

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 5SW BUSINESS MEETING

SD State Lions Convention, January 19, 2019

- Business meeting called to order by District Governor Bea Gifford. Pledge of allegiance waived as we have done that today, already. A moment of silence was observed. DG Bea welcomed everyone to the Business Meeting.
- DG Bea introduced our Guests: ID Nick Xinopolous and spouse, Lion Gretchen, CC Keith Zuetschel.
- Agenda: Additions: None.
- Roll Call of Clubs attending showed 13 Clubs present with 31 voting delegates. 36 Lions Club Members and 3 Guests attended the session.
- SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes of the Annual District 5SW Business meeting held in October in Hill City were emailed to Cabinet Members and Club Officers in October and again recently. Copies were made available for today's meeting. DG Bea asked for corrections or additions. Motion by Lion James Treloar, second by PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- TREASURER REPORT: Lion Richard Waits handed out 3 reports and statements. The Budget was presented with some general comments. Lion Richard informed the Lions that the Statement for the 2nd half of this year's dues was recently mailed to Club Treasurers. Lion Richard informed the attendees that NO Clubs have sent any money in for the Leonardo Fund. Lion Richard stated that at least one Club has received an unsolicited Income Tax Preparation solicitation. Lion Richard stated that there are some tax preparation Vendors who contact non profits and offer to do their Income Tax report for them, at a cost. Lion Richard stated that most Clubs can file the form 990N themselves at no cost. Motion by PDG Charles Edwards to approve the Treasurers report and file it for audit, second by PDG Doug Scheller. Motion carried.
- DISTRICT GOVERNORS REPORT:

District Governor Bea started by telling the Lions that the most important part of her report is that the Club Visits are a wonderful opportunity to see what is being done in these Communities and that these visits are such a big honor for her, one that she has enjoyed so much. She is emphasizing to the Club Members that "if they don't do a certain project in their Community, then who is going to do it". She noted that her

efforts to organize a Lions Club within a Business in Rapid City is not going well. She has learned that it is hard to get an appointment with the local Manager or Spokesperson. On the upcoming MD5 Youth Exchange Camp in 2021 in MD5, she has been told that the Storm Mountain Methodist Youth Camp is available. Exact date has not been nailed down, but will be in July of that year. She is hoping to get a contract signed very soon. Lion Nathan Chicoine is the Committee Chairperson. DG Bea encourages All of the 5SW Clubs to consider sponsoring a youth to the Camp. She reported that Her District Leadership Team has met twice during the Fall months to discuss items and issues. She informed the Lions that 30% of our Members are Female. Not bad, but that could be higher as the women population in the US is over 50%. She Thanked all of the current Cabinet Members who volunteered to work with her this year. She also thanked her right hand man, her husband, driver, mentor and hard worker, Lion Ken.

- CABINET COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

DGE Linda Vollmer began with "IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LION, RIGHT?"

GLOBAL SERVICE: Team Leader PDG Tim Brown talked about a relatively New Service Project of collecting used prescription bottles. These are used by the organization "Drs. Without Borders" to dispense prescriptions while they are in Third World Countries. Without them, most of the people simply wrap pills up in a napkin or just put them into their pockets. He reminds Clubs that the metal can pop tops can be collected and given to the Ronald McDonald House organization. He noted that there are many rather simple ways of Serving those who are in need. He stressed the importance of Clubs reporting their Service Projects to Lions International and to the Cabinet Secretary.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP: Chairperson PCC Ken Wetz reported that the District Membership is going in the wrong direction. Our membership on July 1 was 806. Our Membership on December 31 was 763. 21 New Lions were added, BUT, 64 Lions were dropped giving us a net loss of 43. We all need to see who we can invite to join us. He noted that, if we don't get this situation turned around, a dues increase is inevitable. It will be a lot better if we just get some new Members.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP: Chairperson PDG Doug Scheller is the District Chairperson as well as the MD5 Committee Chairperson. He reported that he has been and continues to working on Vice District Governor Training.

WEB MASTER: PDG Ted Pukas reported that he has nothing new to add. He just wants to remind Lions to send him pictures and information on their Club activities.

DGE Lion Linda Vollmer wrapped her reports up with 'SO LIONS, LETS GET TO WORK'.

SERVICE COMMITTEE:

1st VDE Richard Waits gave the following reports:

LEADER DOG: Lion Donna Wetz reported that 16 Lions Clubs and 1 Leo Club from SW have made a contribution for operating expenses at Leader Dog. The donations have added up to \$4468.

ENVIRONMENT: Chairperson Lion Ken Miller reported that the tour that he lined up to the Sanford Lab and the Neutrino Experiment last October was well received with several Lions attending. He is looking for suggestions on what and where to tour this Fall. His contact info is in the Club Directory.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & NEWSLETTER: Separate report later.

REGION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Lion James Treloar Thanks all of the Zone Chairs for there work. He has talked with all of them thru the year about what is going on in their Zones and where the problems may be. He reported that Lion Ron Bunnell recently conducted a Zone Meeting and invited PCC Lion Ken Wetz to conduct the Guiding Lion Training. Lion Jim informed the group that he will be the person who will be putting next years Club Directory together. He is asking Officers to provide their Zone Chairs with current and accurate information, ie, phone numbers. Information needed are the names of next years President and Secretary and their respective spouses or significant other.

REPEAT: And current and accurate phone numbers and addresses.

OLD BUSINESS:

WISCONSIN LIONS MISSION TO PINE RIDGE: District Governor Bea gave a detailed report on this project at the Cabinet Meeting yesterday. As a summary, the Wisconsin Lions Foundation approached the SD Lions Foundation to work together on doing eye screenings at Schools around Pine Ridge and including providing glasses, where needed. DG Bea asked Lions Jan & Tom Endes of the White River Lions Club to be the local contacts for District 5SW. The screenings were done last Fall and glasses will be delivered this Winter. Lion Jan stated that the screenings went well and that the Wisconsin group is also working on building or remodeling homes on the Reservation.

NEW BUSINESS:

a.) Election for SD Lions Foundation Board Members: 2 seats are open. James Treloar and Ashley Burkhead were nominated. Motion by PID Robert Drabek that nominations cease and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. Second by PDD Ken Wetz. Motion carried.

b.) Election for Dakota Lions Sight & Health Board Member: Lions who are interested in serving had an earlier deadline to notify the Sight & Health Board of their intent to run. As no one filed their intent to run, the Board will appoint someone who expresses an interest in serving. Lion Richard Waits stated that Lion Stan Hohn of the RC Rushmore Club is interested in being appointed. Motion by Lion Frances Waits that District 5SW endorse Lion Hohn for the open position, second by Lion Robert Lowrey. Motion carried. This information will be shared with the Sight & Health Board Chairperson, Lion Colin Keeler.

c.) Lions Day at the Capital: NOTE: The SD Lions Foundation is hosting a Legislative Lions Day at the SD State Capitol on March 6th. Foundation CEO Jennifer Siggette encourages Lions Clubs to join the Board and Staff for the event. She encourages Lions to bring their Club Banners for display. Clubs will need to bring their pole for hanging the banner.

International Director comments: ID Nick Xinopolous thanked the SD Lions for the invitation to attend our State Convention. He deferred his comments until this evenings Banquet.

DG Bea presented some recognitions and an award. She recognized the Hill City Lions Club for receiving the 2017-2018 Club Excellence Award from Lions International. Several Lions Club Members qualified as Guiding Lions and DG Bea presented them Lions International Certificates. They were Lions Robert Lowrey, Ron Bunnell, James Treloar, Stan Hohn, 2nd VDG Richard Waits, PDG Ken Gifford and PDG Doug Scheller.

Upcoming Events:

2019 MD5 Convention, May 23-25, Price Albert, Sask.

2019 Lions International Convention, July 5-9, Milan, Italy

2019 Fall Rally, October 4-5, Mobridge

2019 USA/CANADA Forum, Sept 19-21, Spokane, Wa.

2019 Fall Forum, September 28, Sioux Falls

2020 State Convention, Jan 17-18, Watertown

There being no further business, DG Bea declared the meeting adjourned.

Lion Neil Vollmer

District Cabinet Secretary