

MINUTES

26-M1 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Patton, MO

ATTENDEES

NAME	CLUB	TITLE	NAME	CLUB	TITLE
Lion Bob Wilson	Dixon	DG	IPDG Lion Don Shelhammer	Houston	Com Chair
Lion John Preston	Patton	1 st VDG	Lion Scott Sattler	Perryville	Zone Chair
Lion Reta House	West Plains	2 nd VDG	PDG Lion Jim Miller	Farmington	Club Pres
PDG Lion Lisa Clinton	Ft. Leonard Wood	GLT	Lion Garland Abernathy	Farmington	Club Sec
PDG Lion Chris Clinton	Rolla	Com Chair	Lion Johnny Dell	Malden	Club Pres
Lion Rodney McConnell	Sikeston	GMT	PDG Lion Lana Wilson	Dixon	Com Chair
PCC Lion Eric Fenton	Cape Evening	Com Chair	PDG Lion Murray Dunn	Patton	PDG
PDG Lion Judy Fenton	Cape Evening	Member	Lion Jerry Reaves	Malden	Com Chair
Lion Dave Baldwin	Cape Evening	Cab. Sec.	Lion Marilyn Reaves	Malden	Zone Chair
Lion Jack Rhodes	Patton	Member	Lion Glenn Pusey	Farmington	Club Treas
PDG Lion Tom Steinbach	NWTC	Com Chair	PDG Marshall James	Farmington	Club VP
Lion Charlotte Williams	NWTC	Com Chair	Lion Steve Tidwell	Fredericktown	Club Sec
Lion Larry Bollinger	Patton	Member			
Lion Bob Fulton	Patton	Member			
Lion Bill Fulton	Patton	Member			

CALL TO ORDER

DG Lion Bob Wilson calls the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1st VDG Lion John Preston leads the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

AMERICA (First Verse)

DG Lion Bob Wilson leads the group in song.

INVOCATION

Lion Jerry Reaves offers prayer.

APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER

1st VDG Lion John Preston nominates PDG Lion Marshall James as Tail Twister. His nomination is approved.

INTRODUCTIONS

All of those present stand and introduce themselves.

OPENING ADDRESS

DG Lion Bob Wilson thanks everyone for coming today and the Patton Lions for all the work they've done hosting today's Cabinet Meeting. In looking up some information regarding Patton, he found the Post Office opened in 1874 back when people played music and danced into the late night every weekend. It was said that when the musicians began to tire, the crowd was encouraged to keep on pattiin' their hands. He also saw that recently the Boys Basketball team had set a record shooting 3 pointers during one game. Edward Capehart O'Kelly is from Patton, the man who killed Robert Ford, who killed Jesse James.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Baldwin reports the minutes from the August 6 District Cabinet Meeting held in Malden. Minutes stand approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Wendy Williams submits a report highlighting:

- Addition of GLT/GMT mileage to the budget
- The handed out Budget consists of deposits from dues, license plates, Diabetes Awareness donation and withdrawals for the payment of State Dues and mileage for Region and 2VDG.
- Clubs who not paid include Licking, Bloomfield, van Buren, Winona, Arcadia Valley and Wardell (they sent in an unsigned check by accident).
- Bank Balance as of September 30, 2016 is \$29,753.20, however the check for State Dues has not cleared yet.

The Treasurer's Report is approved.

CLUB REPORTS

Region 1, Zone 1-

- **Rolla** remains busy as they get started with the annual car drawing (this year will be a jeep). Otherwise, they continue to do weekly bingo and raise money through various means, collect eyeglasses and more.
- **Rolla Lioness** ladies are busy handling the Lights In The Park!
- **St. James** is working hard beginning to raise needed money to replace the swimming pool at Camp Brim Shire. The project will include needed handicapped additions and may qualify for a grant from LCIF.
- **Dixon** Lions are busy putting together Christmas baskets and Children Treats. They took in \$3000 via a golf Tournament and \$540 from Cow Days.
- **Doolittle** Lions are getting ready to put on a Craft Fair in December.

Region 1, Zone2

- **NorthWest Texas County** Lions are doing a Brunch for Veterans and a Fish Fry next week.
- **Fort Leonard Wood** Lions are busy gearing up for the annual St. Nick's Benefit "Spread The Joy", taking in donated gifts for the underprivileged.

- **Houston** is busy-
 - Fish Fry for the Gentry Boys Residential Center Golf Tournament In Sept.
 - Sponsored Back to School Fair
 - Donated \$100 to the Texas and Wright Counties Back to School fair purchasing hot dogs.
 - Annual Houston Club Fish Fry happening Homecoming weekend.
 - Sponsored the Hunger Walk at the Houston Senior Center
 - Sponsored an ad on the Back Board at High School
 - Bought a brick in the plaza for Leader Dogs
 - Donated \$100 to women's shelter
 - Started "Student of the Month" program giving a Lions Club Certificate and \$25 Gift Certificate
 - Sold blue light bulbs for support of the local police, Shop With A Cop and annual Treat Local Law Enforcement Lunch at Club
 - Presented a motorized wheel chair to an amputee
 - Helped with Saving Sight at head Start in Summersville and Houston doing eye checks
 - Purchased a brick for Melvin Jones Memorial
- **Willow Springs** Lions have:
 - Donated \$200 for large print books at the Willow Springs Library.
 - Donated \$50 to Martha Vance Samaritan Home in West Plains serving many counties
 - Renting out the Clubhouse several times per month
 - Did the annual Funnel Cake sales at the Bear Fest, selling over 133 funnel cakes totaling \$396 to help with scholarship funds and give \$100 to the local food pantry M.U.N.C.H. to help with holiday meals
 - Helped setting things up with the Mighty Mites with 50 kids signed up deciding to help the coach with a \$500 donation to use toward his Master Degree.
 - Aluminum Can sales were \$713!
 - Donations are being sent- \$400 each to LCIF, Leader Dogs and LWSB.
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- **West Plains** Lions were able to collect \$10,000 at the Dining in the Dark! Due to the success, Dining in the Dark will become an annual event, the second one this coming April. Also on tap this Spring will be a banquet to honor Law Enforcement and is communicating with other Lions Clubs to join. A Sight/Hearing Screening was held in September and the club continues to purchase eyeglasses for qualifying individuals along with contributing to several local causes.

Region 2, Zone 1

- **Patton** is closing out another successful Lawn Mower Races season and are:
 - Setting up two \$500 Scholarships to Meadow Heights seniors
 - Civic improvements to Patton Saddle Club (Clubhouse is and races take place) for \$4000
 - Purchased four pairs of eyeglasses
 - Donated \$1000 to local food pantry
 - Helped raise funds for Meadow Heights School Booster Club (\$1200)
 - Helped with fundraiser for Nolan Weber Foundation, "Believing Beyond" (\$1500)
 - Collected about 250 pairs of eyeglasses

- **Farmington** Lions have been busy fundraising taking in over \$1000 via a Bar B Que and \$9000 via the Bill Krekeler Golf Tournament.
- **Fredericktown** gave a Melvin Jones Award to Lion Leo Francis and raised over \$3000 in the side by Side 4 Wheeler Race and about \$2000 via the rodeo!

Region 2, Zone 2-

- **Ste Genevieve** Lions worked the Jour de Fete raising \$2000
- **Cape Girardeau Evening** Lions:
 - Enjoyed the cuisine at the Gordonville Grill gaining 10% of the gross receipts that day
 - Continued working Bingo World
 - Collected 515 pairs of eyeglasses
 - Turned in ink cartridges for recycling
 - Annual Pink Ghost fundraiser selling ghosts built by the local Boys & Girls Club with the proceeds going to the indigent fund at the local American Cancer Society.
 - Annual Lions Looking for Lenses with the Cape Girardeau and Jackson Post Offices
 - Getting ready to do a Cook Out fundraiser at the local Elias Ace True Value
- **East Perry County** Lions enjoyed a successful Chicken Dinner fundraiser in August along with working the concession stand at the famous East Perry County Fair in September. The club is proud to sponsor Peace Poster participants and put on an Ice Cream Social where the teachers could be recognized. Donations have been made to the local library and Lutheran Church VBS. They continue to sponsor the blood drive four times per year and donate to Leder Dogs, Mid-South, Saving Sight (along with 200 pairs of eyeglasses) and Diabetes Awareness (occasionally having speakers).
- **Perryville** Lions hosted the annual Bar B Que raising over \$2500 and are preparing to make local donations and are collecting eyeglasses.

Region 3, Zone 1-

- **Sikeston** Lions have been very busy:
 - Annual Labor Day Boston Butt Sale (one of the most successful) raising \$1900
 - Sold 55 pages of ads in the Annual Football Program Book
 - Collected supplies and donations for flood victims in Louisiana
 - Contributed to the Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield for Christmas Wreaths
 - Contributed to the House of Refuge for their annual fundraiser
 - Contributed to the World Services for the Blind
 - Did the Blue Bulb project raising money for protective vests for the police department gaining coverage in the local newspaper and will be featured at the upcoming Chili Day fundraiser
 - Ordered vests for five new members and are experimenting with "Lunch & Learn" sessions for interested potential new members
- **Charleston** Lions sadly lost their Club President Lion Sandra Harvey in October
- **Dexter** Lions report making over \$20,000 in the golf tournament. They sold their delicious funnel cakes at the fair in September. The club sold Blue Bulbs to raise money for the local police and sheriff departments that is ongoing and have another fundraiser coming in March. The club donates about \$500/monthly for vision assistance to local school children along with donations to local law enforcement and fire department. They also donated about \$1,000 to the Christmas Wreath Project at the Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield.
- **Essex-Gray Ridge** Lions ran into a problem with a rainout during the annual Mae Hall Park Day. To salvage what they could, they ran some Bingo games at the Lions Den adjacent to the park raising some \$400 in the process. The Traeger Grill Raffle proved a success as 1200 tickets were

sold and generated \$600. The winner donated the grill back to the club to use for the next raffle! The club helps local kids with vision assistance and also proudly donate to Saving Sight.

Region 4, Zone 2-

- **Malden** Lions keep it moving:
 - Helped two people with glasses
 - Awarded Citizen of the Year to the family of Lion Dr. Donald Hamra
 - The booth at the Hot Chili/Cool Cars event cleared \$346
 - Made commitment to MODOT on cleaning up a segment of J Highway
 - Made commitment to Malden Community Action Group to supply 3 cases of corn, green beans and sweet potatoes for the Nov. 19th Thanksgiving meal for the elderly and veterans (may help with cooking too)
 - Turning in 203 pairs of eyeglasses and 3 ½ pairs of hearing devices
 - Inducted a new member
- **Senath** Lions have lost their President, Lion Joe Droke, who passed away recently, so the club is working things through. They plan to continue their fundraisers, including the annual variety show and pancake/sausage days. They will be helping with the local cancer walk and help man a bicycle trail ride. A member, Lion Linda is interested in forming a Leo Club to generate interest for future members. Per discussion regarding a potential field trip, Zone Chair Lion Marilyn suggested Mid-South due to proximity of Senath to Memphis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALERT- Lion Dave Baldwin mentioned seeing a local story regarding a special ambulance Stoddard County has which is on call to go to disasters, like the recent floods in the Gulf. This might be something to look at for Lions in District 26-M1 to help contribute to.

ATHLETIC- PDG Lion Casey Morris submitted a report from the last Athletic Committee meeting:

- Motion passed to donate \$8,500 to Saving Sight
- The 41st Missouri Lions All Star Football Game will be July 22, 2017 in Warrensburg
- Motion per request from coaches to shorten the week leading to game so it starts on Tuesday passed
- PDG Lion Ann Anderson is working on selection of coaches
- Tentative date to mail letters to coaches throughout the state will be November 1 with the nomination to be returned to the Missouri Lions office by December 15, but accept nominations through draft day set tentatively for January 7.

BAND- Lion Dave Baldwin gave a brief regarding the Council of Governors decision for this year regarding the hiring of a band to use in the International Convention Parade with DG Lion Bob further explaining the issue of a budget being turned in at the Council of Governors showing a \$7300 deficit which couldn't be approved anyway. Discussion commenced regarding the decision to move forward with hiring of a band.

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP/SERVICE- Lion Dave Baldwin reports his not hearing anything at this point regarding approval of the \$250 discussed in the last meeting to go toward the table tents. He continues with the stats from the District regarding Service Activities- 80 Activities, 4,796 Lion Hrs, 15,853 people served, 865 eyeglasses collected, \$377,194 in funds raised and \$24,716 donated.

CONVENTION STATE/INTERNATIONAL-

- **District-** DG Lion Bob Wilson talks about changing to a lunch instead of evening banquet.
- **State-** recently met in Jefferson City. PCC Lion Don Noland went off the committee with PDG Lion Lisa Alexander taking his place for 26-M3. Also joining the committee if PDG Lion Bob Crump and DG Lion Don Soph. They reviewed the final report from last year's convention held in Springfield. PCC Lion Jeff Hilke provided an update regarding the upcoming 2017 convention happening at Tan Tar A. A lengthy discussion took place regarding 2018 where St. Joseph needs to wait 'til 2019 due to the pace of renovation/construction for the location
- **International-** At the meeting in Jefferson City, discussion took place regarding an updated look for the parade uniform for the International Convention and some samples will be available soon to look at. PDG Lion Jene Crook was elected Chair of the committee with PDG Lion Don Beckham reelected as Vice President. PDG Lion Murray Dunn tells everyone to consider using the Amtrak to go to Chicago, it makes sense. There are a block of rooms at this point for registrants from Missouri.

HEARING- PDG Lion Tom Steinbach thanks everyone for the support given over the years and reminds everyone of the importance of the Raffle Ticket Sales, since that is the sole source of funds for the Missouri Lions Hearing Committee/Team. He passes out envelopes containing raffle tickets for each club.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM- PDG Lion Lisa Clinton tells of her great experience at the USA/Canada Forum where there was very valuable information shared with and among the participants. If possible, she would still like to have training sessions set up through the Zone Chairs where there is a Wi-Fi Connection. GLT held a meeting in August she attended and another recently she did not since there was no notification.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM- Lion Rodney McConnell reports District 26-M1 is facing decreased membership this Lion year and encourages everyone to work toward gaining interest in membership.

Information Technology- Lion Rodney McConnell reports he is maintaining the website, keeping it as current as possible. He reminds everyone to send schedule updates and photos to enable his producing the best website possible. It isn't going to post if we don't know about it.

LEADER DOG- 1st VDG Lion John Preston tells of visiting headquarters and how unbelievable an experience it was. Patton Lions Secretary, PDG Lion Murray Dunn hands a check to PDG Lion Lana Wilson. PDG Lion Lana takes over and shows the brick the Houston Lions gained via last year's fundraising campaign for renovation/construction taking place at Leader Dog.

LBOMB- Lion George Winkeler will be coming to Southeast Missouri next Fall, staying with 1st VDG Lion John Preston. Let them know if you're interested in a club visit.

LCIF- “How fortunate we are to be able to serve other people!” Lion Jerry Reaves discusses the \$1 per child Measles Immunization program. As he discusses the different contribution pins he reminds everyone that donations toward these count toward the Melvin Jones Award. We need to increase District 26-M1’s participation in LCIF. Many probably think this is taken care of via dues, not realizing the need for donations each year. He receives a generous donation from the Patton Lions Club!

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH- PDG Lion Lisa Clinton reports on this past Youth Exchange Program and our being short on host families. Lions PCC John Yount and Toni Mahoney hosted five young men in their home because they could not find host families. They have a one bedroom house so the students slept on air mattresses in the living room. Camp was held at Camp Brim-Shire just north of St. James July 24-31. While at camp, they visited MS&T, met International Soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood, went to Jefferson City visiting several places along with Missouri Lions Headquarters and Saving Sight in Columbia. We need clubs to help with donations. This year we were treated to lunches and suppers from the Fort Leonard Wood, Washington, Rolla Lioness, St. James and Jefferson City Evening

and Noon Lions Clubs. They are also looking for youths from Missouri that would like to attend Youth Exchange Camps in other countries, needing to apply by January, 2017. Remember your Club can help by award the C. Wayne Henderson Award to someone in your Club and/or community that works with youths. It takes \$500 to name someone for this award.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS- Lion Dave Baldwin begins by thanking everyone for their interest in the Blue Bulb idea since there are so many clubs showing appreciation to law enforcement throughout the District. We have managed to gain exposure via the scoreboard at Busch Stadium at the end of the season (last two games that happened in October and this should continue through the 2017 season. Lion Dave concludes with thanking everyone for keeping up with both the District and State Facebook pages. First VDG Lion John Preston follows up with a reminder about the Lions coin at the US Mint.

MID-SOUTH- PDG Lion Chris Clinton reports Mid South Lions CEO Lion Brad Baker reports the Annual Golf Tournament in September raised about \$15,000. The next meeting will be Nov. 12 at the Gold Strike in Robinsonville, MS inducting PDG Lion Bill Freeman from Hope, AR and PDG Lion Floyd Schriber (posthumously) from Germantown, TN into the L.B. Baker Hall of Honor. He passes out a sheet with important dates coming up.

PEACE POSTER- Lion Charlotte Williams proclaims the time for judging is upon us. Judging for D26-M1 will be at Fort Leonard Wood the week of Nov. 21st. The winning poster will be sent to the Council Chair to go against the other six District Winners. The winning poster will be on display at the District Convention coming to Perryville, Feb. 24-25. The newspaper in Licking, MO gave front page exposure to the contest!

SAVING SIGHT- Lion Dave Baldwin informs the attendees of the departure of Lion Jason Noland from Saving Sight.

USA/CANADA FORUM- PDG Lion Lisa Clinton reminds everyone of the next Forum and how everyone should experience this at least once!

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND- PDG Lion Tom Steinbach reports everyone being impressed with what's happening at World Services for the Blind, being under new leadership, empowering those in transition toward sustainable independence, pass the GED, enroll into college and more. The staff analyzes the needs of each person fashioning the curriculum to suit their needs.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT- District Governor Lion Bob Wilson announces ID Lion Bruce Beck will be our special guest at the District 26-M1 Convention to hosted by the Perryville Lions Club. We need to push for an increase of donations District wide toward LCIF and this would hopefully spill over into the other important functions Lions serve. District membership is 1153, showing 40 new members while losing 75. ID Lion Jerome Thomas sent word that the waiver of fees for Veterans has been expanded to include all categories.

NEW BUSINESS- DG Lion Bob Wilson brings back the subject of changing the District Convention to a luncheon vs. dinner banquet. PDG Lion Marshall James moves to go this route, seconded by IPDG Lion Don Shelhammer. After discussion, the vote is unanimous in favor. The Patton Lions Club is given the Club Excellence Award. IPDG Lion Don Shelhammer is presented the Certificate of Appreciation for Service.

TAIL TWISTER- PDG Lion Marshall James walks around the room collecting \$40 which will go to the matching funds for the grant, if gained by Camp Brim-Shire or the Lion Opportunity for Youth instead.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Dave Baldwin
Cabinet Secretary