

May 28, 2020

To: CS Amy Shepherd

From: ZC Roger Bosse Chair R3Z1

Report to District 11B-1 Cabinet

Training for Zone Chairs: I participated in the Zone Chair training organized by PDG/GLT Bert Sexton on Feb. 1, 2020. A very enjoyable experience, and done on a team basis, and a discussion format. DG Mike Scott, and other participated to help the zone chairs get a better idea of their duties. PDG Bert assembled an excellent training resource.

Zone Advisory Board Meeting – Held Feb. 27, 2020 @ the Coney Island Café – Battle Creek

Good attendance at meeting, with representatives from Cereal City, Host, Pennfield, Bedford Area Lions and Lioness present. Lion Diane Wehby presented a program on MyLion and the importance of reporting service to LCI through the MyLion app. Clubs gave reports on activities and all clubs thanked for their contributions to the recently held Winter Camp for the Blind. Plans moving forward were to share club activities throughout the zone, so that we can support each other in projects and fundraisers. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, most clubs had to cancel planned activities, so this was not possible. In terms of suggestions for more support, notifications sent to clubs should also include the president, and not just the secretary, or at least add them to email communications for better coverage of the information.

We were planning a third zone meeting for the Month of May, but due to the pandemic and Stay at Home orders, we have not planned this, and not a lot of people have shown an interest in a Zoom meeting format.

Club Visits and Activities 2020

Please note that due to the pandemic, and the age of members, there has not been much activity since the March 16 Shutdown and Stay at Home orders, as well as restrictions on meeting size.

Battle Creek Host Lions – 1/7/2020 See Cabinet Report 2/01/2020

1. Current Membership @15 with a net growth of 1 or 6.7% increase.
2. Lions Extra Newspaper – Finally printed by our February zone meeting. They had major issues with the printing of this paper, their primary fundraiser. Looking at a new publisher for next year, or finding a new project. This paper has been in publication for 70+ years
3. Host Club lost one member (Burley Plunkett) due to death during the pandemic. Only private services held.
4. The Host Club is dealing with members illness, and the restrictions on meeting, as they meet in an extended care facility, most of which are closed to non-employees.
5. Host Club actively participated in Lions Winter Camp for the Blind, but Activities planned for Spring and Summer have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.
6. Older members, but very experienced; active in the district with Peace Poster, Leadership seminars for Forum; community projects such as Halloween party and Christmas Families.

Pennfield Lions Club – 02/05/2020 (status as of May 2020)

1. Current membership @ 46 (May 2020 Club Health Report) for net growth of 4, and a 9.52% increase.
2. Packed food boxes and gifts for 35 needy families in the Pennfield – in conjunction with local High School students. Also rang bell for Salvation Army
3. Actively participated in Winter Camp for the Blind – serving breakfast on Friday and Saturday, and Lion John Koerner (Winter Camp committee member) was present for the weekend and arranged and helped with outdoor activities
4. Interest in a Leo Club for Pennfield Schools – Have sent information from LCI – When Lions can meet again, probably at the start of next year, we should get a Leo or current Leo sponsor to speak to their club about

formation of a new club. Past President is retired from and new member is currently superintendent at Pennfield Schools.

Bedford Area Lions/Lioness – October 1, 2019 – see Cabinet report 02/01/2020 for report

1. Current Membership @10 for Lions. This is a net -1 and a decrease of 9%. They had a transfer member from Branch Lions – Steve Remsig, but due to the pandemic, they may or may not have inducted him or if LCI has caught up. The Elsa Lioness Club has 20+ members.
2. Collected prizes for Winter Camp Bingo and ran the Bingo activity, as well as general volunteer help for the Camp.
3. All activities and meetings cancelled after their March meeting due to the pandemic. Several members have health issues, which may hinder them meeting when restrictions are lifted, but they are anticipating getting going again.
4. PDG Bert visited with the Elsa Lioness Club in Mid-February to discuss transition to Lions. They were set to vote on the initiative at their March meeting, which cancelled due to the pandemic. Decision on hold until they are able to meet. There is interest for some to transfer over, but not all members (mostly due to age) may not make the switch. I have indicated that the district and Zone will support them in whatever direction they decide to go.

Battle Creek Cereal City – 01/22/2020 see 02/01/2020 report

1. Membership@32 (May 2020 Health assessment report for a net loss of 4 members or 10.81%.) We have a new member not reflected yet, but we lost 3 members due to death (Larry Shouldice, Bill Butler, and Patricia Stiff) in the last year. WALD certificates presented to the families of these dedicated Lions. 2 member drops for personal reasons. We have another potential member in the wings.
2. Service activities/fundraisers since last Cabinet Report
 - a. Successful Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser Feb. 13. Over \$3000 raised to assist purchase of a Matt Connect portable reader for local visually impaired students. Partner with CISD to facilitate the purchase.
 - b. Club participated in Winter Camp for Transportation help, Cane Repair, and Administration responsibilities.
 - c. In March/April, Cereal City donated \$1000 each to South Michigan Food Bank, Charitable Union, and Oversight in lieu of the needs due to the Pandemic.
3. Leadership/Forums Participation/visitations – All training cancelled by the district, but links to online training, webinars, and symposium sent to members with internet access.
4. Virtual Activity – the Cereal City club has utilized Zoom to have Club committee, board, and member meetings in the month of April and May. This has worked well for us so far, but has excluded some who are not technology enabled.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Roger Bosse

Zone Chair Region 3 Zone 1