

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI
Cabinet Meeting
February 11, 2012**

MINUTES OF MEETING

The third cabinet meeting of the year was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by District Governor Stuart Payne giving a welcome and thank you to all Lions present. He especially thanked them for the time they give in support of the district. He also thanked the Miller Lions Club for hosting the cabinet meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2nd VDG Nick Paulin followed by the singing of a patriotic song led by Lion Marilyn Harris. The invocation was offered by 1st VDG Pastor Walter Hamer.

Protocol for Meeting:

Protocol for this meeting was established by PDG James W. Rosbrugh. Lion James, as always, gave us an educational moment by explaining the value of establishing protocol at the beginning of each meeting, saying that it alleviates the need for each speaker to acknowledge the officers, PDGs, etc., present at the meeting, thus saving time and repetition.

Roll Call and Attendance:

The roll of Cabinet Members and Past District Governors was called by Cabinet Secretary, PDG Dave Harris. There were 32 district officers and cabinet members present and 6 Past Governors who hold no specific cabinet post. A total of 51 Lions signed in on the attendance sheet.

Appointment of Tail Twister:

DG Stuart said that he had taken the privilege of appointing Lion Marilyn Harris to be the tail twister for the meeting. Lion Marilyn couldn't wait to begin her assignment and assessed a couple of \$2.00 fines immediately.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the 11/5/11 cabinet meeting were approved, as previously presented, upon a motion by PDG James Rosbrugh, 2nd by PDG Zana Botzow. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

A review of the District's financial reports was given by PDG Jim Wilson, District Treasurer. The Administrative Account as of 2/11/12 shows year to date income of \$22,088.31, plus Tornado Relief Funds of \$39,102.00 for total income of \$61,190.31. Operating expenditures for the year are \$14,193.81 plus Tornado Relief expenditures of \$38,090.34, leaving the checkbook balance at \$8,906.16, of which \$1,011.66 is tornado relief money yet to be allocated. Other District accounts total \$27,290.89 making a total of all district accounts of \$36,197.05

A motion to approve the Treasurers report for audit was made by PDG Sue Blakley and 2nd by PDG Bill Botzow. Motion carried.

District Governor Remarks/Report:

DG Stuart began his report by sharing a quote with us that his wife, Lion Marlene, had given him; "Change is inevitable, Growth in intentional". He related to this to a tree growing in the cleft of a rock. The rock will eventually crack, crumble and thereby experience inevitable change. The tree is alive and wanted to grow. He said that if we are to continue to grow as individuals and Lions, our growth has to be as intentional as that of a tree; otherwise, we will crack, crumble and fall apart as did the rock.

He said that when attending the Mid-Winter Forum they had attended a session on "Influence" where he learned that during an average day we influence 4 to 5 people every day. The question is, how do we influence them? Another session he attended was on "Mind Modeling". He said that it got him to wondering what was the reason for a

meeting back in the 1900's compared to today. In short, he said, it is to communicate to a mass of individuals in an efficient manner and to make informed decisions.

The Governor reminded us that certain reports will be called for but if anyone has a pertinent report, please give it. The intent is not to have a chairperson feel obligated to give a report if none is needed.

First Vice District Governor:

1st VDG Walter gave the following report: Let me say that I have enjoyed these last few months since our last cabinet meeting as Lion Karen and I have been busy visiting clubs in our district. When we left the meeting on November 5, we drove to Marshfield for their 80th Anniversary celebration. It was a wonderful evening with some great Lions that have a wonderful future ahead for them. The next Saturday we visited the Joplin Host Club for their 90th Anniversary with PID Lion Ed McCormick speaking. The hospitality room was great and all of the activities were special. Lion Leroy even wore new bib overalls (only kidding). The rest of November and December were spent with holiday activities. I did get to take Lion Karen up to El Dorado Springs for her presentation on Lions Quest, where she was well received.

Then after the New Year got rolling, so did Lion Karen and I. In January we visited clubs at Louisburg, Miller, Seymour, Forsyth, Morrisville, and Ava. Then to date in February we have visited clubs at Hartville, Kimberling City, Mountain Grove, and Willard. Every club we have seen is very special. We have been served great meals by the world's greatest chefs. We have heard wonderful stories of how Lions have impacted their communities. And we have been presented with some beautiful visions of the future and what the clubs will do to meet their community needs.

I have attended the Council of Governors with Lions Karen attending the spouse training in preparation for our service together next year. I also was able to get to the Mid-Winter forum where some inspiring speakers and helpful workshops sent us all home with a lilt in our steps and hope in our hearts.

We are now registered for the International Convention in Busan, South Korea, and our plane tickets have been purchased. It is hard to believe that it is only four months and five days before we leave for the convention.

I have seven more clubs on my schedule that I will be visiting for Lion Stuart and one more to get on the schedule. Then I will be attempting to visit all of the rest of the clubs in the district before I head off for Korea.

I have made plans for redistricting of our district into zones and regions and have the map up here for you to look at. We will have five regions with two zones in each with a maximum of six clubs in each zone. I am still in need of many people to help for next year on cabinet, region and zone positions. If you would like to help, I would love to hear from you.

Let me wax poetic from all of this routine reporting and just say a few thoughts. When Lion Karen and I leave a club, we take notes as we are driving home. Every experience is very positive. Not every meeting is filled to the rafters, but the folks present are dedicated, hard-working Lions. Many have given years of service to their club and community. Their stories are exciting. We are looking forward to our other visits and all the blessings we will take away.

When I visit I try to challenge for the future. We have a great past and the present is okay. But the future is a concern for Lions. The biggest obstacle for the future is the one or two Lions that appear at a meeting that have no vision. They cry about not having new, younger members. But when suggestions are given, they cry even louder that they do not want to give up the way things are in the club. They fail to realize that times and people have changed and we must change if we are going to reach new people. This is not just an issue for Lions; it exists in our churches, in Kiwanis and Rotary, Masonic and Elks. We joined because we liked what the club was like. But we will have to become uncomfortable and help the clubs become different if we are going to have a club that people today like. I hope that not one of us in this room is an obstacle for creating a vision in our clubs and this district for the Lions in the future.

Second Vice District Governor:

The following report was given by 2nd VDG Nick Paulin: I'd like, first of all, to thank the Miller Lions for hosting this District Cabinet meeting. Well, the holidays have come and gone, and spring is just around the corner. Beginning this time of year, activities tend to speed up.

In November I attended the Senior Leadership Institute in Oak Brook, Illinois. The class consisted of 100 Lions, mostly 2nd Vice District Governors from the USA and Canada, with one participant from New Zealand. The instructors and course materials were excellent, as well as the accommodations and meals. I look forward to meeting again with some of the participants at the USA/Canada Forum and at the International Convention in Hamburg. I urge any Lion who gets the opportunity to attend the institute, to do so.

Noma and I attended the Hobo Day event last month. There was a good crowd and, though I haven't heard the results yet, it appeared to be successful. Food was great (as usual) and the auction lively.

I attended the Council of Governors' meeting in Jefferson City weekend before last. Unfortunately, this was the first I had been able to attend.

The last weekend I was at the Mid- Winter Forum in Branson. As usual Lion Eugene Taylor and his committee put together a pretty good program.

Planning for the M6 District Convention is coming together, and it is time, if you haven't already, to get reservations in. I'm looking forward to a particularly enjoyable convention.

I hope to continue to visit a few clubs a month for the balance of the year, and will be sending out a tentative schedule to the clubs I plan to visit, so that adjustments can be made, as necessary.

Lion Nick said that he was honored and inspired when he visited the Aurora Lions Club and was asked to present two 50 year membership plaques to two members of that club. One of those Lions also had earned 50 years of perfect attendance.

REGION CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

North East Region – Lion Jennie Mosher: No written report but said that she was continuing to visit clubs.

North West Region – Craig Lehman: No written report but continues to visit clubs and attend the zone meetings.

Central Region – Lion Keith Moore: Lion Keith said that he had attended the Monett Lions Club in January and reported on his home club of Aurora activities. The highlight in February was their Valentine's party when 2nd VDG Paulin was a guest along with his wife Noma. At that meeting two 50 year membership awards were presented by VDG Nick Paulin. One of those Lions also received recognition for 50 years of perfect attendance.

South East Region – Open Position

South West Region – Lion Sharon Morris: Lion Sharon said that she had visited several clubs including Cassville in September. They were busy helping with a car show and a concession stand. In October she visited the Kimberling City Lions who were planning their Christmas parade. She also visited the Seligman Lions as well as the Shell Knob club.

RC Sharon called to arrange a visit to the Pierce City Lions Club and was told by the president and his wife that their club had ceased to operate.

Due to knee surgery, Lion Sharon has not gotten to visit clubs as she had planned but intends to do that before the end of the year. She also is looking forward to helping the Blue Eye and Kimberling City Lions do a tree planting project in March. She, also, will be helping with a chicken dinner at Blue Eye.

ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

NE. Reg. – Zone A – Lion Judy McKovich: No Report

NE. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Chester Hill: No report

SE Reg. – Zone A – PDG Bob Crump: The second zone meeting was held on November 22, 2011 in Seymour, Mo. There were a total of twenty-two Lions and guests present which reflected six of the eight clubs represented. Fair Grove and Grovespring were absent.

Also making a special appearance and those present were honored to have in attendance the Joplin Lions Club gavel. However, the gavel was sad and lonely as it appeared that he was traveling alone in an attempt to find his way home.

Information was distributed to the clubs of hearing sweepstakes tickets as well as information on Hobo Day, Band, Quality Lion Program, and the PR grant for Joplin.

A presentation was given on the 8-step approach for club membership growth. Those clubs attending made the following reports of their activities.

Elkland - Provided candy for the area kids for Halloween, donated \$500.00 to the local Methodist Church Food Pantry, collecting toys for the county's Share Your Christmas project,

Hartville - Raffle completed and made about \$1,000 profit, held a fall festival in October frying approx. 300 Lbs. of potatoes, made a donation to MLERF, Dec 17, will have a Branson on the Road show in the gym. This project is being worked with the local garden club to purchase new Christmas decorations to go around the square.

Mansfield - Planning a pancake feed for December 3, donated to help purchase Christmas lights for city's downtown park, and working with Mtn. Grove Lions Club to have a joint turkey shoot tentative set for April 15.

Mtn. Grove - The club has a new meeting time and location. They are now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Trinity Methodist Church. In their first month of the mail box glasses collection box they collected 402 glasses and 12 hearing aids, working a project with the junior class to raffle off two pair of Oakley sunglasses, and will have a raffle of half a beef coming up with the FFA raffling off the other half

Marshfield - Held their 80th anniversary of the club, providing the use of their building to the Share Your Christmas program, Dec 10 will be club's Christmas Parry and Auction, and in March will be their annual pancake breakfast with proceeds going to the food pantry.

Seymour - Held turkey shoot making approx \$300, sponsoring the CBCO Bloodmobile will be Dec 5, gave Glenwood Healthcare \$75.00 to purchase Halloween candy for the residents to give out, purchased a pair of glasses for an adult, sponsoring the area Share Your Christmas project with 51 families being approved, club Christmas party will be Dec, 10 and Pancake Feed set for March 31. The club is also beginning a membership campaign.

The key to these clubs reports are they are working with other organizations within their communities as well as Mtn. Grove and Mansfield working together on a fundraiser.

A challenge was made to have 100% club attendance for the next zone meeting. Two members present volunteered to contacted those absent clubs and get them to the Tuesday, February 28, meeting at Rusty Spurs in Seymour. Eat at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 6:30 p.m.

SE Reg. – Zone B – Lion Peter Frantzen: All the clubs in Lion Peter's zone are actively planning their spring activities.

The **Ava** Lions are planning a Valentine's party to honor the Veterans in their area.

Gainesville is planning an auction and the proceeds will go to support their baseball program.

Forsyth Lions have had a hard year as 4 of their members have passed away but, they now have put their Bingo activity back on track.

The **Branson Hollister** club continues with their very successful Bingo events and their eye glass collection program.

NW Reg. – Zone A – PDG Dean Westbay: The Northwest Zone A held their last meeting on Jan. 26th. It was hosted by the Carthage Lions Club who served a delicious ham & bean dinner. There were 10 members present representing 4 clubs including Golden City, Lockwood, Lamar and Carthage. DG Stuart Payne also attended the meeting.

Topics discussed at the meeting were club activities. Carthage will host a come and go reception on March 24, 2012 from 1: - 5:00 P.M. to celebrate their 90th charter anniversary which was Nov. 1, 2011. Members of the zone will assist the club members with this event.

The Lamar Lions will hold a pancake breakfast on Feb. 25th.

NW Reg. – Zone B – Lion Dee Sager: No report

CEN. Reg. – Zone A. – Lion Ron Baldwin: The second Zone Meeting of the year was held on January 17, 2012 at the **Freistatt Lions Club Building** with a total of 16 Lions in attendance, including our District Governor, Lion Stewart Payne and his wife, Lion Marlene. Lion President Willie Williams of the Miller Lions club attended. Lion Matt Wages, Zone A Chair of the Southwest Region, from the Monett Club. And an impressive 11 members of the Freistatt Club were in attendance, including their President, Lion Harold Lampe, 1st Vice President Kevin Davis and Treasurer Dan Haines.

Each club discussed their activities coming up and new ideas they are considering for their clubs. **Freistatt** is planning a Spring Fest to compliment their Ernte-Fest in the fall.

The **Monett** club was planning a Strawberry Fest and the sale of Strawberry Ice Cream at theirs and other festivals.

The **Miller** Club is planning to work with the local grade school to make available trees to each member of the 4th grade class to be planted this spring. They are also in the planning stages of having a professional basketball team called the "Harlem Globetrotters" play/perform at the Miller High School in November 2012.

It was discussed how each of our clubs can do a lot for our communities, but if we work together we can do so much more.

Lion Marlene Payne discussed the need for host families for the international youth that will be brought into the District again this summer. She also had tickets available for the raffle of two handmade quilts. Profits from this raffle will help pay the expenses of the kids while in our country and district.

CEN. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Alex Warner: No report

SW Reg. – Zone A: - Lion Matt Wages: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alert – Lion Kevin Cantrell: No Report

Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair: No written report.

Audit – PCC Howard Hawkins, Chair: No report needed.

Band – Lion Irene Voyles, Chair: The MO Lions All-State Band Committee has been meeting monthly to plan for the 2012 band camp and trip. The dates are June 25-July 8. This is 2 weeks of fun and learning for our youth. Now, we are waiting for our clubs to talk to your band director and start those applications coming in. The cost this year is \$900. The \$100 that needs to be sent in with the application is deducted from the \$900. Remember this pays for all their meals, housing, transportation, sightseeing and entertainment. After the band camp in Ft. Leonard Wood, the band will travel to the St. Joseph area and will perform in St. Joseph and at a veteran's home in Cameron before they travel to Mt. Rushmore and back through Colorado Springs. **We need students! We need money!** We hope you can give us one or the other—or, both! Please call me for a presentation at your club. I have raffle tickets for sale, 6 for \$5.00. This is to help us buy the big drums and sousaphones.

Basketball – All-Star Classic: PDG Bob Crump, Chair: The 35th All-Star Classic is set For Saturday, June 9, at Baptist Bible College in Springfield with the girls' game at 6:30 p.m. and the hoys to follow. The college has been confirmed, athletic trainer contacted and on board, chairman of the officials association contacted for securing them, announcer not yet confirmed.

Letters are out today and this next week asking each club *in* the district to renew their contribution and asking all others to consider a contribution. Deadline for advertising has not been set, usually in mid May. Also, I will have more information at the district convention.

A letter from MLERF dated 1/11/12 stated that since the Haywood Snipes Award was started this basketball program has given over \$70,000. We are now eligible to designate our sixth and seventh recipient for this award. I have two recommendations for both of these. Both are non Lions.

Basketball – Lions All-Star Twin Classic: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair : Yes, we DO plan to play basketball in Joplin in 2012.

As I reported earlier, we have signed a contract with Ozark Christian College for the use of their facility the first weekend in June, with the same arrangements as made for the 2011 games. I have been in recent contact with them, and we are on their calendar. I mentioned to our District Treasurer that we need to forward a \$300 Facility Use Fee/Reservation confirmation as soon as possible.

Our potential All-Stars are already on the courts. This year, I hope to be working with media sportswriters as well as school coaches for both player and coach selections. I hope we can have all players committed, coaches on line and teams formed by the end of April. If we can, I'm sure we can do better selling advertisement space for our Program Booklets.

Since we are, in a sense, restarting our program after the 2011 cancellation, I appreciate this cabinet's approval of booklet advertisement space remaining the same as in 2010. [Full page = \$100.00, Half-page = \$60.00, Quarter page = \$35.00 and Business Card = \$20.00.]. Admission prices are: Adults (age 18 and older) - \$8.00, Students (ages 6 thru 17) - \$5.00, and children (age 5 and under) - free. One copy of a Program Booklet is included in the price of an adult admission.

We'll have an information packet for each club at the District Convention next month.

Campus Clubs – Lion Virgil Calhoun, Chair: No Report

Constitution and By-Laws – PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair: The State Constitution and By-Laws (C & BL) committee has completed its work on the State Documents. There will be three propositions on the ballot at the State Convention in April. Proposition #1 addresses the restriction to serve on a State Committee for only 4 in 6 years without Council dispensation, amending it to read "6 years in 8", Proposition #2 allows the Council to implement "electronic transfer" of funds for certain expenditures, and Proposition #3 transitions MERL to GMT/ GMT and adding ALERT in compliance with Lions Clubs International. It is the opinion of this committee member that all three Propositions should be adopted.

Our District Constitution and By-Laws Committee has also been busy. Our capable crew worked hard, and we are proposing four amendments to be voted on at the District Convention on March 10th, just four weeks from today. On January 25th, I sent a "Notice of Ballot to Amend" letter to all the clubs, either by e-mail or USPS. Most of you may have already seen it.

The first Proposition specifies the time period in which a candidate for the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor or MLERF Director must submit a letter of intent to seek said office(s).

The second Proposition redefines the duties of the District Officers and the Cabinet, reflecting the adaptation of Global Teams for Membership and Leadership. (GMT/GLT).

The third Proposition makes the transition from MERL+ to GMT and GLT and adds the ALERT Committee.

The fourth Proposition amends the structure of the term of the Audit Committee.

I want to thank the members of the committee, PCC Steve Wise, PDG Bob Crump, Lion Ken Lewis and Lion Jennie Mosier for their valuable input and cooperation in putting the right words in the proper order so that when all four propositions are adopted, we will have a document of which we can be proud.

2011 District, State & International Convention – PDG Bill Botzow, Chair Your District Convention Committee has been meeting monthly since October of last year to make this convention a growth opportunity to you, the Lion's of M-6.

In 27 days the convention will be held in Springfield Missouri at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center on March 9 & 10, 2012. It will start on Friday night with a hospitality, meet the International Director Caroline Messier, with registration beginning at 6:00 PM. Past District Governor Sue Blakley has asked the clubs in the district to bring food items the hospitality room registration is currently at 36 and hopefully growing to 140

Saturday Exhibit areas and registration opens at 7:30 AM.

Opening Session is at 8:00 AM.

There is a tentative schedule posted for more information.

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WE HAVE THE EVENTS, THE PROGRAM AND NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP IN GETTING THE LIONS OF M 6 TO THE CONVENTION.

Will the Committee please stand -- Thank you for planning this convention.

PDG Botzow has two bids for the 2015 State Convention. They are from the Ramada Oasis and Howard Johnson (formerly The Clarion). Pricing appears to be an obstacle at this time but meetings to discuss are scheduled with both hotels. A bid from our district will be presented to the state committee on March 31st for their consideration.

FUTURE STATE CONVENTIONS:

2012: Thursday, April 19-Sunday, April 22, 2012 Jefferson City, MO. Capital Plaza.

(PDG Jerry Young has registration forms with him today)

2013: Friday, April 26- Sunday April 28, 2013 Kansas City, MO.

Diabetes – Lion Larry Martin, Chair: No Report

Family & Women’s Membership Development – Lion Alice Lewis: No Report

Finance – PDG Jim Wilson Chair: No Report Needed

Global Leadership Team (GLT) – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: No report

Global Membership Team (GMT) – Lion Ken Lewis: Lion Ken is new to this position and will be getting up to speed and making reports in the future, as needed.

Hearing – PDG John Jones, Chair: The Affordable Hearing Aid Program is still in operation. The current change in our district is that our district does not have money available to buy hearing aids for club needs. Lions Clubs can continue to buy the hearing aids themselves for those in need.

Our state committee funding depends solely on club donations and what is made from the Hearing Sweepstake tickets. There is no other funding for the hearing committee.

For the previous two years the state committee has spent more than was received so it has had to cut down the amount of money that can go for hearing aids.

I am still accepting orders for hearing aids with a check enclosed from the Lions Club.

The Missouri Lions Hearing Van is scheduled for use in our District for the month of May. If you can use it let me know. The Portable Audiometers are also available for use just by checking with me.

Up to now I have received hearing tickets from 7 clubs. To be in the drawing for the \$50.00 savings bond or \$25.00 cash drawn at the District Convention they will need to be to me at least at the District Convention.

Hobo Day – PDG Howard Hawkins, Chair: Lion Howard had no written report but said the Hobo Day netted approximately \$3500.00 for the District. There are still two nice items to add to the profit and those will be auctioned at the District Convention.

Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Zana Botzow, Chair: The third meeting of the district honorary committee was held in The Belgian Waffle House in Ozark, Missouri on January 13, 2012. There were 24 Past District Governors and six Lion spouses in attendance. The members enjoyed a variety of meals prepared from the menu. PDGs you should have been there. I believe this is the largest turnout of PDGs in several meeting. Let's keep it up. We are having fun. We discussed changes to our bylaws and Policies presented by PDG James W. Rosbrugh. These changes were voted on and passed.

Lion Elaine mentioned that everything was still okay for the state hospitality. There was no report for the district hospitality. Everyone was reminder to attend HOBO Days the next day.

Lion Jerry reported that we have received three names as candidates for officers for the 2012-2013 and that all paperwork has been submitted and qualifications are met. Those names are Lion Walter Hamer for District Governor, Lion Nick Paulin for First-Vice Governor and Lion Pete Frantzen for Second-Vice Governor.

We noted some of the club anniversaries and dates to remember.

Because we hear that incoming officers are not feeling comfortable with some of their training, a task force was appointed to prepare, present and implement an informational session whereby PDGs will mentor, guide whatever to help new officers feel better about the job they are taking on. Task force lions are PDGs Zana & Bill Botzow, Charlie Haywood, Steve Wise and Bob Crump. Lion Bob was appointed the chairperson of this task force.

The next meeting will be at Mythos in Joplin on April 13, 2012. We will have elections for the next year.

Information & Technology – Lion Ken Lewis, Chair: No report

LBOMB – Lion Bob Stewart, Chair: Lion Bob attended the LBOMB Board Meeting in Jefferson City on January 28, 2012.

The yearly audit report was presented by the firm of Williams & Keepers. Some board members commented on the fact their disclaimers on the accuracy of the report seem to grow each year.

LBOMB continues to lose money with a 2011 loss of \$172,241. The total loss over the last five years is \$361,525. Year to date for 2012 is unknown as no financial statements have been issued, although we are % way through our financial year. We are nearing a point where long term or short term investments may need to be cashed in to fund operational losses. If this trend continues, LBOMB could be bankrupt in 4 to 5 years or Missouri Lions will need to fund the program for \$100,000 - \$150,000 a year.

At the end of his report, Lion Bob explained some of the problems, and the reasons for them that have been uncovered at LBOMB. There was a question and answer period held which shined more light on the problems of the operation.

Our next meeting will be April 20, 2012 in Jefferson City.

LCIF – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: No report

Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair: No Report

Leos – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair: (See Next Report Below)

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Youth Exchange – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair: We have a new Leo Club in the District. Carl Junction Leo Club is holding their charter night next Sat., Feb. 18, at 6:00 pm at the Carl Junction Community Center. Come see what they have been up to!

Printed invitations are at the back of the room if you're interested in attending this event.

The Missouri Lions International Youth Exchange is making plans for camp in July. Host families are always needed for approximately 10 days. Applications and hosting information is on the District website and I am always glad to answer questions or help you. I am making plans for the week at Camp Maranatha (just a few miles from here) and if your club is interested in hosting the kids for a meal or an event, please let me know. Camp will be held July 9-13.

This year the state committee is having a quilt and afghan raffle and those tickets are available in the back of the room. The drawing will be in April at the State Convention, so this may be your last chance to purchase that winning ticket. Thank you to those that have already bought their tickets.

Lions Quest Program – Lion Karen Hamer, Chair: I have a similar copy of the Lions Quest flyer I passed out at the last Cabinet meeting available to you. Please be sure to pick one up if you need one. Lions Quest is LCIF's worldwide youth development program for students in Kindergarten through grade 12.

I thank Lion Charles (Winfiel) at Eldorado Springs for inviting me to speak at his club. I really enjoyed doing that. I would love to come to your club and give a half hour presentation, hopefully with those people in your school who are influential in choosing curriculum also in attendance.

Schools that use this curriculum see **four areas of improvement.**

1. There is **improved school climate.** In a video I will show you will hear a teacher from Germany say..."Our students change. The teachers change. The whole school changes."

2. There is **improved student-teacher relationship**. In this video you will see a special bonding that takes place as students and teachers work through problem areas in their school.
3. There are improved interpersonal skills. There is a sixty-nine per cent increase in resiliency, among many other skills. Resiliency to me is best defined from the song by Fred Astaire.... When things go wrong in one's life at home or at school, you learn to pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start all over again. Sixty-nine percent of children and youth gain this skill of resiliency by going through Lions Quest.
4. **There is improved commitment to service**. All of us here love to serve others. It's fun. It's rewarding. The children and youth who go through Lions Quest will get a taste of this lifestyle. You will see some great examples of this happening in the Quest video I will show you...IF you invite me to your club. I hope you do. Thank you!

Long Range Planning – PDG Lee Binley, Chair: No report

LWSB – Lion Bertia Binley, Chair: No report

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Bob Kitsmiller, Chair: Mid South Lions provide surgery for indigent sight and hearing impaired. Each of these services are geared towards the curing preventable blindness and hearing loss, which includes, Cataract Surgery, Laser Treatments for diabetic retinopathy, Glaucoma treatment, Prosthetic eyes, Surgery for detached retina, Low vision therapy, Cornea transplants, Surgery for crossed eyes, Hearing aids and Temporal Bone and other hearing-related surgical procedures.

I would encourage anyone that can to attend the Leadership weekend on April 13 & 14. Lions will stay at the Holiday Inn Express. We will tour the Hamilton Eye Institute on Saturday with the Doctors explaining about their equipment and its use.

Your donations to Mid South are greatly appreciated and needed.

MLERF – PDG Sarah Stout – District Board Member: No report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – PDG Jerry Young, Chair: Letters of Intent, endorsements and a record of qualifications have been received for the following offices for 2012 – 2013: **District Governor**, Lion Walter Hamer; **1st Vice District Governor**, Lion Nick Paulin; **2nd Vice District Governor**, Lion Peter Frantzen of the Forsyth Lions Club.

The nominating committee, consisting of PDG Sue Blakley, PDG Debbie Whittlesey and PDG Jerry Young, has reviewed the qualifications of each candidate and we agree that all meet the qualifications as set forth in District 26-M6 Constitution and By-Laws. We will present these candidates for consideration at the District 26-M6 Convention on March 10, 2012.

Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair: No Report

Pin Traders – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair: No report

Public Relations – PDG Debbie Whittlesey, Chair: In my first report I let you know I was going to write our District's **first** PR Matching Grant...

In my second report I let you know we received a **full** PR Matching Grant from Lions Clubs International of \$1,750.00! A first for M6~ Yeah!!

Now in my third report I need to let you know that Lamar Signs donated the space to us because they LOVED our Partnership with First Response Team and what Lions did for Joplin! So instead of 8 months of one sign we received 6 months of THREE signs! This in essence is like donating **\$6,000 to \$10,000** to our PR Campaign. GO LAMAR! All Lions everywhere should be proud of this effort.

Our State PR Committee has met twice so far to share and brainstorm ideas. I was elected to serve as the State PR Chairperson and was allowed to present a PR Explosion Seminar at the Mid- Winter Forum. (Sheet of Seminar) We did photos this year at the MWF and supplied Press Releases for Lions to try to get in local newspapers and newsletters.

The State PR Committee is working on a Club Mini PR Tool Kit~ more information to come we have updated the "Snippet" from last year and I have copies to share. Examples of use would be:

Announce at your Lions Event occasionally

Make table tents with the "Snippets" printed on them

Use them on your Meeting Agendas

Make signs of them for each hole on the golf course at your tournament, ETC.....

I will say it again. ..One of our greatest PR Tools as Lions is ourselves... telling our stories about Lions and how we serve often inspires others to have the desire we share.

Report District Joplin Tornado Relief Effort– IPDG Debbie Whittlesey Chair: Part of my duty as writer and administrator of our LCIF Grants is to properly report actions and details to the Cabinet pertaining to how the Grant Monies were utilized. This will be most of my report today to update and fully report on those funds.

\$10,000.00 Emergency Grant Phase I

We purchased \$6,000 in groceries for victims, made Energy Packs for victims, bought shoes for the children, then water, rakes, and gloves for use in cleanup. A final report has been sent in to LCIF and they loved it.

\$50,000.00 Additional Grant Phase II

We used **\$34,000.00** for First Response Team Partnership helping us clear 42 homes and 185 stumps! Chairperson Scruggs was thrilled to see the partnership created with FRT and has asked me to join him on stage and speak at International Convention in Buscan, South Korea about what we were able to do with our LCIF funding with this partnership. (Tad met with International President Tarn and Chairperson Scruggs and the Board at headquarters a few weeks ago!)

\$9,000.00 was used for Joplin Blind Assn. victims' relief for groceries to help them get back on their feet. They were all so very thankful of the Lions!

\$2,000.00 was used to buy groceries for Lafayette House (Battered Women's Shelter that took in homeless women and children due to the tornado.) to help defray extra food expenses there. **\$5,000.00** was donated to Joplin Schools for trees for one of the schools. (M6 did match that \$5,000.00 with Relief Monies received and made it \$10,000.00) I am currently working with the Superintendent to get a total to completely adopt the one school and challenge Lions to "rise" to the occasion and fully "adopt" it once he gives me the total. I am also working on a day in 2013 when Lions can come and actually participate in the planting at the school.

\$10,000.00 Additional Grant (First Response Team specified Phase III) ALL of this phase was used for additional home site clearing and stump removal that was a huge problem in Joplin. The effect of this donation is included in the above totals. Also, PDG Dave Harris and I have been working for a few months with Lion Jim Groff from Pennsylvania who came twice to help with our cleanup efforts. He has challenged his **entire state** (17 DISTRICTS) to have Lions come in the month of June 2012 rotating weekly to help rebuild Joplin. Busses are coming from Pennsylvania every weekend the month of June!! More information coming as this develops!

Thank you to so many of you who have personally encouraged me and supported these District efforts in relieving Joplin. **Every** Lion can embrace these wonderful things we were able to do with the help of LCIF, our fellow Lions and the First Response Team.

I would like to close my report with Helen Keller's words:

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."

Sight Conservation – PCC Howard Hawkins, Chair: No report

Old Business:

- A. A motion was made by PDG James Rosbrugh to present a proposal for the 2015 MD-26 convention to be held in our district and to present it at the January, 2012 State Committee meeting for consideration. The motion was seconded by PDG Debbie Whittlesey and carried.

New Business:

Motions were made as follows:

- A. To accept the Region, Zone and all Committee Reports previously given – Motion made by PDG Zana Botzow, seconded by PDG Bob Crump. Carried.
- B. Since the Cabinet Secretary’s full length of service, as allowed in our District Constitution and By-Laws, has been expended by CS PDG David Harris, 1st VDG Walter Hamer asked for special dispensation to allow PDG Harris to serve in that position for one more year. PDG James Rosbrugh made a motion to allow PDG Harris to serve as Cabinet Secretary for the year of 2012 – 2013. Motion 2nd by PDG Zana Botzow and passed.
- C. A motion was made by 1st VDG Walter Hamer, seconded by James Rosbrugh, for the District to purchase a full page ad in the Missouri Lions All Star Football Game program book for \$750.00. Motion carried.
- D. That the District purchase full page ads in both the All-Star Classic and the “All-Star Twin Classic” basketball game program books. Motion made by PDG James Wilson, seconded by PDG John Jones. Passed
- E. PDG Bob Crump said that he has checked with MLERF and the District has donated enough over the years to provide two Haywood Snipes awards to deserving people. He recommended that the District honor two Non-Lions, at this year’s game, who have had major roles in the All-Star Classic for years. Those are: Mike Paulsell who has been the game announcer for many years and Bill Fischer, a former Lion, who started the game 35 years ago.

With that, a motion was made by PDG Bill Botzow, seconded by Lion Kevin Cantrell, that the District present the awards as recommended by PDG Crump. Motion passed

DG Payne then appointed a committee of PDG Debbie Whittlesey, Lion Marlene Payne and PDG Gordon Wellman to design the ad for the state football program book.

Lion Craig Lehman, Pin Trading Chair, suggested the district should be thinking of a new district pin. DG Stuart asked him to bring a design to the next cabinet meeting and we can take action at that time.

The ever present tail twister had been working throughout the entire meeting but she had more business to take care of; Lion Marilyn had obtained possession of a Lions stocking hat and since it was a blustery day, thought the owner would like to “buy” it at auction. The hat sold back to its original owner for \$8.00. The total tail twister funds collected for the day were \$ 82.85. The use of the accumulated funds for the year will be determined at the last cabinet meeting in May. The total year to date in the fund is \$169.18.

There being no other business Governor Stuart adjourned the meeting and those present enjoyed a delicious meal which was prepared by members of the Miller Lions Club. (Secretary’s Privilege: It was **EXCELLENT!**)

Secretary’s Note:

All written reports, financial reports, cabinet member roll call and general attendance records are hereby attached and made a part of the permanent minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion David E. Harris, PDG
 Cabinet Secretary
 Missouri Lions District 26-M6

Note: The next Cabinet Meeting will be at the Carl Junction Community Center, 303 N. Main, Carl Junction, MO. on May, 12, 2012 @1:00 P.M. The meal will be served by the Carl Junction Lions Club.