**Lions District 11 B1 Fall Conference**

**Minutes** – October 13, 2018

Sandstone Congregational Church

250 S. Sandstone Road

Parma, MI 49269

8:30 – 9:00am: Social/Snack/Project set-up time

Call to order: 9:00am: DG Roger Spriggs

MC–1st VDG Michael Scott, Jr.

Posting of the Colors: MI Youth Challenge Academy

Invocation: Chaplain Arthur Turner

Pledge of Allegiance: 1st VDG Michael Scott, Jr.

Opening Songs – District Song Leader: Lion Jim Baum

District Tail Twister (watch your step): Lion Chris Lake

Welcome & Introductions: 1st VDG Michael Scott, Jr.

**PID Esther LaMothe 2013-2015 IPCC Peggy Allen 2017-2018 CC Barry Allen 2018-2019**

Past District Governor’s (in order of tenure in attendance)

Lowell Maxson 1988-1989 Robert Chrisman 2007-2008

Ron Quada 1991-1992 Roberta Sexton 2008-2009

Suzanne Maxson 1994-1995 Barbara Triechel 2010-2011

Clem Ruiz 1996-1997 Richard Dettling 2012-2013

Gary Babcock 1999-2000 Barry R. Allen 2013-2014

Esther LaMothe 2001-2002 Peggy Allen 2015-2016

Vicki Ruiz 2002-2003 David Hill 2016-2017

Craig Bishop 2005-2006 LuAnne Bullington 2017-18

District Projects Representatives attending today:

All State Band (PDG Vicki Ruiz, Chair) Spoke about the cost ($4300.00) for travel to Milan per each band member and how much the students need our individual club’s financial support. She also asked the Zone Chairs to try to get the information to the Band Directors. Next week starts the auditions, but the students can send in taped auditions until December 1st.

Bear Lake Camp (Dennis Tomkins, Director) Talked about the new camp they are adding to the summer program – Camp Quality Cancer…. I believe Dennis said it is for the siblings of Cancer Victims. For 2018 there were 472 camper in the various programs. Dennis also mentioned that our Michigan Center Lions Club donated $7,000.00 toward the camp’s water park.

Braille Transcribing (No rep, read written report)

Children Services (Amy Shepherd, Chair) We are planning to purchase Scholastic Books again this year. Our committee is still discussing how we will distribute the books based on community need and club feedback from last year.

Diabetes Awareness (Terri Huffman) Lion Terri spoke about the DAD grant; 6 Lions children and 1 non-Lion child going to camp this summer. She stated that she would like to get a Strides Banner to help with fundraisers etc.

Eversight (Alex Hicks, Director) Michigan has been removed from the name. Alex talked about the two newest was to contribute: Sight Leader banner patch – Each year contribute at least $3,000.00 and cover the transplantation expenses for someone in need; or Sight Supporter pin – by contributing $500.00 to $2,999.00 every year. A plus 56% of Americans are registered eye, organ and tissue donors.

Leader Dogs for the Blind (Beth Slade) Asked clubs and Lions to visit the project for there is so much to see. This past year 200 dogs have been paired up with new owners. Over 100 blind have received cane training.

Lions of MI Service Foundation (Richard Dettling, President) Talked about the men that founded the Foundation and why it was founded in the first place. He discussed the three levels of Fellowships Noel $1,000, Helen Keller $750.00 and Ken Lautzenheiser $500.00; $20 Calendars; Hall of Fame; and Committees.

MYCA (Peggy Allen, Chair) I introduced the four Cadets and handed over the mic to them. They explained

the levels of achievement and benefits that come from each level. Each Cadet talked about their future and where they are going once Camp is completed. They each thanked us for the district support.

Paws with a Cause (Mary Blain and dog Wallace) Celebrating 40th Anniversary in 2019.

Penrickton Center for Blind Children (Kurt Sebaly, Director) Kurt talked about the kid’s field trip to the Toledo Zoo and about bringing in the horse for the kids to ride; and the Wild Animal Safari – they brought in an alligator, tortoise, armadillo, skunk and woodchuck. He thank us all for our donations to Penrickton Center.

Kidsight (Barry Allen, Spot Chair) 100 Campaign world wide $300,000,000 fundraiser. More information will be coming soon. We have found that only 2% of Lion members personally donate towards LCIF, with many thinking they must donate $1000 towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. LCIF will accept amounts of $20, $50, or $100 donations, all of which can go towards a Fellowship.

Radio Reading Services (Arthur Turner) Art explain that volunteers from C-2 read five newspapers daily to the blind, including the ads. He showed one of the free radios to the blind, offered by Radio Reading Services and showed how simple it is to work.

Winter Camp (DG Roger Spriggs) Camp is February 1-3, 2019. Starting in 2017 an all-out push to increase donations and improve exposure. Brochures were distributed, photo board made and a video put together by Lion Jerry Mackey. This year we are saving transportation cost thanks to the Pennfield Lions Club for the use of their school busses instead of paying Dean Transportation.

Youth Exchange (Peggy Allen) Explaining the need for host families in 11 B1. I only have one student taking advantage of the cultural exchange right now for 2019 and that is Leo Mirabelle Peter. Barry and I hosted five youth from Japan during August and September 2018. Barry and I did a Youth Exchange Program for the Clarklake Lions Club on September 25th.

Keynote Speaker: Leo Mirabelle Peter

Leo Mirabelle gave a wonderful slide show narrative presentation of her four weeks 2018 Lions Youth Exchange to Finland. Upon arrival in Helsinki she met her exchange sister from Hong Kong- Natalie. They had two pre-camp Host Families for 18 days before attending camp. Mirabelle took questions and answered each and every one with enthusiasm. At the end she thanked all the clubs for the financial support to make this exchange happen and then told her audience that she is planning on going again next summer to a less developed country to see how the less fortunate live.

(Mirabelle Peter, her Thank You to the clubs will be added to the end of these minutes for your reading pleasure.)

District Recognition/Awards: IPDG LuAnne Bullington/

DG Club and Personal Award of Merit 2017-2018 DG Roger Spriggs

**Clubs** **Personal** **Personal**

Ann Arbor Host Peg Griggs Carol Downton

Battle Creek Cereal City Lora Durhan Linda Evans

Blissfield Area Amy Shepherd Jim Baum

Dexter Richard Westbury Roger Bosse

Jackson Eyeopener Michael Conklin Sandra Determann

Manchester Roger Spriggs Pat Stiff

Napoleon Muriel Walters Dick Saxton

North Jackson Terri Huffman Michael Scott, Jr.

**Personal** Charles Sinclair David Anderson

Richard Davis Chris Lake Marti Willard

Barry Allen Dennis Lautzenheiser Vicki Lautzenheiser

Peggy Allen Lisa Chisnell Lorraine Lindsey

Siobhan Gorman Nancy Loudin Don Rose

Spark Plug Banner Patch Award: DG Roger Spriggs

for 5% member growth 2017-2018 Peggy Allen, CS

Dexter 42.22%

Marshall 42.11%

Vandercook Lake 19.72%

Michigan Center 12.90%

Grass Lake 9.09%

Battle Creek Cereal City 6.45%

North Adams 5.88%

Jackson Cascades 5.00%

50/50 drawing: 3 x $65.00

1st winner Lion Michele Biondolillo (Jackson Eyeopeners),

2nd winner VDG Michael Scott, Jr. (Dexter),

3rd winner Lion John Krienke (Ann Arbor Host).

The other half went to the Parma-Spring Arbor Lions Club for Hosting the Fall Conference.

Closing remarks: 1st VDG Michael Scott, Jr./

Thank You Dawn Food’s for all the desserts. DG Roger Spriggs

Thank You Project Representatives for attending.

Thank You Leo Mirabelle Peter for attending and speaking.

Thank You Youth Challenge Academy for attending and posting colors.

Lunch is ready to be served- Thank You Parma-Spring Arbor for cooking.

Fall Conference adjourned at 11:35am 1st VDG Michael Scott Jr.

Lunch served: 11:35-12:40pm.

Peggy Allen, CS

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10/14/2018