

## 11B-1 CABINET MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2020 1:00 pm to 3:40 pm

ZOOM Conference Call

**District 11B-1 Cabinet in attendance:** VDG Terri Huffman, GLT/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

**Non-Voting Cabinet Member in attendance:** Louvenia Shack-Seals

**Lions:** PID Esther LaMothe, PDG Dave Hill, PDG Roberta Sexton, PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser, PDG Vicki Lautzenheiser, PDG Terry Walters, Harriet Spriggs, Roger Bosse, Connie Neese, Christine Jackson, Stan Masters, Elizabeth Raleigh, Donna (Kay) Smith, James Smith.

**CALL TO ORDER 1 pm:** VDG Terri Huffman

### OPENING

- Moment of Gratitude: ZC Nancy Hill
- Pledge of Allegiance: ZC Nancy Hill
- Additions to Agenda: VDG Terri Huffman

**DISTRICT UPDATE:** VDG Terri Huffman reported that DG Dave Anderson is home from the hospital, and is continuing to improve. She asks us to keep him and his family in our prayers as he continues his fight against Covid-19. DG Dave has requested that we hold this cabinet meeting in his absence.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** **BOARD ACTION:** IPDG Michael Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2020 Cabinet Meeting. CT Anita Hoyt seconded the motion. Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Reports of our Activities Account, Administrative Account and the Parade of Checks were sent out to the cabinet by email. CT Anita Hoyt pointed out that 21 clubs participated in the Parade of Checks, and over \$20,000 was contributed to date.

**Discussion:** IPDG Michael Scott expressed concern that the Administrative Account showed that the Expense Reimbursement for the VDG line item was already over budget. **ACTION ITEM:** IPDG Mike, VDG Terri and CT Anita will meet to review these expenses and make adjustments if necessary.

**BOARD ACTION:** CS Barb Ray made a motion to approve the treasurer's report per audit. Seconded by IPDG Michael Scott. Approved.

**ZONE CHAIR REPORTS** (3 minutes each)

- ZC Nancy Hill: Written report provided covering Concord, Hanover Horton Area, Parma Spring Arbor and Vandercook Lake Clubs.

**Discussion:** Clubs are having difficulty meeting in person because of Covid. More clubs could take advantage of Zoom meetings. The District has a Zoom account that members can use by contacting IPDG Mike. ZC Alex Teska pointed out that Eversight also has a Zoom account that clubs can use by contacting her. PID Esther remarked that it is important to provide members with training, and letting them know they can use a Smart Phone or even a land line phone to participate in a Zoom conference call.

- ZC Bryan Cook: written report provided covering Battle Creek Host, Bedford Area, Marshall and Pennfield.

**Discussion:** It has been verbally reported that 14 members of the Bedford Lioness club joined the Bedford Lions Club when their Lioness club closed. However, their names do not appear on the LCI website as members of the Bedford Lions Club. Therefore, the Bedford Lions Club is not showing a gain in membership. **ACTION ITEM:** PDG Mike will follow up.

- ZC Alex Teska: Verbal report covering Ann Arbor Evening, Ann Arbor Host, Huron Valley Sunrise and University of Michigan. Huron Valley currently has just 7 members. Richard Westbury is their Guiding Lion, and will be contacted about helping them. The Ann Arbor Evening club is also small, but are meeting, and are planning to distributing Thanksgiving Baskets. The Ann Arbor Host club is actively meeting and involved in many service projects. The University of Michigan club is planning a “Fireside Chat”.
- ZC Chris Lake: Verbal report for Grass Lake, Jackson Cascades, Jackson Host and Manchester. The Manchester club is continuing to meet in person, and is considering opening a resale store. The Cascades and Host clubs are both selling nuts. The Host club is setting up a “hot line” for members who need a ride to meetings, and is also doing phone visits with members.
- ZC Samantha Browning: Verbal report for North Jackson, Michigan Center and the Eyeopeners. The North Jackson club was meeting outside this summer and fall, the Michigan Center Club has not been meeting. The Eyeopeners are meeting regularly in person and on Zoom, and are selling wreaths and garlands.
- ZC Kelly Lubbe: Written report for Jackson County Professional Virtual, Jackson Lions Diabetes Service and Quest South East Jackson Lions Clubs. The Quest SE Jackson club has been especially busy with food distribution, providing rides for people to vote, making lap blankets for the John George Home and many other projects. The Professional Virtual club has partnered with the Red Cross to host a blood drive, and with other clubs to provide mints to the hospital. They plan to take Christmas cards to nursing homes.

- ZC Jennifer Stowell: Verbal report for Albion, Branch Area, Homer and Tekonsha Lions Clubs. The Tekonsha club is meeting via Zoom. Branch Area Club involved in many diabetes related projects. No response from Homer club.

## GLOBAL ACTION TEAM REPORTS

**Global Service Chair Louvenia Shack-Seals:** The committee participated in a Zoom meeting, delivered masks to schools, plans to participate in the Salvation Army Red Kettle program, and made donations to the YMCA. Suggestion made to use FaceBook to ask for donations and to ask for suggestions on what is needed the most.

**Global Membership Chair VDG Terri Huffman:** Written report provided. Our district currently has 1072 members. The North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) is meeting weekly and is working on a district Lions membership power point that can be used with both current and new members. It will be available to all clubs. There are reports that the Munith club is closing on November 21. Some of their members are looking for other clubs to join.

**Global Leadership Chair IPDG Michael Scott:** See Mike for information about all the kinds of training that are available.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **LMF PDG Dave Hill:** Written report provided. Highlights included Lions Candy starter kits now available for clubs not yet using them. The LMF Hearing Care calendar fundraiser has begun. The foundation will honor those selected for the Michigan Lions Hall of Fame this year at an August 2021 dinner. The Foundation will not be accepting new applications for this year.
- **Bear Lake Camp PDG Dave Hill:** Written report provided. They are working hard to have camps ready for 2021. A flyer is being prepared outlining activities that will be available.
- **Leader Dog PDG Dave Hill:** Written report provided. Virtual club visits are available. Contact Dave to schedule a visit for your club.
- **LCIF Kelly Lubbe:** Written report provided. Campaign 100 goal: \$207,303, Actual \$72,998, Need \$134,305 to reach goal. All Lions need to participate.
- **Winter Camp Roger Bosse:** Written report provided. Plans for Virtual Camp this year. Need \$20 gift cards for prizes. Mail your contributions to Roger Bosse.
- **Childhood Cancer PDG Bert Sexton:** They were not able to take the hats and blankets to the hospitals because of Covid, but the committee has been able to deliver hats to children in need, and also lap robes to nursing homes. They are still working with Lakeland Prison and plan to take more yarn there in December.

- **Leos PDG Terry Walters:** There will be a virtual “Leo Chat” on Wednesday, December 2 from 7pm to 8pm. Young people who are not Leo’s are encouraged to also attend to learn more about Leos. See Terry for more information.

## **FINAL COMMENTS**

VDG Terri and CT Anita reported that four clubs have not identified officers for 2020, and five clubs are behind in paying their dues.

IPDG Michael explained that the Michigan Forum in February will be 100% virtual, with some pre-recorded presentations and some live. Speakers will be brought in from other areas. The Key Note Speaker will be Dan Elkins discussing how to motivate and bring in younger members.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.