

MINUTES

26-M1 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING

Saturday, May 19
Camp Brim Shire
St. James, Missouri

ATTENDEES

NAME	CLUB	TITLE	NAME	CLUB	TITLE
Lion John Preston	Patton	DG	Lion Reta House	West Plains	1 st VDG
Lion Rodney McConnell	Sikeston	2nd VDG	Lion Jennie Mosher	St. James	Member
PDG Lion Bob Wilson	Dixon	IPDG	Lion Jasper Dettmer	Arcadia Valley	Club Pres
PDG Lion Lisa Clinton	Ft. Leonard Wood	YEC	Lion Deanna Henderson	St. James	Club Sec
PDG Lion Chris Clinton	Rolla	Member	Lion Jeanene Schultz	St. James	Club Pres
PDG Lion Lana Wilson	Dixon	Com Chair	Lion Wendy Williams	Ft. Leonard Wood	Com Chair
Lion Harold Burleson	Ft. Leonard Wood	Club Pres	PDG Lion Murray Dunn	Patton	PDG
Lion Dave Baldwin	Cape Evening	Cab. Sec.	Lion Jerry Reaves	Malden	Com Chair
Lion Robert Hard	Ft. Leonard Wood	Cab. Treas.	Lion Marilynn Reaves	Malden	Zone Chair
Lion Scott Sattler	Perryville	Zone Chair	Lion Sherry Hashagen	St. James	Member
PDG Lion Casey Morris	Ft. Leonard Wood	Com Chair	Lion Richard Hashagen	St. James	Club VP
Lion Jocelyn Morris	Ft. Leonard Wood	Com Chair	Lion Mickie Jensen	St. James	
Lion William Berkson	St. James	Member	PDG Lion Don Shelhammer	Houston	Com Chair
Lion Jo Wilson	St. James	Member			
Lion Steve Wilson	St. James	Club Treas			

CALL TO ORDER

DG Lion John Preston calls the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DG Lion John Preston asks all Veterans in attendance to lead us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMERICA (First Verse)

1st VDG Lion Reta House leads the group in song.

INVOCATION

Lion Dave Baldwin offers prayer.

APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER

DG Lion John Preston shares his idea that PDG Lion Lana Wilson would be a great Tail Twister. 1st VDG Lion Rodney McConnell motions for Lion Lana, seconded by Lion Dave Baldwin. The vote is unanimous. IPDG Lion Bob Wilson motions for the host Club, the St. James Lions to choose where the Tail Twister funds should go. Lion Wendy Williams seconds. The vote is unanimous. The members of the St. James Lions Club unanimously choose Camp Brim Shire to receive the Tail Twister funds.

INTRODUCTIONS

All of those present stand and introduce themselves.

OPENING ADDRESS

DG Lion John Preston thanks everyone for coming today, thanking the St. James Lions for a wonderful job. DG Lion John expresses his pride in working with a great group like the members of Missouri Lions District 26M1 achieving beyond expectation in several areas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Baldwin reports the minutes from the February 24 District Convention. Lion Harold Burleson moves the Minutes so be approved, seconded by Lion Jennie Mosher. With unanimous vote, the Minutes stand approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Robert Hard reports District 26-M1 starts his report explaining how the budget was based at the beginning of the year using the figure of 1101 members to budget from and at this point we come in slightly above at 1108 members.

DG Lion John brings up the check for \$870 written to purchase the two special waterproof wheelchairs that was sent to IPCC Lion Joe Foster and asks Lion Richard Hashagen if he's received that check yet. Lion Richard responds, "No." DG Lion John promises to check into that.

2nd VDGE Lion Scott Sattler moves the Treasurer Report be approved, seconded by Lion Richard Hashagen. The vote is unanimous and the Treasurer Report stands approved.

CLUB REPORTS

Region 1, Zone 1

- **St. James** Lions maintain high visibility in the community
 - Made donations to LCIF, Leader Dogs, World Services for the Blind, Mid-South Lions, KidSight, Saving Sight and tornado relief in Malden
 - Volunteered time cleaning up at Camp Brim Shire getting ready for Dedication of ADA Therapy Swimming Pool
 - Donated food items for the Missouri Lions State Convention Service Project
 - Enjoyed Sip 'n Savor event working food booth
 - Donated to New St. James Senior Center
 - Awarded 2 Scholarships
 - In process of working toward coming year St. James High School Football program
- **Dixon** Lions are busy working on Legacy Projects
 - IPDG Lion Bob Wilson put up Lions Road Signs.
 - Working out the placement of the basketball goal in Lions Park, a difficult maneuver due to weight
- **Rolla** Lions are holding Kids Safety Day today along with hosting Bingo every Monday and will be installing new officers in June

Region 1, Zone2

- **Fort Leonard Wood** Lions
 - Attended Fort Leonard Wood's Women History Month Celebration Luncheon
 - Assisted in Eye Screening conducted by KidSight
 - Attended a Candlelight Vigil in memory of the daughter of Club Secretary Lion Maggie Quinn
 - Club President Lion Harold Burleson participated in LCI Membership Webinar
 - Attended Waynesville Middle School Assembly to present Peace Poster Award to student
 - Club member will participate in two Annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremonies on behalf of PDG Lion Julia Erskines who pass away this past year
- **NorthWest Texas County** Lions have started the new season of 4 Wheeler Rodeo raising funds to give back to the community, like the Build a Pack Program helping students at the local schools!
- **Houston** Lions are awarding Student of the Month at the local High School and collected 500 pairs of eyeglasses.
- **Willow Springs** donated \$3,500 to local clinic for Diabetes Awareness
- **West Plains** awarded 2 Scholarships and are working on the upcoming Dining in the Dark event.

Region 2, Zone 1

- **Farmington** Lions are sending out their donations to our partners in Lionism along with several local interests.
- **Fredericktown** Lions are getting ready for upcoming June 22-23 rodeo.
- **Patton** has reached 40 members and started the new Lawn Mower Races season! They are working on bringing younger members up through leadership positions and will be working at the Health Resource Fair which will include Diabetes Awareness in June.
- **Park Hills** has moved to a new meeting location. The mayor of Park Hills has named March 22 as Official Park Hills Lions Club Day celebrating the club's 90th Anniversary.
- **Arcadia Valley** will be hosting their 27th rodeo in August.

Region 2, Zone 2-

- **Cape Girardeau Evening** have welcomed new member, Lion Dr. Kori Thoma who is a Board Member for KidSight MO!
- **East Perry County** Lion have sponsored a Blood Drive serving sandwiches to donors.
- **Perryville** Lions
 - Awarded two \$500 Scholarships
 - 65th Annual Breakfast fundraiser served over 550
 - Collected 200 pairs of eyeglasses
- **Ste. Genevieve** Lions welcomed DG Lion John Preston and 2nd VDGE Lion Scott Sattler to a meeting and inducted 5 new members.

Region 3, Zone 1-

- **Charleston** Lions Club
 - Worked the Annual Charleston Dogwood/Azalea Festival- Great Turnout!
 - Getting ready to sell ads for the upcoming football program
 - Awarded 3 Scholarships
 - Sending out donations
- **Sikeston** Lions Club President Lion Megan Hampton- "There are a lot of ladies in the club and we things done!"
 - Welcomed Cyndi Puckett of the Missouri Council for the Blind as guest speaker

- Gifted \$750 toward helping the high school basketball team to state finals
- Raised over \$9,500 for the Kenny Rogers Children's Center Telethon
- Awarding 2 Scholarships
- Experiencing great results with Lunch/Learn program to bring in new members. As of this month, had 5 guests to Lunch/Learn which became 2 new members!
- **Dexter Lions**
 - Held successful Funnel Cakes Day
 - Will be planting 6 trees in the Dexter City Park, dedicated to Dexter Lions who've passed
 - Awarded \$5,000 in Scholarships
- **Essex-Gray Ridge Lions** awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship and are getting ready for annual Mae Hal Park Day.

Region 3, Zone 2

- **Qulin Lions** report a member bringing in 6 new members!

Region 4, Zone 2-

- **Malden Lions** have been very busy with tornado cleanup following the disaster hitting Malden on February 24. They are very thankful for the help from fellow Lions and the LCIF Disaster Grant which will be discussed further with the Alert Committee Report.
 - Held successful Pancake Day
 - Getting ready for Annual Malden Lions Club Golf Tournament
 - Pleased with the City of Malden naming a street and placing Street Sign (with Lions logo) for deceased member Lion Doc Hamra

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALERT- District Governor Lion John Preston discusses the closing out of two LCIF Grants, the Melaina's Magical Playland Matching Funds and the recent Disaster Grant Fund designated to help victims of the tornado that went through Malden.

Melaina's Magical Playland received \$75,000 in matching funds which were used in the development and building of the special playground serving so many with special needs in Cape Girardeau, MO. DG Lion John received notice in March the grant was still open and that it needs to be officially closed. PDG Lion Casey Morris makes a motion to officially close the Melaina's Magical Playland Standard Grant GA12345/26M1 which is seconded by Lion Robert Hard. The vote is unanimous in favor of closing.

Lions Jerry and Marilyn Reaves of the Malden Lions Club relay the story of Malden being hit on February 24 by an EF 2 Tornado that wiped out many homes and affecting more than 100 families. Upon receiving Grant EMR16145/26M1, the Malden Lions looked up the families that were still in need and worked with ten families. The victim families met with the Malden Lions going to various stores doing bulk purchases of needed items, spending \$6,729.51. Along with providing assistance with purchased needs, the Malden Lions and other Lions from District 26M1 helped with community cleanup on March 3. A motion is made by PDG Lion Lisa Clinton to send a check equaling the amount of the unused funds to LCIF which is seconded by 2nd VDG Elect Lions Scott Sattler. The vote is unanimous in favor of officially closing out the grant.

ATHLETIC- PDG Lion Casey Morris reports everything is looking good and at this point District 26M1 has three players participating in the upcoming Missouri Lions All Star Football Game. The players are from Dexter, Caruthersville and Perryville. He proceeds to pass out a flier for everyone to take back to their Clubs explaining how they can purchase ads in the game day program.

BAND- District Governor Lion John Preston reports the Missouri Lions had the High School Marching Band from Independence booked to be with the Missouri Lions at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas. Unfortunately, the students couldn't raise the needed money for them to participate. Due to timing, we are on a short list to utilize a band from the Las Vegas area, but since there are not that many bands in the Las Vegas area, at this point it is not known if the Missouri Lions will have a band to accompany them or not in the parade.

Discussion takes place on whether further action is needed on the state level regarding the continuation of or cessation of the Missouri Lions Band program.

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP/SERVICE- Lion Dave Baldwin thanks everyone for their entering Service Activities as we move through the 2017-18 Lion Year.

In addition to the Centennial Legacy Projects from the Houston, Dixon and West Plains Lions Clubs, District Governor Lion John Preston reports the Patton Lions Club doing \$12,000 in renovation to the Patton Saddle Club where the infamous Patton Lions Club Lawnmower Races happen.

--- District Governor Lion John Preston asks all Veterans in the room to please stand as the audience applauds their service for Armed Forces Appreciation Day---

DIABETIC AWARENESS- Lion Dave Baldwin thanks everyone for their interest in Diabetic Awareness and the great attendance from District 26M1 at the Missouri Lions State Convention Diabetes Awareness Program. He proceeds to tell members of some research into Diabetes and what's happening in Missouri. According to a report from 2010, the number of citizens in District 26M1 whom are Diabetic is high, especially if you move through the Current, Black and St. Francis River Valleys and proceed Southeast. While the rest of Missouri (for most part) registers about 1 out of 10 citizens being Diabetic, in this area, the number approaches 1.5 to 2 out of 10 citizens being Diabetic. Along with the money sent in by the Malden Lions Club, the Willow Springs Lions Club has made a serious financial pledge helping a local provider in their area and the St. James Lions Club will be doing a local event offering free blood testing.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM- Lion Wendy Williams reminds everyone of the upcoming Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute coming up July 27-29. At this point, Lion Wendy and 1st VDG Elect Lion Rodney McConnell confirm they're going. Lion University is full of many online courses enabling Lions all over to earn Degrees at the USA/Canada Forum. District 26M1 is looking to start providing training during lunchtime at upcoming Cabinet Meetings, starting this August 4. There is grant money available for Leadership Training that will be looked in to.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM- 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Rodney McConnell relays the success the Sikeston Lions Club has had doing the "lunch 'n Learn" Program, inviting prospective members to be to the Country Club (neutral territory) giving them lunch and discuss what the Lions do. The last "Lunch 'n Learn" brought in two new members out of five attendees. He reminds everyone how important it is for ALL Clubs to have a Membership Chair. He found out at a recent GAT gathering on the state level where the need of training and retention of membership is vital to LCI along with something to consider, in today's world most people are focusing on the "service" whichever organization provides and these people want to be part of an organization that serves.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM- Lion Dave Baldwin thanks the Clubs for registering their Service Activity Reports via MyLCI. As of this week, District 26M1 has reports from 26 Clubs, performing 206 Service Activities through 6,418 Lion hours, serving 30,137 people. District 26M1 has collected 3,639 eyeglasses, raised \$140,396 and donated \$101,446!

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY- Lion Dave Baldwin announces that the new Missouri Lions webpage has been approved by the Missouri Lions Council of Governors which will be finalized as we finish out the current Lion Year.

LEADER DOG- PDG Lion Lana Wilson thanks all of the Clubs of District 26M1 for their contributions. At this point, we have moved to number 2 (out of 7 Districts) in Missouri, but it was fun being number one! These contributions are so important since it takes about \$40,000 to train a Leader Dog and place it with a person.

LBOMB- Lion Jocelyn Morris is proud to report 12 Clubs in District 26M1 contributed to LBOMB. The Blind Vendors Management Banquet is coming up June 1-3.

LCIF- Lion Jerry Reaves thanks everyone for the support received this year from District 26M1. At \$20,494, we are pushing close to being number one!

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH- PDG Lion Lisa Clinton reports there being six boys and girls coming this year. The dates for the Youth Exchange Program are July 1-29. They will go to their first host family from the airport and then to 2nd host family on July 12. Then they go to Camp Brim Shire on July 22 staying until the 29th. Remember this popular program needs help with donations. We need to thank the Fort Leonard Wood, St. James, Rolla Lioness, Washington, Jefferson City Evening and Noon Lions Clubs for providing lunches and suppers!

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS- Lion Dave Baldwin thanks everyone for sharing what their clubs do on social media via Facebook, encouraging everyone to make sure items are being posted on their page. If they are, they will be shared on the District page. It was great moving through the District and State Convention time periods where the weekly reach went beyond 1,300.

MID-SOUTH LIONS- Lion Jennie Mosher relays what a great time was had by all at the Lion Leaders Weekend allowing District Governor Lion John Preston the chance to tell of the elevator ride that gained a lot attention on social media. Mid-South is very busy getting ready for the June 15-16 Cataractathon where there will probably be over 50 procedures happening. Everyone needs to attend the Mid-South Quarterly Meeting, March 8-9, 2019... it will happen at Rolla!

KIDSIGHT- Lion Dave Baldwin reports the honor of the Cape Girardeau Evening Lions Club having KidSight Mo Board Member, Dr. Kory Thoma as a new member of the club! District Governor Lion John Preston gives highlights to the audience regarding the status of Saving Sight and KidSight MO where the responsibility of KidSight MO is being pushed over to Missouri Lions. Dr. Thoma is looking to contact the MO Eye Research Association and approach the MO Optometry Association for support. Saving Sight is in contact with eye surgeons, KidSight Mo needs to be in contact with Optometrists.

SAVING SIGHT- District Governor Lion John Preston reports due to Saving Sight's moving from Columbia over to Kansas City, after July 1 if you have glasses, call and make an appointment to drop them off.

USA/CANADA FORUM- Lion Wendy Williams submits news of the upcoming September 20-22 USA/Canada Forum taking place in Columbus, OH. The theme is Building Teams through Leadership.

Remember, year round, training is provided by US/Canada Forum at their website. There are 3 programs that can be completed and they are Free!

GOVERNORS REPORT- District Governor Lion John Preston discusses our approaching the end of the current fiscal year and those interested in helping serve the District on a Committee need to tell us of their interest as these spots need to be filled. Also, Clubs need to update their Membership Reports by the end of June... period!

OLD BUSINESS- PDG Lion Lisa Clinton reports the passing of PDG Lion Donald Barklage of the Cape Girardeau Noon Lions.

DG Lion John Preston is happy with two representatives from District 26M1, GLT Coordinator Lion Wendy Williams and 1st VDG Elect Lion Rodney McConnell going to Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and he has directed Treasurer Lion Robert Hard to issue a Stipend of \$150 each upon completion of the event. PDG Lion Lisa Clinton advises the need to look and see if there may be additional monies available as Scholarship money toward Great Plains.

NEW BUSINESS- District Governor Lion John Preston introduces the new District Officers for the upcoming 2018-19 Lion Year

- District Governor Lion Reta House
- 1st Vice District Governor Lion Rodney McConnell
- 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Scott Sattler
- Cabinet Secretary Lion Jennie Mosher
- Cabinet Treasurer Lion Alan Taylor

District Governor Elect Lion Reta House thanks everyone in District 26M1 for their support and please do remember the Dining in the Dark event coming in September to West Plains!

District Governor Lion John Preston gives a Special Pin to the incoming Cabinet. He proceeds to issue and give special awards/gifts to:

- Cabinet Treasurer Lion Robert Hard- 100 Anniversary Lions Coin
- Lion Richard Hashagen- International President Leadership Medal
- Lion Sherry Hashagen- Melvin Jones Fellowship

Tail Twister- PDG Lion Lana Wilson reports the collection of \$110 and its being given to our friends at Camp Brim Shire.

Lion Richard Hashagen announces we have two winners of special door prizes, Cabinet Secretary Lion Robert Hard and PDG Lion Lana Wilson.

The meeting is adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Dave Baldwin
Cabinet Secretary, Missouri Lions District 26-M1