

11B-1 CABINET MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2021 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm

ZOOM Meeting

District 11B-1 Cabinet in attendance: DG David Anderson, VDG Terri Huffman, IPDG Michael Scott, CT Anita Hoyt, CS Barbara Ray, ZC Alex Teska, ZC Samantha Browning, ZC Kelly Lubbe, ZC Nancy Hill, ZC Chris Lake, ZC Bryan Cook

Lions in attendance: PID Esther LaMothe, PDG Terry Walters, PDG Roberta Sexton, Sharon Thomas, Teresa Gest, Curtis Cheatum

CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm: DG David Anderson

OPENING

- Invocation: Curtis Cheatum
- Pledge of Allegiance: VDG Terri Huffman

SECRETARY'S REPORT: All written reports submitted by Zone and Committee Chairs and the minutes from our November 22 meeting were sent to the Cabinet Members prior to the meeting. **BOARD**

ACTION: ZC Nancy Hill moved to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2020 meeting. ZC Samantha Browning seconded the motion. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: CT Anita Hoyt reviewed the treasurer's report, expressing concern about the clubs that still owe dues to LCI. DG Dave Anderson will follow-up with those clubs. **BOARD ACTION:** ZC Bryan Cook moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, VDG Terri Huffman seconded the motion. Motion approved.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM REPORTS:

Global Service Chair Louvenia Shack-Seals: The Quest South East Jackson Lions Club is planning a city-wide celebration of love for people who have lost loved ones to Covid. It will be held outdoors in late summer or early fall at Ella Sharp Park to say good-bye to all the people we have lost.

DG Dave Anderson described the Lions Portal System and pointed out that all members can report service. It is important for all clubs to report their service activities. Welfare checks on fellow Lions should be reported as service. Only 42% of our clubs are currently reporting service activities, but we have still reported 48,178 people served since July 1, and 254 service activities. We have raised \$89,928 and donated \$85,080.

DG Dave also stressed the importance of following all the covid safety guidelines, not only to keep our members safe but to avoid any potential for fines or bad publicity.

Global Leadership Chair IPDG Michael Scott: IPDG Mike will be working with VDG Terri to make plans for training the new officers for the 2021-2022 Lions Year. There is also training available on the e-club website.

Global Membership Chair VDG Terri Huffman: The North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) committee has completed the orientation video for both new and potential members. It will be available soon. They received a \$500 grant from NAMI to print and distribute a revised version of the brochure "What the Heck is a Tail Twister." VDG Terri hopes to have the new roster available early this next Lions Year. Our district now has 1022 members. We have lost 61 members so far.

VDG Terri recently worked with LCIF to complete a video describing how we used the diabetes grant our district received and she just completed another similar video for the United Nations Lions Day.

ZONE CHAIR REPORTS:

- ZC Samantha Browning: Verbal report covering North Jackson, Michigan Center Lioness Lions, Michigan Center and the Eyeopeners. Sam reported that North Jackson was meeting outside until November but has not been meeting since then. They hope to start meeting again in April and are working on nominations for 2021-2022 officers. The Eyeopeners have been meeting on ZOOM and will be electing their new officers on April 8. They presented a Charles Weir Fellowship to Lion Carole Briggs. They will be inducting a new member in April. The Michigan Center Lioness Lions have been meeting on Zoom. They worked on a joint fundraiser with the Michigan Center Lions in December. Sam has not been able to reach anyone at the Michigan Center Club.
- ZC Alex Teska: Verbal report covering Ann Arbor Evening, Ann Arbor Host, Huron Valley Sunrise and the University of Michigan clubs. The Ann Arbor Evening club has just 7 members but has been meeting and is working on new officers for next year. The Ann Arbor Host Club has 47 members and is doing well. Huron Valley has been meeting on Zoom and is much more active than they were previously, working with their guiding Lion, Richard Westbury. Alex has not been able to reach the U of M club, but DG Dave met with their President and Treasurer recently on Zoom, and they worked out a lot of issues. They are now planning to expand and should be a strong club going forward.
- ZC Bryan Cook submitted a written report for Battle Creek Cereal City, Battle Creek Host, Bedford Area, Marshall and Pennfield.
- ZC Nancy Hill submitted a written report for Concord, Hanover-Horton, Parma Spring Arbor and Vandercook Lake. They are planning to have a garage sale over Memorial Day weekend. They plan to participate in the car show at Vandercook Lake park on July 17. Plans are being made to hold the Banner Exchange there on July 17 if possible.
- ZC Kelly Lubbe submitted a written report for the Jackson County Professional Virtual Club, the Jackson Lions Diabetes Service Club, and the Quest South East Jackson Club.
- ZC Chris Lake submitted a verbal report for Grass Lake, Jackson Cascades, Jackson Host, and the Manchester club. The Jackson Host Club and the Jackson Cascades Clubs are both meeting in person again. The Host club is planning White Cane for 2 or 3 spots in Jackson. The Manchester club is operating a resale store as a service project for the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- PDG Roberta Sexton submitted written reports for the Childhood Cancer Committee, the Golden Angels Project and the Mott Hospital Back Pack Project. **BOARD ACTION:** VDG Terri Huffman motioned we support the Golden Angels Project with \$500. PDG Mike Scott seconded the

motion and it passed. **BOARD ACTION:** VDG Terri Huffman motioned we support the Mott Hospital Backpack Project with \$1000. PDG Mike Scott seconded the motion and it passed.

- Amy Shepherd submitted written reports for the Children Services Committee and the Reading Action Committee.
- Peg Griggs submitted written reports for the Hearing Awareness Committee and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Picnic.
- Roger Bosse submitted written reports for Winter Camp for the Blind and the Sight Conservation Committee.
- Kelly Lubbe reported on LCIF activities. KidSight has been closed due to COVID but will get started again on June 1. There will be training on ZOOM for the new procedures that will be in place. Kelly emphasized that all Lions need to help fund LCIF with donations. PID Esther LaMothe pointed out that our district has met 37% of our commitment for donations, and that individuals as well as clubs can donate.
- Alex Teska reported that the Eversight staff has been working from home, but work has been continuing on their garden. The garden will be open for tours later this Spring.

FINAL REMARKS:

DG Dave Anderson pointed out that Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world. We are changing the world and it's not being reported enough. Sharing the news of our service activities not only motivates our current members but also encourages new members to join us.

DG Dave described the "100 Miles for Hope" virtual fundraiser by the American Legion Foundation. He has committed to running 1500 miles and invites us to sponsor him. We will receive more information about this soon. The fundraiser will support the American Legion Foundation Children's Fund and will continue until September 6.

DG Dave also described a tree planting project started by Lion Ellie Rogers of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club. She plans to plant 100,000 trees before she dies, and Dave has offered to help by getting his Conservation Club to plant 1500 trees as part of one of their projects. Lions District 11D1 and 11B1 are now both working on this project.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Ray, Cabinet Secretary

