

11-B1 CABINET MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

Vandercook Lake Lions Club House

4628 Francis Street, Jackson, Mi 49203

District 11-B1 Cabinet Members in Attendance in Person: DG Terri Huffman, CS Barbara Ray, CT Annette Hemeryck, ZC Nancy Hill, ZC Bryan Cook

District 11-B1 Cabinet Members in Attendance on Zoom: ZC Anita Hoyt, ZC Kelly Lubbe, ZC Cathy Koning, ZC Stan Masters, ZC Chris Lake

Non-Voting Cabinet Members in Attendance in person: CC Dave Hill, Louvenia Shack-Seals

Non-Voting Cabinet Member in Attendance on Zoom: GLT Roger Bosse

Other Lions in Attendance in Person: PID Esther LaMothe, PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser, PDG Vicki Ruiz, John Dammers, Connie Neese

Other Lions in Attendance on Zoom: PDG Roberta Sexton, PDG LuAnne Bullington, James Smith

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 A.M.: DG Terry Huffman

- Words of Reflection CC Dave Hill
- Pledge of Allegiance ZC Bryan Cook

Distribution of the 2021-2022 Policy Manual: The Policy Manual was emailed to all Cabinet Members and Cathy Koning will add it to the District Website. The Committee included DG Terri Huffman, CC Dave Hill, PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser, PDG Vicki Lautzenheiser, CS Barb Ray and ZC Nancy Hill. PID Esther LaMothe was an advisor. Major adjustments that were made to the manual are as follows:

- Redundant working was eliminated. Extra spacing was removed. References to Lioness Clubs was eliminated. This reduced the document from 75 pages to 34 pages.
- Formatting was made more uniform.
- Wording was added regarding conducting business virtually or electronically. (page 5)
- Wording regarding the number of fellowships that may be awarded by a District Governor in any particular year was added. (page 8)
- Working regarding the process for approving minutes of a meeting was added. (page 11)
- Some wording, listing of committees, etc. was brought up to date.
- An addendum was added regarding leadership training or 2021-2011. (page 34)

Review of the 2021-2022 Budget: CT Annette Hemeryck prepared copies of the District General Ledger, the Activities Account and Administrative Account summaries. These were emailed to all cabinet members prior to the meeting. During the meeting she reviewed them with us and answered questions. The Activities Account current total is \$70, 991.74 and the Administrative Account total is \$18,570. Further discussion resulted in a planned meeting of the Finance Committee consisting of DG Terri Huffman, PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser, CT Annette Hemeryck and ZC Bryan Cook to review the reports in more detail and make recommendations. CS Barb Ray motioned we accept the treasurers report as filed. CT Annette Hemeryck seconded the notion and it passed.

Leadership meeting update: DG Terri reported that the Leadership Meeting earlier this week resulted in ZC Kelly Lubbe expressing an interest in applying for the position of 1st VDG, and Annette Hemeryck in the 2nd VDG position. ZC Kelly plans to attend the Council of Governors meeting in February.

Club status for those with charters on hold: DG Terri and CC Dave have been working with the former members of the Inter-Lakes, Branch Area, Munith, U of M, and Chelsea Clubs to try to get those clubs active again. A club just needs ten members to open again. The Global Membership Approach (formerly known as the North American Membership Initiative) is still meeting regularly on Monday evenings and DG Terri encourages anyone who is interested to join them.

Service Hour Report: DG Terri contacted all the clubs that have not reported service hours and is working with them to start reporting. CC Dave will assist with this, as he has access to MyLion for all clubs. Each club just needs to report one activity per month for us to reach 100% participation.

Membership Report: CC Dave Hill reported that there are currently 937 Lions in District 11-B1. He is currently working with several clubs that have closed their doors to help get them active again. The Jackson Diabetes Service Club is considering some new activities that should help them grow their membership.

S.A. Dodge Award: DG Terri announced that PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser will be awarded a S.A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award at the MD11 Convention on February 26. It is the highest award in our Multiple District. PDG Dennis was nominated for this reward by the Council of Governors. Today he received a standing ovation from the cabinet. Congratulations Dennis!

Hall of Fame: CT Annette Hemeryck motioned that we nominate CC Dave Hill for this year's Hall of Fame. ZC Bryan Cook seconded the motion, and it passed. CC Dave has worked tirelessly to support Lionism and mentor our leaders. His nomination will be sent to the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame nominating committee which will select from all the nominations sent in by all the districts around the state.

Leadership Report: GLT Roger Bosse sent in a written report and advised us of the many leadership training opportunities available through Lions. He is planning a Spring Leadership Forum for April 21, probably at Vandercook Lake High School.

Winter Camp: Winter Camp will be virtual again this year, on February 5. Clubs are encouraged to donate gift certificates to be used as prizes. The next planning committee will be on January 13 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Roger if you would like to help.

Sight Conservation: The Sight Conservation Committee is looking over the applications for scholarships to be awarded at the Michigan Forum Feb. 26. White Cane week will be April 24 to May 2 this year.

Karl Sorrick: DG Terri encourages clubs to apply for the Karl Sorrick Club of the Year. The applications will be emailed to all club presidents and secretaries in the next few days and will be due Feb. 15.

LCIF: LCIF Chair Kelly Lubbe spoke about the importance of every club and every Lion continuing to support LCIF fundraising. Much of our fundraising for LCIF comes back to Michigan. From August 2018 to October 2021, the districts in Michigan have received a record eighteen grants from LCIF totaling over \$587,000 during LCIF Campaign 100. The pandemic and recent storm events have made fundraising difficult. Kelly is willing and ready to visit any club to present more information.

There will be a Joint Zone Meeting for Region 2, Zones 1,2 and 3 at the Vandercook Lake Lions Club House on January 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This will be training on Kidsight and getting certified. Please RSVP to Kelly by January 14 if you plan to attend.

PID Esther LaMothe described a fundraiser being planned for the MD11 Convention. LCI Past President Joe Preston will be the featured speaker at that event. PP Preston oversees LCIF Campaign 100, so the committee has planned a special fundraiser selling raffle tickets for LCIF with the goal of raising \$20,000. Worldwide the campaign is at 82% of the goal.

LCIF Grant: DG Terri reviewed with us that since the District donated \$10,000 to LCIF in 2020 we are eligible for a \$1500 Community Grant through LCIF. DG Terri sent out a request to all clubs on December 10 asking for proposals. Previously she had suggested we apply for the grant to be used at a housing project for the homeless being developed in Dexter. They need beds, bedding, and other supplies. Shawn Dettling, wife of PDG Dick Dettling has been working on this project. The Dexter Lions support it. Since there were no other suggestions for grants, the decision was made to apply for the grant to be used for the Homeless Housing Project. ZC Bryan Cook moved that we apply for the \$1500 grant to be used for the Homeless Housing project in Dexter, and contribute \$500 from District Activity funds to make it a \$2000 donation to buy beds, pillows, sheets, and blankets. CT Annette Hemeryck seconded the motion and it passed.

District Convention: The District Convention will be held April 29 and 30 at the Commonwealth Center in downtown Jackson with the theme “Sailing into the Future.” Plans are for the Memorial Service, Euchre and Bingo on Friday evening. Saturday will include honoring our veterans, breakout sessions, a business meeting and elections, and a tour of the Bright Walls in downtown Jackson. There will be a formal dinner in the evening with the French Quarter Band to entertain us.

Michigan Forum: The Michigan Forum will take place February 25 and 26 in Flint.

MD11 Convention: The MD11 Convention is scheduled for May 19-21 in Auburn Hills.

Nominations: Nomination Chair Connie Neese reviewed the nomination process for District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and LMF Trustee. Because there were no nominations submitted last year before the deadline, the cabinet followed the District Constitution and By Laws, and the Lions of Michigan Foundation Constitution and By Laws to appoint a LMF Trustee to a one-year position. Therefore, this year there will be two open seats for LMF Trustee, a one-year, and a two-year term. If you are interested in either term, you must declare which term for which you are submitting a nomination; and you cannot submit a nomination for both. Nomination Forms will be sent out to all Cabinet Members, club presidents, secretaries, treasurers and PDGs early next week. The deadline to return them will be March 29, 2022.

Since there is no First Vice District Governor this year, we have had to again consult the District Constitution and By-Laws to determine the proper procedure for filling the office of District Governor ne for the 202-2023 Lions year. PID Esther LaMothe is advising us on the process. ZC Kelly Lubbe will fill out the nominating forms to apply for First Vice District Governor to complete the rest of this Lions Year. CT Annette Hemeryck will apply for Second Vice District Governor to complete the rest of this year. According to the Constitution and By-Laws the PDGs and current DG then meet with the candidates to affirm or deny their nominations. If approved, the positions would be effective for the rest of this Lions year, and then Kelly would follow the nomination process for District Governor for 2022-2023 and Annette would do the same for First Vice District Governor. They would then be on the ballot to be voted on at the District Convention April 30. We would like to thank these dedicated Lions for their willingness to step up and fill these positions.

Zone Chair Reports: We received written Zone Chair Reports from ZC Kelly Lubbe, ZC Stan Masters, ZC Nancy Hill, and ZC Bryan Cook. We also received the Childhood Cancer Committee report from PDG Roberta Sexton, the Hearing and Speech Committee report from Peg Griggs, and GLT Roger Bosse sent reports for Leadership as well as Winter Camp and Sight Conservation. All reports were emailed to the cabinet. ZC Nancy Hill reminded everyone of the Joint Zone Meeting scheduled for January 29, 2022. There will be training on Kidsight, how to work the Spot camera and certification, which is now required.

Governor Overview/Goals Update:

- LCIF 100% donation by clubs
- Service hours reported for all clubs in the next two weeks
- Certificates for “When a Lion Dies” printed, signed, and delivered to Zone Chairs so they can fill in the name when the certificate is needed.
- Increase membership. One idea is to contact township offices and ask, “Do you know what Lions do?”
- Keep a positive attitude.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ray, Cabinet Secretary