I have not had time do the report on this meeting since because of my headaches. Please pass on thank you to everyone for their work and my apologies for not being able to be there.
- **Zone 7** Lion Pamela DeMarce – No report.
- **Zone 8** Lion Diane Beckmann – Nothing to report.
- **Zone 9** Lion Pam Koenen – Since the last cabinet meeting, the Clubs of Zone 9 have been busy with several fundraising efforts at county fairs and local community celebrations. The Alden Lions sponsored the Bretts Family, entertainers from Branson, for their annual fundraiser. The Albert Lea Lakeview Lions celebrated their 25th anniversary with a wine tasting and member recruitment event. As a result they have 9 new members joining Lions Club. Several clubs, including the Wells Lions, have donated to the

hurricane relief efforts after the recent storms in Houston, Florida and Puerto Rico. The zone meeting for club presidents and secretaries was held in mid-September. All clubs in Zone 9 had at least one club officer in attendance for the round table meeting with DG Nancy Mathwig and 1st VDG Diana Kroells. Thank you to the Kiester Lions Club for Hosting. The fall Zone 9 meeting was held on October 17 at the Albert Lea American Legion. Around 50 Lions attended. Reports were given from cabinet chairs and information was provided on the 2018 Mid-Winter Convention. Thank you to Lion Lyle Hintz and the Albert Lea Cloverleaf Lions for hosting. She has visited the Wells Lions club and will be visiting several more clubs in the next 2 months.

**Committee Reports:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Brian Thies facilitated.

**Can Do Canines:** Lions Andrea Oldenburg and Lion Tony Oldenburg along with Kathleen Bleckeberg will be sharing the zones in 5M2 to deliver information about Can Do Canines. Lions Andrea and Tony reported that they went to the Plato Lions Oktoberfest on September 30<sup>th</sup>, put up the display board, sold candy bars and handed out literature if people wanted it. They attended the Zone 3 meeting on 10/10/17, sold candy bars and scheduled their first club visit. Plan to attend the upcoming Zone 6, 5, 2, 4 meetings. Co-Chair Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg reported that on October 3<sup>rd</sup> Lion Kathleen did a visit to the Albert Lea Noon Rotary club, she gave a Can-Do-Canines presentation to a group of 30 people. Sold some candy. She is in the process of touching base with clubs for club visits. She attended the Zone 9 meeting held on October 17<sup>th</sup> held in Albert Lea.

**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. He has also attended one Zone meeting so far, where he presented 2016-2017 Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patches. Diabetes has been added as a Centennial Service Challenge category this year. So far, 11 clubs in 5M2 have reported on Diabetes projects.

A special emphasis is being made this year on completing and reporting on Centennial Community Legacy Projects. So far, we have had 25 clubs report on 41 Legacy Projects. A Multiple District Centennial Celebration is being planned for June 10, 2018, at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. Watch for details in upcoming District Newsletters.

**Constitution & By-Laws:** PDG Steve Wasserman – He has begun a review of the 5M2 Constitution and By-Laws in preparation for possible amendments to be voted on at the 2018 District Convention.

**District Activities:** PDG Eunice Rucks reported that the Bird pins have been ordered and distributed. Also remind people that if they should have an individual who has passed away in their club, to report them to her by January 15, 2018 for inclusion in the Memorial Service.

**Environmental Photo Contest:** Lion Kate Pattison and Lion Evelyn Grimm – The big change in this year's competition is that we are expanding submissions to email submissions. Each club is allowed one photo along with the completed form. For those submitting a photo via email, the email they should send to is [lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com](mailto:lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com). Email submissions will still need to have an attached signed entry form; this can be done by sending a scanned upload of the signed form or by uploading a photo of the signed form along with their photo. Questions can be directed to the email address.

The other aspect of the Environmental position is the Environmental Feature articles in the newsletter. Articles aim to encourage club and individual activities and awareness towards preserving the environment. If there are any suggestions for the article or you know of an upcoming event you would like to share, email the [lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com](mailto:lions5m2photocontest@gmail.com).

**GLT:** PDG Susan Bowman. The GLT members are: PDG Sue Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Brian Thies and District Orientation PDG Joan Blank, Lion Wanda Breimhorst and Lion Anna Wickenhauser and PDG Mike Vos.

The GLT is part of the Global Action Team (GAT) which includes the Global Membership Team

(GMT) and the Global Service Team (GST).

The very broad goal of the GLT is to increase service and membership in the Lions organization. The goal for the GLT is in keeping with DG Nancy's goal, that is to present to clubs who have not had a recent orientation program, the District Orientation. District Zone Chairs are asked to promote the orientation program during club visits and at zone meetings.

A huge benefit of being a Lion is taking advantage of the leadership development opportunities. MYLCI is the sight any lion can go for one-line course work/training for a large variety of leadership topics.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is the largest and best Lions Club leadership training. The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is scheduled for September 20-22, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio.

Over 50 training sessions related to personal and club development are available plus thousands of leaders present willing to share their experiences. Free online courses are also available. Lions are recognized at the Forum for completing online courses and programs. The following five 5M2 Lions were recognized at the 2017 forum: Graduating from the Bachelor's Program were VDG Diana Kroells – Hamburg Lions, Lion Martha Reger – Jordaness 2VDG Brian Thies – Green Isle Lions, and Lion Don Wickenhauser – Cologne Lions. Receiving a certificate for the Master's Program was Lion Anna Wickenhauser-- Cologne Lions

First quarter activities included GLT training and travel with Lion Bill, second quarter work with the orientation team.

**GLT Orientation:** PDG Joan Blank – She continues to present the Orientation PowerPoint or Jeopardy game to various clubs in the district. Since her last report, she has visited the Albert Lea Lakeview Lions, Courtland Lions, Silver Lake Lions, New Prague Lions and Prior Lake Lions. She customizes each presentation according to the Lions Club she is visiting and if any new members are present. Lion Steve Wasserman has given her a laptop computer and projector, which both work very well. To date 16 Lions Clubs have had the Orientation Presentation (25%).

GLT Chairperson PDG Sue Bowman and PDG Joan will be meeting in early November to discuss our strategy for getting the Orientation Presentation to those clubs who have not participated.

**GMT:** PID Maynard Rucks – The Mayer Lions Club is now ready to have their Charter night (December 9, 2017). Work has started on a new club at Biscay. Need to get clubs to continue to ask people to join their club.

**GST:** PID Debra Wasserman – As reported in the August Cabinet minutes GST-District Coordinators are tasked with supporting service in a variety of areas and in numerous ways. See below for efforts thus far.

1. **Diabetes:** Clubs participated in the September 23 WalMart health fairs. (See report from District Diabetes Trustees for details). The District Trustees and PID Debra met prior to the Cabinet meeting to discuss ways we can partner, particularly focusing on Lions Week of Service for Diabetes, November 13-19.
2. **LCIF:** 2VDG Brian and PID Debra have begun talking about promoting available LCIF grants through the newsletter in hopes that a club will consider applying for a grant.
3. **Centennial Community Legacy Projects:** She will be working with the Centennial Chair to encourage clubs to conduct and report Centennial Community Legacy Projects.
4. **Increase reporting by clubs of activities:** A meeting with the DG team is planned for immediately after the Cabinet meeting to discuss possible methods to encourage and support greater, and more detailed reporting of service activities by clubs.
5. **All District Service Opportunity at FMSC:** Plans are progressing for this March 26, 2018 event.

She attended GST-DC training in St. Cloud on October 14, conducted by PID Judy Hankom GST-AC and PDG Rodger Palmer GST-MDC.

**Historian:** VDG Nancy Mathwig nothing to report.

**Journey for Service:** PDG Mike Vos no report.

**LCIF:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Brian Thies – He is proud to report that LCIF has responded promptly and generously with disaster grants in the hurricane affected areas of the US and Caribbean as well as with the earthquakes in Mexico.

He has been soliciting clubs for donations to the Disaster Fund. They have graciously responded with approximately \$10,000.00 so far. These funds do not just need to come from clubs, but can be made by individuals as well. He encouraged each and everyone of us to dig deep and donate.

The Green Isle Lions Facebook page has been updated to include LCIF links to donate. He encourages your clubs to like and share these pages both for your clubs and individually as well.

While attending the Council of Governor's meeting, we were informed that LCIF is approximately \$5 Million short of their \$30 Million goal to get a matching grant from the Gates Foundation. Please help us meet this goal as we don't want to let this opportunity pass us by.

Currently there are no LCIF grants in our district, however the Winthrop Lions are in the process of getting a project to conform with the requirements necessary to get an LCIF Grant. Within our multiple, two districts received grants, one was for a handicapped accessible Fishing Pier in Elbow Lake and \$100,000 was received for a handicapped accessible playground in the Twin Cities.

**Leader Dog:** Lion Loretta Klenke reported that as DG Nancy requested, she sent an introductory letter to the newsletter and supplied contact information for club visits. Lion Loretta has a club visit in Norwood Young America West Carver on October 24. She has been promoting personally or a representative Leader Dog at zone meetings to promote the Leader Dog program through education with club visits. She has been in contact with the Multiple District Leader Dog chair who has assisted with some of Lion Loretta's questions. She is looking forward to meeting more clubs in the future. Future club visits may include Winthrop and Jordaness Lions which she has made initial contact with at this time. Again, Thank You DG Nancy for allowing her to promote this great program in our district. Lion Emmy Koch has visited three clubs: Winthrop, Hutchinson and Plato.

**LEO Clubs:** Lion Anna Wickenhauser, Lion Hilary – Just finished the Leo Conference in Annandale. We had 69 Leos and 10 Advisors. District 5M2 had a whopping 26 Leos and 6 Advisors attend.

Cologne Leos have just finished helping the Cologne Lions with their Octoberfest. They cleared tables and ran a photo booth with the proceeds going to LCIF. They raised \$141.

Northfield has kept busy with working with the seniors in their community.

Sibley Leos have made a video that was shared on MD5M's Facebook page and on 5M2 Leos Facebook page. If you haven't seen it-check it out.

Shakopee Leos did their first service project working with the Park Dept. in Shakopee. They helped plant 500 trees.

Watertown Leos are hosting their 2nd Annual Halloween Party today and are collecting donations to the food shelf.

**Liberty Day:** Lion Denny Hewitt reported that he has attended one Zone meeting and has plans to attend three more in November. He has distributed 950 Liberty Day books to Lions Clubs in our district so far. He thanked the Cabinet for raising the dollar amount and the number of books we can distribute this year as he is hoping we can increase the involvement in the Liberty Day Program in District 5M2.

**Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation:** Lion Jeff Williams, PDG Marvin Grimm: The board of trustees met in St. Cloud October 7, 2017. The trustees heard about the U of M updates and research from Dr. Beven Yueh. Many exciting things are happening with the hearing research. The research grants were approved for the coming year.

Our focus for the parade of Green at the Mid Winter Convention, held in February, at City Center in Mankato, will be to have 100% club participation. If your club has decreased or not given to the Hearing Foundation, please consider giving this year. Also, increasing your club's donation over previous years. It would be a nice District 5M2 challenge to increase our giving to the Foundation over previous years. Dates to remember: Mid Winter Convention, City Center, Mankato, MN, February 9,10,11, 2018.

7<sup>th</sup> Annual D-Feet Walk, June 2, 2018, MN Landscape Arboretum

We would like to visit your club. Contact Lion Jeff Williams, [flip10581@aol.com](mailto:flip10581@aol.com) or PDG Marvin Grimm, [evmargrimm@comcast.net](mailto:evmargrimm@comcast.net).

**Lions Quest:** Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported they have made no dates or visits thus far, but hope to get to several zone meetings and make some dates for presentations for Lions Quest.

**Long Range Planning:** PDG Harry Klenke – Surprise, surprise, no one has contacted me about doing a long range planning speech. I do need to tell people at Zone meetings that I exist. Our District planning is being aided through the updating of our Constitution and By-Laws and the most recent rewriting of our Policy Manual. Also, we have had a good succession of people moving into the District Governor ranks, even though some serious arm twisting has been done.

**MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation:** PDG Rick Wagener reported that it has been a very busy 2 months for the KidSight screening program. Multiple clubs from all over the district have been screening hundreds of preschool, kindergarten, and 1st graders. Prior Lake club has been very active with this project. The pre school and school staff all seem to be very receptive of our program and have gotten a lot of positive feedback from parents.

Lions Lori and Steve are conducting a training session on November 5th in Faribault.

Our district has about 48 trained screeners with about 25 clubs participating.

We have numerous programs scheduled for club visits.

The interest is high with the clubs, but finding club chairs is becoming a problem. A lot of members want to help, but nobody wants to chair.

We will be asking for approval to be put on the Parade of Green for this upcoming convention.

**Mid-Winter Convention Committee:** Lions Lowell and Charlette Abbas – 101 Years of Lions: The Start of Another Dog Gone Good Century!

At this time we have visited Zone 3, 6, and 9. We plan to visit the other six Zones in November to promote the 2018 Mid-Winter Convention that will be held on February 9, 10, 11, 2018. Registration forms for both the Convention and the City Center Hotel can be found on line and on the website as well as in the newsletter.

Cabinet members can reserve a table at the Mid-Winter Convention by contacting Lion Mark Dick of the Lafayette Lions. His email address is [mark605dick@gmail.com](mailto:mark605dick@gmail.com); his phone number is **507-340-6848**. Please let him know by January 1, 2018, if you would like a table or two.

We do hope everyone will come, sell out the hotel, and have a “Dog Gone Good Time”.

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation:** Lion Brian Rykus and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – We are attending as many Zone meetings as we can and encouraging clubs to schedule us to speak at their club meetings. Our goal is to keep Lions in the know as to what is happening at the U with research and what is being done to treat and prevent diabetes. I'll be emailing all of the clubs with our contact information encouraging them to schedule us for a presentation. Please use your influence to promote this effort.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Lion Wanda and Lion Brian attended the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's quarterly meeting held in Brooklyn Center, MN. Dr. Flanagan, from the University of Minnesota updated the foundation on progress with research projects. The researchers are working diligently to find a cure for Diabetes

The calendar fundraiser cutoff date has been extended to November 10<sup>th</sup>. Sales have been a little slow so if you are considering honoring your club, an individual or another important event NOW IS THE TIME.

The MN Lions Diabetes Foundation partnered with Walmart stores in Minnesota for a Wellness Day on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Thank you to all the clubs in 5M2 that helped out at Walmart stores in their areas. We had varying reports and have shared compliments and constructive ideas with the ADA, and the Walmart stores.

November 13-19 has been designated as Worldwide Week of Service to Halt Diabetes and



November 14 designated as World Diabetes Day. All clubs are encouraged to do a project or have a speaker that day or at your Club meeting that week. Another idea is to show one of the Lions Diabetes Videos. These can be found on the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation web site and feature Lion Bonnie **Schirlinger** from New Ulm. <http://www.mnlionsdiabetes.org/our-videos.html> We've also made some copies of suggestions that can get the creative juices flowing. We are hoping this will now become a yearly event such as World Service Day.

Next Foundation meeting is December 2, 2017 in Brooklyn Center, MN.

**MN Lions Vision Foundation**: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Diana Kroells – Autumn events included the State Fair Booth shared with the Hearing Foundation. Also, Thanksgiving for Vision on September 30 at the Earle Brown Center. Attendance was good but a bit less than previous years. No fall tours this year.

On October 7, the fall quarterly meeting was held at the St. Cloud VFW (new location). So much happening within the Vision Foundation. Information highlights:

- DG Bob Knutson, 5M4, was present as District Governors liaison and shared information about the current Lions year.
- Dr. Erik van Kuijk, Chair of Department of Ophthalmology, shared highlights of activities and staff changes at this department. Stated that all is going well at the MN Lions Eye Surgical Center which opened a year ago. One interesting research project involves macular degeneration treatment using robotics to change white eye cells to stem cells (Dr. Farrington).
- Operation and Communications reports for the MN Lions Eye Bank were presented by Raylene Streed, Director, and Jennifer Marschall, Communications Manager.
- All following bullets involve activities of the Vision Foundation (not the Eye Bank):
  - Financial reports presented by Lion Treasurer Dave Thompson.
  - Lions Eye Institute information we updated and fundraising report was given by PDG Dave Moen. Eagle Bank, Stillwater, has offered to handle our fundraising accounts with bank service fees – great news.
  - MN Lions Recycling Center delivered 32,700 pairs of eyeglasses to Rosholt in June. Next trip to be soon. New contact person for LRC is Lion Karen Hovanes.
  - Progress and planning underway for the Anoka Halloween Tent Event. Volunteers needed.
  - Plans and progress well underway for MLVF's new fundraising and publicity venture. "Voices for Vision" is a concert to be held April 21, 2018. Featured artist Blind Joe of "The Voice" fame.
  - **An OFFICIAL LOGO is now in use:**
  - **Absolute need to correct our name Usage among Lions to Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Noting that MN Lions Eye Bank is only one activity under our umbrella.**



5M2 notes:

- Mary has continued with the monthly article "Viewing Forward" for our newsletter.
- Diana has attended one zone meeting. Diana and Mary plan to attend several as the dates come forward.
- Diana and Mary both participated in the Project Pillowcase event organized by the Cologne Lions. Wonderful attendance by Lions and Lion friends with much work accomplished.
- Lion Dave Sebesta of the Hutchinson Lions shares that his club purchased seven vision magnifiers from the Nisswa Lions and placed them in seven Hutchinson retirement communities.
- Hopes are that detailed presentation information will be to us by mid November so that we can share more information with our clubs about the Lions Eye Institute. Look for a good display at Midwinter.

Next quarterly meeting is set for January 13, 2018 in St. Cloud. Lions Diana and Mary are honored to represent 5M2.

**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. Goals include: getting newsletter out on time; continuing to provide timely information to all Lions in 5M2.

**Project New Hope:** Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that there is a retreat coming up in December. She took several quilts down to the retreat in Stewartville in September. A few of our 5M2 members came to help out with the kids. Who has gone on face book and LIKED **“Project New Hope MN Veteran’s Retreats?”** To get better visibility for Project New Hope and better attendance at our retreats please go on face book “Like” Project New Hope MN Veteran’s Retreats and invite your friends.

**Public Relations/Protocol:** Lion Joe Gifford – **MDM5 Centennial Public Relations Contest Update**

- Contest runs thru December 2017
  - Applications must be submitted to the District PR Chair before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
  - Please submit all applications to Lion Joe Gifford by either e-mail or mail
    - E-mail: [joe.gifford@syngenta.com](mailto:joe.gifford@syngenta.com)
    - Mail = 1163 Windmill Creek N, Waconia, MN 55387
- Every Club in the Multiple is invited to participate
- District 5-M2 will select the top 3 clubs for recognition at the 2018 Mid-Winter Convention
  - A bronze, silver, and gold certificate will be awarded to the top 3 clubs
- The gold certificate winner from District 5-M2 will receive a plaque at the 2018 Multiple Convention
- An Overall Winner will be selected from all Districts at the Multiple Convention in 2018
  - Overall Winner will receive a \$500 prize

**Public Relations Kit Update**

- PR Banner order in process
- Below is the status of the PR Kit Contents (X = Completed)

| PR Kit | District Committees & Additional Items |
|--------|--|
| X      | Can Do Canines                         |
|        | Journey for Service                    |
|        | LCIF                                   |
|        | Leader Dog                             |
|        | Hearing Foundation                     |
| X      | Lions Quest                            |
|        | Leo Clubs                              |
| X      | Kidsight Foundation                    |
|        | Diabetes Foundation                    |
| X      | Vision Foundation                      |
|        | Special Olympics                       |
|        | Project New Hope                       |
| X      | Lion Magazines                         |
|        | Lion Table Covers                      |
|        | Membership Applications                |
|        | Membership Brochures                   |
|        | LCI Information Brochures              |
|        | Listing Of All District Lions Clubs    |

Anticipate receiving a large portion of what remains at the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- The first request for the PR Kit has been received from Winthrop Lions for their November 12<sup>th</sup> Omelet Breakfast. Working to complete the kit as much as possible prior to that date.
- As discussed and agreed with DG Nancy Mathwig, the goal is to have the PR Kit 100% completed prior to the Mid-Winter Convention so that a booth promoting the PR Kit can be displayed during the convention.
- Once the kit has been 100% completed then the intent is to advertise it out to all clubs in the District

#### **PR Training Program/Packet**

- Currently in the process of putting together a PR training program/packet for the district based on LCI recommendations and information. Have just started working on this item and will provide further updates at a later date. The intent is to advertise this along with the PR Kit once the program/packet has been completed.
  - Objective: Help Clubs improve their Public Relations practices

#### **Protocol Update**

- Intend to provide/advertise existing Protocol information out to clubs in the district.

**Special Olympics:** PDG Joan Blank reported that she is in the process of recruiting a team from 5M2 to jump in the Polar Plunge either the first weekend in February or the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. Lion Paula Stephens is going to help with a theme and recruitment.

She will be trying to attend at least half of the zone meetings to promote the Polar Plunge.

**Technology:** PDG Steve Wasserman reported:

- Purchase a new Lenovo Yoga laptop for the District along with Microsoft Office at a cost of \$1049 from Best Buy. This laptop is a smaller and lighter laptop, with sufficient processing power and memory to handle current and future needs.
- Refurbished operating system and other software on the existing district laptop. This laptop is now suitable for making presentations and other low demand tasks such as using Microsoft Office, browsing the internet and using email. He believes we now have adequate laptops, and there is no need to purchase the second laptop authorized by the Cabinet.
- 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 distributed the District Newsletter monthly, and has written two technology related articles.
- He updated the District website as he became aware of needs, posted and shared information on the District Facebook page as he encountered appropriate posts.

**Write Off:** Lion Deb Koehnen – This year's topic is "The Power of We." All clubs participating in the Write-off competition should have essays judged by Tuesday, October 31. The contest is different this year because the district no longer has Region chairs. Zone chairs are asked to assist with the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the judging. Zone chairs should receive entries from clubs in their zone by November 10 and judged by Nov 20. The winning entry from each zone should be forwarded to the district Write-off chair by Dec 5. She will request the zone-level checks when zone-level winners are received for the district judging. So far she has heard from 7 clubs representing 5 zones that are participating in the contest.

**Youth Exchange/Youth Camp:** Lion Jim Walters reported he has made one club visit and Lion Cindy

traveled to the Leo Leadership forum to provide information to the Leos about the program. There are already over 5 countries and 10 spots spoken for this year's program. He is anxious to get started on his goals for this year including: creating marketing materials for the program and getting the word out now to find host families for next summer.

**Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest:** PID Debra Wasserman reported the **2017-2018 Theme: "The Future of Peace"**. 2 emails including the contest theme and rules, as well as her contact information, were sent to Minnesota Teachers of the Blind/Visually Impaired. MN State Services for the Blind also forwarded the email to their contact list. At this time there appear to be no participants from our District. The submission deadline is several days away, so she still has hope.

**Youth Outreach/Peace Poster:** Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and Lion Shirley Hesperheide - This year's theme is "The Future of Peace". They have been promoting the project by submitting a newsletter article, attending Zone meetings when possible, and answering Club questions. They are looking forward to receiving your contest winning posters, which must be postmarked no later than November 15.

**Comments:**

- PID Debra Wasserman
- 2nd VDG Brian Thies
- 1st VDG Diana Kroells
- DG Nancy Mathwig.

Next cabinet meeting is at the mid-winter convention on Friday, February 9th and the following one will tentatively be on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

PID Maynard made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. PDG Marvin seconded it! Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters