

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI
Cabinet Meeting
March 15, 2013**

MINUTES OF MEETING:

The fourth cabinet meeting of this Lions year was called to order by District Governor Walter Hamer at about 4:00 P.M. on Friday, March 15, 2013. The cabinet meeting was the kick off of the 26-M6 District Convention to be held this weekend at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Springfield. DG Walt welcomed everyone who was in attendance and suggested that only necessary reports be given to save time.

Appointment of Tail Twister:

DG Walter appointed Lion Ken Lewis to serve as tail twister for this meeting. Lion Ken got right to work and watched everyone with a sharp eye, hoping to catch Lions making infractions of some sort.

Protocol for Meeting:

PCC Steve Wise, our C & BL's chairperson, established protocol for the meeting. He recognized all of the officers and PDGs present including some visiting Governors, as well as our International guests for the weekend, ID Stacey Jones and Lion Mary Jones, from Miami Lakes, Fla. Lion Stacey is a first year director of Lions Clubs International.

Roll Call and Attendance:

Cabinet Secretary Dave Harris called the roll of the cabinet. There were 23 Cabinet Members present plus 2 Past District Governor who don't hold a specific chairperson position. A total of 40 Lions signed the attendance sheet.

Introductions:

Governor Walter asked everyone to stand and introduce themselves giving identifying their home club and club or district office, if any.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the Jan. 12, 2013 cabinet meeting were approved, as previously distributed, upon a motion by PDG Cliff Curtis, a second by Lion Judy Young.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by our Cabinet Treasurer, PDG Bill Botzow. The Administrative Account as of 3/13/13 shows year to date income of \$18,731.16 and YTD expenses of \$13,987.77 leaving net income at \$4,743.39. The Summary of Accounts shows the total of all accounts at \$50,061.46 which includes total Disaster Relief Funds and the MOLATE fund with balances of \$11,438.40 and \$9,647.20 respectively. The report was approved for audit upon a motion by PDG James Rosbrugh and a second by PDG Cliff Curtis.

District Governor Remarks/Report:

Let me begin with a report on my visitation to our clubs. The year started off slowly with mostly my visiting clubs that I had not seen during my years as Vice District Governor. Then came the holidays and so I waited until we go into the new year to really get busy with this task. As of this week I have visited twenty-five (25) clubs for my annual visits. That means I still have twenty nine more clubs to see before the end of my year.

As I have visited the clubs I have found many excellent Lions that are fully committed to being an influence in their communities. Everyone was very welcoming and the food served was always very tasty and satisfying. Lion Karen and I have enjoyed our visits and look forward to the clubs we are still needing to see this year.

Of course the major concern in nearly every club is membership. Many clubs are stagnate or declining. The membership is aging and younger members are not joining. There have been some exciting exceptions to that as we have found clubs like Rogersville, Republic, Neosho, Carl Junction and others that are having an influx of younger folks. And remember that for most of our clubs, younger means anyone under the eligible age for joining AARP. But it is a thrill to see young adults who are just starting in their careers and their families becoming a part of our great service organization.

So even with our declining numbers in our district, I see a bright light on the horizon and good things happening now and into the future. I really believe that if we Lions will just break free of the old ways of thinking and begin to expand our world just a little, Lions Clubs in southwest Missouri will see a change coming.

Let me say thank you to all who have served so well in cabinet offices, on district committees, state committees, as zone and region chairs, and as club officers. You are the engine that keeps our Lions Clubs going and your tireless work is bringing about our success. Many of you will be recognized during the convention and I hope that you will be present to receive the honors you deserve.

In three and one-half months my term of office will come to an end. I am just starting to get into the swing to this thing, but am ready to pass off the baton to Lion Nick as he will be taking the lead for the next year. I am excited for his experiences that he will enjoy in Germany as he comes on board as a national officer of Lions Clubs International. I hope that you will give him the full support that you have given me and let us help Lion Nick reach new Milestones as he takes us further on the trip all revved and ready.

Again thank you for all you have done. You are really appreciated!

First Vice District Governor:

First of all, it's nice to see such a good turnout.

As I prepare for my upcoming year, hopefully as your District Governor, I have been defining goals and plans, establishing my theme, and attempting to fill District Cabinet positions. I completed the DGE training that I missed in Dallas, by working on my own with course materials provided by PDG Aubrey Cherry.

I haven't been back to the hospital since my visit in January. Hopefully, those issues are behind me.

Lion Noma and I attended the Mid-winter Forum last month. The seminars we attended were very good, and the Saturday night buffet and show were enjoyable. Thankfully, the weather was much better than last year.

In January we attended the Council of Governors meeting in Kansas City. Next month we will be attending the Hobo Day at the Branson-Hollister Lions Club April 13th. Hope to have a good turnout, with it being rescheduled when we can expect to have nice weather. April 19th and 20th we will be in Memphis for the Lions Leaders Weekend at Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service.

The following week we will be at the Council of Governors meeting and Multi-District Convention, again in Kansas City. That will leave about 2 months for visiting clubs and attending zone meetings before heading to Hamburg for the International Convention.

In order to keep my comments brief today, I will postpone for now, the identification of my theme, goals and plans for the coming year.

Second Vice District Governor: No written report.

REGION CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

North East Region – Lion Jennie Mosher: No Report

South East Region – Lion Sharon Morris:

I went to Mountain Grove Lions anniversary dinner and slide show on Saturday, January 19th. The boy scouts presented the flags and took care of our every need.

I also went to an Ava Lions meeting where they talked about plans for their horse show. Lion DG Walter Hamer and the Zone B chairperson, PDG Bob Crump, were there also.

North West Region – Lion Craig Lehman: No Report

Central Region – Vacant Position:

South West Region – Lion Leroy Potter: No Report

ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

NE Reg. – Zone -A – Vacant Position:

NE Reg. – Zone B – PDG James W. Rosbrugh:

Thirteen Lions from the Bolivar, El Dorado Springs and Morrisville Lions clubs signed in for our third Zone meeting hosted by the Morrisville Club at Smith's Restaurant south of Bolivar on February 7th. We were joined by our District Governor, Lion Walt Hamer.

We had a good round table discussion with representatives from each of the clubs elaborating on club fund-raising projects and how well they have worked, or failed to meet their objectives. We also discussed the age-old problem of membership.

I plan to have the next Zone meeting in Hermitage in the second week of April. I will provide more information when we firm the date. I really want to get them involved in activities beyond their club level. I am hoping that, since I had one club represented at the first Zone Meeting, two at the second meeting, and three at the third, we can have a full representation at the fourth one.

Weather cancelled my plans to meet with the Bolivar Club in January, and plumbing emergency for February 28th, then the Hermitage Club used basketball tournament as their once-monthly meeting for March, so I have yet to meet with either of these two clubs. I am on the calendar at Bolivar for March 28th and at Hermitage on April 9th.

SE Reg. – Zone A – Lion Jon Mendenhall: No Report

SE Reg. – Zone B – PDG Bob Crump:

Held third zone meeting on February 28 with five clubs and 18 lions represented. Items of discussion included election of officers, filing of PU-I01, voting items at district and state conventions, various Lions programs to consider donations to, and Hobo Day.

One of the major items that was discussed and those present wanted me to take up the line, was continued dues increases at all levels. Their concerns were that as dues continue to increase it is getting harder to retain members as well as getting new members.

Clubs continue to have projects and are serving their communities. Mansfield has appointed a new club secretary and discussing various methods to regroup, rebuild, and to continue after the loss of their long time secretary.

NW Reg. – Zone A – PDG Dean Westbay: No Report

NW Reg. – Zone B – Lion Ron Baldwin: No Report

CEN. Reg. – Zone A. – Lion Judy Young:

The last meeting was held at God Fathers Pizza, hosted by Christian County Lions, on January 29th. President Lion Kevin Baker opened the meeting with pledge, song and invocation by Lion Shirley Scott. (By the way if you want Governor Walter to attend have the meeting at God Fathers)

All Lions were introduced stating club office or GPL.

Governor Walter and Lion Karen were introduced and gave a sketch of travels and acknowledged Lion Debbie as she appeared in the last 2 Lions magazine. Lion Nick Paulin was present and talked about his coming year as governor.

Who knows what MOLATE is? It is "Missouri Lions Adopting Trees for Education." We talked about Irving Elementary School and the need for funds for planting trees and other landscaping ideas. This project has been adopted by the Council Of Governors as a state Lions project, Central Zone A voted to take a collection to support this project and each club said they would try to get additional funds from each club present. We accepted the challenge from PDG Lion Bob Crump Southeast Region Zone B and turned in \$53.10.

Upcoming events were discussed and registration forms handed out where needed. The District Convention was discussed and each club present was asked to bring their club banner for the parade.

Parade of green will be had so each club can bring donations to various Lion charities including MOLATE.

We had 4 of our 6 clubs represented. Bad weather kept the others away. Their reports were:

Republic Lions: reading club. Peace Posters .beef raffles. Pancake Breakfast.

Christian County Lions: White Elephant Christmas gift with a new twist ask a CC lion about that, Dutch auction, Succor Days, continued with their support Of Freedoms Rest (Family Violence Center in CC. 2 White Cane Days coming up.

Queen City Lions: Pancake Breakfast April 13, Cocoa to Salvation Army Christmas.

Springfield Host Lions: Christmas party for the Blind, continued work with 4th grade Classes at Delaware and Hickory Hills, Taking Sam Gillum (blind) to talk to high schools health classes about watching out for persons with dog or white cane, he also brings gadgets that help him at home.

Thanks to Christian County Lions for hosting and doing such a great job in their first 2 years. I have attended all clubs at least once and most twice.

CEN. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Junior Nease: No Report

SW Reg. – Zone A: - Lion Chris Howard:

We held our third Zone meeting at the 1st Baptist Church of Diamond and was hosted by the Diamond Lions Club on January 26th. The following Lions were in attendance: Lion President Ron Badley and Lion Secretary Glenda Fullerton of the Diamond Lions Club, Lion President Randy Holzwarth and Lion Secretary of the Carthage Lions Club, Lion President Leroy Potter, Lion Secretary Cheryl Howard, Lion 3rd Vice President Amanda Wingett of the Joplin Host Lions Club and Lion Katie Smith of the Carl Junction Lions Club and Lion Landon Adams of the Springdale Noon Club.

Lion Phil Krebs gave a program on Leader Dogs and the very important aspects of the program and the difference it makes in the lives of the blind. We were also introduced to Dora, who Lion Phil along with his wife who are presently raising from a pup and will soon be leaving to hopefully become a full fledged Leader Dog. I received reports from the different clubs after the program.

The Diamond Lions club announced that they had a successful Christmas Parade and Snowflake contest; Announced that they had 2 new Members join in January and a new prospective member or two. That upcoming projects are a Easter Egg Hunt and also a new fundraiser in cane day.

The Carthage club said that their Maple Leaf Car show was a success and also have 2 new prospective members. The Club is also hoping to revive two projects from the past, one is a annual pancake feed and the other a annual broom sales. The club also announced for the past year they had bought 30 pairs of glasses for children and were sponsoring a lady to go to Mid South.

The Carl Junction Club announced that they would now be doing a monthly Breakfast on the first Saturday of every month at the Carl Junction Civic Center as a fundraiser; Profits from each month will be dedicated to designated charity. The Carl Junction Leos and Lions will be having a Afghan raffle contest seeing who can sell the most. They are also planning an Jazz and Java fundraiser at the high school, also in the planning stage is to have a fundraiser at the semi-pro ballpark in Springdale ball park in June.

The Joplin Host Lions Club had participated in several local Christmas parades with Lion President Leroy Potter's old time tractor bedecked and pulling several stuffed lions and had even placed in one of the Parades. They also had a successful time at the Joplin Business Expo making many contacts and providing Pulled Pork for after hours meet and greet the first night. They also announced a upcoming pancake feed for March the 23rd and their annual Memorial weekend rib fest on May 25th.

The upcoming District Convention was discussed the members were urged to attend that along with upcoming Hobo Day and the State Convention. Membership was also discussed I was urged (to suggest) that a more active roll by our District in helping our local clubs, as they strive to increase membership, through training and any other means that would help. Our next Zone meeting will be hosted by the Carl Junction Club in April at a time to be decided

SW Reg. – Zone B: - PDG Zana Botzow: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alert – Lion Kevin Cantrell: No Report

Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair: No Report

Audit – 2nd VDG Peter Frantzen, Chair: No Report Needed

Band – Lion Nancy Eaves, Chair: No Report

All-Star Basketball Classic: PDG Bob Crump, Chair: The 36th annual classic will be Saturday, June 8th at BBC in Springfield with the girls' game beginning at 6:30 p.m. letters were mailed to each district club sometime in late February asking for an advertising donation in the program book. Last year 31 clubs made a donation. Those donations are coming in.

City ballots are out with nominations coming in. The city girls have few seniors this year and we may have concerns having a full squad. Three of the four coaches have been asked to coach with one accepting, another checking his summer schedule, not heard from the other. The fourth one is in Columbia this weekend.

I have brought before this cabinet the possibility of getting a corporate sponsor for the classic. I have held my second meeting a few weeks ago and we are very near in making it a reality was hoping to be able to be definite with their vote but their meeting is March 25. Some of the owners have been talked to one on one and like the proposal.

Here are some of the discussion items that came out of our meetings,

- The corporate sponsor would be McDonalds Metro. This is all the Springfield stores plus Willard} Republic, Ozark, and Nixa. There are about 20 stores in the group.
 - They will print and put handbills at each of these stores at each door and possibly each cash register. These stores have a total average of 14,000 customers per DAY.
 - They will promote the game with their store's advertising.
 - They will try to get other McDonalds where a player is from to come join in with advertising and possibly player name on their outside sign.
 - The rep will work to get a contact he knows to place the game on his home web page that promotes high school sports which has a large following of coaches and other sports followers.
- Other ideas were discussed for promotions such as giveaways at the game, cheerleaders, and a pep band.

In turn we would do the following:

- The name of the game would be the McDonalds Lions All Star Classic.
- Their logo would be on the program cover page with ours.
- They would get the outside back cover of the program book.
- Ticket prices would raise to \$6.00. If a McDonalds receipt is presented, that group would get \$1.00 off per ticket.

Benefits for adding McDonalds:

- The Lions name being seen by 14,000 people per day for about two weeks.
- Possible increase in attendance which will mean more profits to MLERF.
- The main point!!! McDonalds will make a donation to the classic of \$2,500.00 this year with the goal of increasing attendance in years to come and in turn they would increase their donation accordingly.

Lions, if we want this project to grow in attendance and revenue to MLERF I feel that we are going to have to give and take to get any cooperation to assist. Tomorrow I will present MLERF a check for \$4,650 from last year's game. For the past several years it has been just this same figure. If we do not try something different this project will become stagnant and lose its appeal.

Since this is our last cabinet meeting I would like the cabinet to allow me to continue to pursue this avenue on a one year trial basis providing that I feel it is in the best interest of the district lions and the All Star Classic.

Basketball – Lions All-Star Twin Classic: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair; Things have changed some since my last report. After making all the arrangements for the use of the Crowder College gymnasium, we learned that facility is

not air conditioned. I have made tentative arrangements for the use of the Neosho High School gym, which is air conditioned, for both the Friday practice and the Saturday games. That seemed a logical move since we were already planning on using it for practice.

Here's the bigger change. Since my earlier contact with the Neosho High School Athletic Director, and being advised that there would be no charge for our use of their gym, the School Board has "reviewed" their facilities use policy, and we may now have to pay \$100 per hour for the gym, plus \$25 per hour per person for janitor service. (The AD figures we will not need a janitor on Friday.) They can provide a scoreboard operator for both games for \$30, and, if we desire one, a game announcer for the same fee. I believe the scoreboard operator would be helpful, but I don't believe we need a game announcer, only a public address system and microphone. They do have a concession area, and I believe we will be able to operate it ourselves, if we want.

Using those figures, which I hope to renegotiate down, the gym will cost \$700 (2 hrs on Friday, 5 hrs on Saturday). Add one janitor for six hours at the game adds another \$150, and a scoreboard operator at \$30, our total cost for the Neosho High School gym will be \$880.

We will need to replace a few girls' tops as four of them "skipped out" without turning them in. I am not certain that we can get an identical match for the ones we have, but I think so. When we purchased them before, as I remember it, they were about \$12.00 each, so we're looking at \$50 to \$75.

I have been corresponding with some of the media sports writers in the area, and plan to slightly modify our method of selecting players and teams, and hope to have that completed so we can provide players' names to our ad purchasers.

We plan to adjust our girls' tip-off time to 5:30, with the boys following immediately thereafter. This will allow travel time for our treasurer to make both games.

Mark your calendars for the Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball games, June 8, 2013.

Governor Walt, I recommend we make the adjustments outlined in this report and continue with our plans.

Constitution and By-Laws – PCC Steve Wise, Chair: No Report

Convention Committee – PDG Bill Botzow, Chair: The clock has run out and your district convention is about to start.

The committee has been working to bring you a great convention with some new approaches to the presentation.

We have as of March 13, 2013 108 participants with walk-in on Friday & Saturday to increase our numbers. International Director Stacy Jones and Mary have arrived and the hospitality room is being prepared as we meet.

Saturday will start at 7:30 AM, with registrations and exhibit area.

The opening plenary session starts at 8:00AM., with the Lions Memorial Service ending that session.

At 9:30 and 10:30 AM. there are 9 workshops available and in the afternoon 1:30 and 2:30 PM there are 12 workshops.

The second plenary session starts at 3:30 PM. & voting from 4:45 to 5:10 PM.

The parade of banners will form at 6:00 and banquet door for seating at 6:20 PM.

The Banquet will commence at 6:00 PM., sharp.

Sit back and enjoy the food and other activities.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF YOUR CONVENTION.

FUTURE STATE CONVENTIONS: 2013: Thursday, April 25-Sunday, April 28, 2013 Kansas City, MO. at the Holiday Inn SE. (see Molions M5 web page) If you are planning to attend, the royals will be playing and the rooms will fill quickly so get your room reservations in. The room cutoff is March 23, 2013.

Cultural & Community – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair: No Report

Diabetes – Lion Sharon Morris, Chair: No Report

Environmental – Lion Jennie Mosher, Chair: No Report

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

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

Global Membership Team (GMT) – Vacant Position: No Report

Hearing – PDG Jerry Young, Chair: The Hearing Sweepstakes tickets were distributed to District M6 clubs, either directly or through the Region and Zone chairs. Unfortunately, some clubs have reported that the tickets did not get to them - thus helping to explain the very small return thus far.

Lesson learned: Next year the tickets will be distributed differently.

RECEIPTS as of March 13: \$1,395 from only 14 clubs. It is expected that some clubs will turn in cash and tickets at the district convention.

DRAWING: The first drawing for \$25 Cash will be at the M6 District convention with the remainder of the prizes to be drawn at the state convention.

HEARING AIDS: Several clubs have inquired about hearing aids, but none have applied for assistance.

PORTABLE AUDIOMETERS: There have been no uses of the audiometers since fall. The Republic Lions will use the machines for their Pancake breakfast April 20.

Hobo Day – PDG Howard Hawkins, Chair: No Report

Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Zana Botzow, Chair: No Report

Information & Technology – PDG Stuart Payne, Chair: No Report

LBOMB – Lion Bob Stewart, Chair: Changes continue to occur in the LBOMB financial situation. The final Audit Report for 2012 indicates we had a profit of \$15,041 versus last year's loss of \$151,000.

Minor changes to the bylaws were approved to improve daily operations in the area of check approval. Much has been learned since control of many functions has been returned to Lion's control.

Proposed budget changes that eliminated the Blind Vendors IRA Match and Paid Vacation were approved by the Blind Vendors Executive Committee and LBOMB Board and are reflected in the 2013 budget.

LCIF – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: Gave a short report but no written copy available.

Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair: Gave short verbal report updating on their potential Leader Dog, still in preliminary training as a pup.

Leos – Lion Katie Smith, Chair: No Report

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Youth Exchange – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair: No Report

Lions Services/Children – Lion Judy Young, Chair: No Report

Lions Quest Program – Lion Karen Hamer, Chair: Gave a short verbal report encouraging involvement in the Quest program

Long Range Planning – Lion Michael Miether, Chair: No report

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Bob Kitsmiller, Chair: Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing, at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis Tennessee, is where we do surgery on indigent patient's eyes at no cost to the patient.

On April 19-20 we will have a Lions Leaders Weekend. You will tour the Hospital, talk to the Doctors. The Doctors will tell you what you mean to the Hamilton Eye Institute, you will be inspired. We will have a hospital room, and lunch on Saturday. Your clubs are encouraged to provide a scholarship for some of your Lion leaders. You can go to www.midsouthlions.org and make your reservations.

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

Nominating Committee – PDG Sue Blakley Chair: The District Nominating Committee has received Letters of Intent to seek office from the following Lions:

First Vice District Governor Lion Nick Paulin of the Seligman Lions Club, seeking the office of District Governor to serve District 26-1\16 for the term 2013- 2014.

Second Vice District Governor Lion Peter Frantzen of the Forsyth Lions Club, seeking the office of First Vice District Governor to serve District 26-1\16 for the term 2013-2014.

Lion Craig Lehman of the Lamar Lions Club, seeking the office of Second Vice District Governor to serve District 26-M6 for the term 2013-2014.

Immediate Past District Governor Lion Stuart Payne, of the Carl Junction Lions Club, seeking the office of the Missouri Eye Research Foundation (MLERF) Director to represent District 26-M6 for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2013.

The Nominating Committee has reviewed the Letters of Intent to Seek Office of these four Lions, and their prerequisite qualifications for the office desired, we find that all are members in good standing of clubs good standing in District 26-M6, and have served in the required positions in their local clubs and at the district level. All those seeking office have met or exceeded the qualifications specified by Lions Clubs International and this district for the office they are seeking.

Therefore, it is my privilege to place into nomination the names of: Lion Nick Paulin for the office of District Governor, Lion Peter Frantzen for the office of First Vice District Governor, Lion Craig Lehman for the office of Second Vice District Governor, each to serve for the term 2013~2014. And, Lion Past District Governor, Stuart Payne for the office of director of the Missouri Lions Research Foundation Director to serve a three-year term, commencing on July 1, 2013.

Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair: Gave a short verbal report asking clubs to get involved in the Peace Poster project.

Pin Traders – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair: No report

Public Relations – PDG Debbie Whittlesey, Chair: No Report

District Tornado Relief Effort– PDG Debbie Whittlesey Chair: No Report

Sight Conservation – PDG Stuart Payne, Chair: Since the last District Cabinet meeting, I attended the MLERF strategic planning meeting February 16, 2013. I represented MD26-M6 in the place of PDG Lion Sarah McCormick Stout.

The strategic report is still in the draft phase and should be ready for the next Lions year. The goal for the meeting was to set goals and express ideas to create a plan for the next few years.

There was also discussion about the re-imbursement cost for eye tissue from the Federal government in regard to the new Health care regulations. We hope to be involved in setting a fair price, and to do this will required documenting the cost to process tissue.

I have received no word on the replacement of Dr. Ron Walkenbach.

I also attend a teleconference call on March 5, 2013. The topic was to talk about Lion sight week April 15 - 20, 2013. If any clubs wishes to a special screening during this week, contact MLERF to get schedule.

I would like to be notified of region and zone committee meetings so I can attend and explain the purpose of MLERF, Sight and why it is important to raise funds for the Sight activities.

I will also attend club meetings to give a program.

At the end of January M6 has had:

- 71 patients have received cornea tissue from the Heartland Lion Eye Banks
- 3,739 children screen. 425 referred 92 screenings
 - o Last year it was 5,526, 457 and 164
- Healthy Vision Screening 300 screened, 3 referred from 15 screenings
 - o Last year it was 980, 12 and 31.
 - o Eye Care assistance there are 4 patients, 5 for glasses at a total cost of 8,965.82
 - Last year it was 6 patients, 6 glasses at \$18,842.13
 - We were ranked first in the state needing assistance.

Web Master – Lion Cathy Purvis: No Report

WSB – PDG Cliff Curtis, Chair: No Report

Old Business:

New Business: Motions were made as follows:

A motion to accept the Region, Zone and all Committee Reports previously given was made by Lion Leroy Potter, seconded by PDG Charles Haywood and passed.

A motion was made by PDG Bob Crump to allow ticket charges for the Lions All-Star Basketball Classic as outlined in his report and, to continue to negotiate with McDonalds as a sponsor to the event. Motion seconded by Lion Judy Young and carried.

PDG James W. Rosbrugh made a motion to allow him to continue negotiations with the Neosho High School administration which may bear these charges for the game: the gym will cost \$700 (2 hrs on Friday, 5 hrs on Saturday). Add one janitor for six hours at the game adds another \$150, and a scoreboard operator at \$30, our total cost for the Neosho High School gym will be \$880. Motion was seconded by Lion Craig Lehman and passed. (Lion James will try to negotiate these charges down)

PDG Bill Botzow, convention chair, made a motion that our district bid to hold either the 2016 or 2017 MD – 26 state convention in our district. The convention bid would be made on a location in Springfield. PCC Steve Wise seconded the motion and it passed.

A motion to donate all of this year's tail twisting money, collect at our cabinet meetings, to the MOLATE project was made by PDG Zana Botzow. Motion seconded by PDG Charles Haywood and carried.

A follow up motion was made by PDG Bob Crump, seconded by PCC Steve Wise, that the tail twisting money which will be collected during this year's 26-M6 convention also be contributed to the MOLATE project. Motion carried.

Our illustrious Tail Twister, Lion Ken Lewis, finished his tail twisting duties by collecting money from almost everyone present. He had collected (confiscated) \$42.02 from unsuspecting Lions during this meeting.

There being no other business Governor Walter adjourned the meeting.

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