

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI
Cabinet Meeting
July 14, 2012

MINUTES OF MEETING

District Governor Walter Hamer called the first Cabinet Meeting of the New Year to order at precisely 9:00 A.M. The meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Monett, MO.

Our new District Governor welcomed everyone to the cabinet meeting and thanked everyone for sharing their time with the Lions district today. He said, in an effort to keep the meeting running on time, reports would be strictly limited to 3 minutes and he introduced Lions Chris Howard and Leroy Potter who will be charged with keeping the time clock. At the two minute mark, one of them will come up and stand beside the presenter to indicate that there is only one minute left to give time for the speaker to wrap it up. Fines will be imposed for those running overtime.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Stuart Payne and Lion Phil Krebs led us in singing a patriotic song. The invocation was given by PDG James W. Rosbrugh

Appointment of Tail Twister:

DG Walter appointed PDG James W. Rosbrugh, as the tail twister during the meeting, who took to his duties all too seriously and with a certain amount of gleefulness.

Protocol for Meeting:

PCC Steve Wise, our C & BL's chairperson, established protocol for the meeting. He briefly explained the purpose for this procedure, saying that it took the place of everyone on the agenda, from repeatedly acknowledging the cabinet and PDGs over again and again.

Roll Call and Attendance:

Cabinet Secretary Dave Harris called the roll of the cabinet. There were 28 Cabinet Members present plus 3 Past District Governors who hold no specific chair positions. A total of 51 Lions signed the attendance sheet.

Introductions:

By way of introduction, DG Walter asked that each Lion stand and state their home club, office held and any other pertinent information about themselves.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the May 12, 2012 cabinet meeting were approved, as emailed or mailed, upon a motion by PCC Steve Wise and a second by PDG Cliff Curtis

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report, prepared by outgoing Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jim Wilson was presented by PDG Bill Botzow, our new Cabinet Treasurer. A review of the District's financial reports was given by PDG Jim Wilson, District Treasurer. The Administrative Account as of 6/30/12 shows year to date income of \$33,729.66 plus Tornado Relief Funds of \$49,347.00 for total income of \$83,076.66. The income does not show grants which were previously received and now dispersed in total. Operating expenditures for the year are \$79,501.45 leaving the checkbook balance at \$3,575.21. Other District accounts total \$27,187.62 making a total balance in all district accounts of \$34,338.04. A motion to approve the Treasurers report for audit was made by PDG Cliff Curtis, 2nd by PDG Zana Botzow and passed.

District Governor Remarks/Report:

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation: first, for this opportunity to serve you as your district governor. I consider this an honor and will do my best to not disappoint you for your decision. Second, I want to say thank you to IPDG Stuart Payne, who gave me many opportunities to help him this past year. We had a good year and I appreciate all that Lion Stuart accomplished during his year in spite of the pressure from his employment situation. I look forward to your service on the cabinet and as a friend and advisor.

Third, I wish to say thank you to Lions Bob and Elaine Crump and all the members of the honorary committee for the beautiful hospitality room that was provided at the state convention. It was a real hit and did a great job communicating my theme of "Going Deeper."

In that same thought I wish to thank Lion Sue Blakely and all who helped her with the hospitality room at our district convention. It was a heavenly banquet and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

And then thanks to all of you who made it possible for Lion Karen and me to go to District Governor Elect School and the International Convention in Busan, Republic of Korea (South). The dues that every member pays to International helps to send the DGE to the school and convention. So Karen and I say thank you, Lions, for making the trip possible. I wish we had time to share with you all our mind-expanding experiences in Korea. It was wonderful. Kasamada!

My theme this year grows out of a new interest that Lion Karen and I started exploring over four years ago as we took up the sport of SCUBA diving. As I have become involved over these past years with the work of Lions in the twenty counties in southwest Missouri that make up District 26M6, I am impressed with all that has been accomplished. We have seen parks that have been built and maintained in various towns, counties, and even state parks by local Lions Clubs. In many areas of our district Lions Clubs have built firehouses and supported the work of these brave men and women that protect property and lives. Lions have become the means by which towns and counties find community and identity through fairs, shows, rodeos, special events, and other activities that bring people together.

Even more Lions of M6 have enriched the lives of less fortunate people by providing vision screening, eye glasses, hearing aids, white canes, and leader dogs. You have enabled people to get necessary surgeries and other medical care. You have made thousands of cornea transplants possible from here to the ends of the earth. You have sent people who lost jobs and hope to places like World Service for the Blind and LBOMB to find new purpose and skills for their lives.

We could add much more to this list if time permitted. Lions, you and your clubs have accomplished a lot. Be proud that you are a Lion and part of the largest service organization in the world. And you are part of one of the best district in that organization. We are humble servants who make the world better as we work together in our clubs, this district, our multiple, and our area. As Lion Leroy says, "It's great to be a Lion!"

But I believe that we can do even better. Times are changing. People are changing. And I am afraid that we are going to have to change as Lions. The old ways of being Lions clubs is not cutting the mustard, whatever that means. So my challenge is that we need to go deeper if we are going to continue to make our communities, state, nation, even the world a better place. And we will need to work harder to restore the USA as the leading nation in Lionism.

International President Lion Wayne Madden is going to continue the same four areas of emphasis the Past International Presidents Sid Skruggs and Wing Kum Tam carried in their terms. We will not have to learn new tricks or jump thru new hoops. So we can get started right away.

The first focus is on youth. With schools starting up again in the next 30-45 days this is an easy area of service. Many of you do back pack projects, provide school supplies or help with making your schools better and stronger. Hopefully we can grow those projects.

President Madden is an educator and he is asking us to focus our service on literacy programs. This can include anything from buying books for your school or community libraries to starting an on-going program of reading and tutoring students in your communities. Maybe your area has literacy organizations that you can help through providing personnel or funds. Search out the web for many ways to be involved in literacy and youth projects. Other areas are vision in October, fighting hunger in December and January, and environment in April. We will consider these at later times of the year.

Let me wrap this up with some challenges to you as members of District 26M6. First I would like to have you think seriously about membership growth. This is not just a numbers game. It is the life of Lions in our area. If we don't begin to grow, we will have no future as our clubs age toward oblivion. I have visited clubs whose memberships represent 25-50% of the population of their communities, while at the same time we have clubs that have less than twenty members in towns of 600, 800, and over a thousand persons. Is it too much to believe that our clubs should be from one to ten percent of their community?

What keeps clubs from growing? First is a lack of meaningful service projects. We are often ignorant of the real needs in our towns and counties that Lions can service and can work with the citizens to accomplish. I believe people are hungry to engage in meaningful projects that will make a difference. Many young adults would welcome a place where they can use their gifts and skills to make the world a better place.

Second, most club meetings are boring. The agenda is non-existent. The officers and committees are not prepared and the meetings become tedious. It does not take much to improve the meetings. A trained tail twister can make

the meeting more fun. An agenda will move the business portion quickly and smoothly. Let your committees do their work and then report the results instead of the whole club doing the committee's work. Also consider using social media like Facebook to keep members informed. Some clubs have cyber members that don't attend meetings, but get their information and input on the media. They focus on fund raising work and service projects. Then use your meeting time for good programs that provide both Lion and community information. Our directory will list all our chairs and representatives that are willing to be programs for your clubs. Please use them to have more exciting and interesting meetings.

Third, clubs don't grow because we just don't seriously ask people. You will hear today from Lion Ken Lewis, our Global Membership Team (GMT) chair, who is willing to work with clubs and zones to teach how to reach out and find new members for your clubs.

My final thought for the year: I would like for us to become engaged in a district wide service project. It would involve raising funds and doing immediate service for an agency, institution, or organization that we could have common consensus to serve. So if you have ideas for some project we can engage in, please talk to me or one of the zone, region chairs, or the vice governors.

We would have a fund raiser that we can do in all our clubs. I envision something say like a garage sale in every club in their communities on the same Saturday. You might have even a better idea, so please share your thoughts as well.

Forgive this old preacher for taking so much time. I just have this vision for how much better our clubs and district can be and three minutes just can't get it done. Won't you join me in going deeper into Lionism in the district, in your clubs, and in your own commitment to Lions?

First Vice District Governor:

1st VDG Nick Paulin is currently attending the Great Plains Leadership Institute and so no report is available.

Second Vice District Governor:

2nd VDG Peter Frantzen said that this is a year of firsts for me and a learning process. Since the District Convention I have been to the State Convention in Jefferson City and attended the Vice District Governors-Elect Seminar the Seminar lasted almost 8 hours and was well worth the time. The material for the Seminar is online. It is under District Governors Team Manual. It is twenty chapters. I would suggest that the Zone and Region Chair people take a look at it as it is a great reference source. I would also like to thank PCC Steve Wise and PDG Pat Porterfield who ran the Seminar. They did a great job.

I attended the MLERF, Board of Directors meeting and Sight Committee in Columbia and I have started the process of becoming a Certified Guiding Lion.

I have also attended a District Budget meeting in Springfield. In addition to installing the officers of the Forsyth Lions, I have made two club visitations. I am in the process of preparing the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet for Forsyth and gathering the information for the accountant to prepare the 990.

Lion Peter closed with telling about, Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody who expected that one of the other "bodies" would do a job. Consequently, with that attitude, no one ever got the job done.

Correspondence:

None

Finance/Budget Reports:

PDG Dave Harris, Finance Committee Chair, presented the proposed budget for 2012-2013. Based on District membership of 1, 375, the income is projected to be \$38,420.00 This includes transferring \$9,520.00 from our district savings account to meet the expenses also projected to be \$38,420.00. Lion Dave pointed out that if use of money from the savings account is not needed, it won't be used. He pointed out that because of declining membership, a dues increase may become necessary for successive years.

A question was raised about the expenses for the District Treasure which showed 2 nights lodging at \$65.00 per night which should be \$130.00 instead the \$195.00 shown, which makes the total treasurers expense \$880.00 instead of \$945.00 as shown. A correction will be made by placing the excess amount of \$65.00 into the unbudgeted category.

A motion to approve the budget for 2012-2013, as corrected, was made by PDG Dave Harris, seconded by PDG Bill Botzow and carried.

REGION CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

North Region – Lion Jennie Mosher: During the month of June I visited the Half Way Lions Club. During this meeting I had the honor of installing their new officers for the 2012-2013 Lion Year. Like most clubs the average age of their members is getting older each year. We discussed some ideas for getting new members (possibly younger). The Half Way Lions Club will be hosting the first Zone Meeting on August 6th at their Lions Club house. Since this is a regular meeting night for many clubs it is hoped we will get a good turnout. A letter to all clubs in this zone will be mailed out both electronically as well as snail mail after today's Cabinet meeting. Since many Lions Clubs do not attend the regular Cabinet meeting I will add a brief summary of all the high points to help keep these members informed of our District happenings. I am in the process of scheduling my visits to Clubs across my region. I hope this year will be very successful as we try to increase our membership throughout our zone, District and State.

North West Region – Lion Craig Lehman: No Report.

Central Region – Vacant Position:

South East Region – Lion Sharon Morris: No Report

South West Region – Lion Leroy Potter: No Report

ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

NO Reg. – Zone -A – Vacant Position:

NO Reg. – Zone B – PDG James W. Rosbrugh: PDG James said that he will be posting dates and locations of his zone meetings for the year.

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

SE Reg. – Zone B – PDG Bob Crump: No Report

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: No Report

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

SW Reg. – Zone A: - Lion Chris Howard: No Report

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alert – Lion Kevin Cantrell: Lion Kevin said that the Marshfield Lions Club have donated \$500.00 to the Alert program and he is getting ready to mail letters to all of the clubs in the district encouraging them to call him for a program and help build the Alert fund by making a contribution to it.

Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair: Our Game will be played on July 21, 2012 and it will be a great game .First time in many years we have a coach from our District and we had 8 players confirmed to play. Unfortunately our District is the lowest in funding for these players.. I would like to thank the Miller, Carl Junction, Branson-Hollister,

Monett, and Joplin Host Lions Clubs for your Donations it is disappointing that out of 52+ clubs in this great District that these clubs were the only ones, to date, that have made a contribution.

We are starting a new Lion year with new DG and Club officers. I would hope that you will go back to your respective clubs and fix in an amount that your club would donate for this program. The All-Star Football game is the ONLY type of game that all of Missouri boys are invited to play. Our two Basketball games are from our District only. We support them so why can we not help all the players from Missouri 26 M-6?

We had a successful year last year but this year we are falling WAY behind because Lions in this District are not supporting it. I hope this will change in the future. If any Lion or club would like to donate please send it to me.

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

Band – Lion Nancy Eaves, Chair: Lion Irene Voyles gave a wrap report for her year as this is her last year as band chair for the district;

The Missouri Lions All-State Band camp and tour is history for 2012. Fifty-nine students and 13 adults made the trip through Northwest MO and on to the Rapid City, SD area. The trip concluded on July 8. M-6 was represented by 8 students. They were sponsored by the Branson-Hollister, El Dorado Springs, Kimberling City, Marionville, and Monett Lions Clubs. In addition, the Lebanon Host and Lebanon Evening clubs contributed \$100 each to help a student from El Dorado Springs. Thank you to each and every club for your support and help. Students should be contacting your club to tell about their trip. If you don't hear from them, give them a call. Next year, the band is scheduled to come through Southwest MO. I hope your club will start planning now in your budget to sponsor a band student. It does not have to be a full sponsorship. Many clubs sponsor half of the cost with the student providing the rest. Besides students, we'll need clubs to help with meals and support at places where the band will perform. Let me know if I can help. The 2012 band will perform next Saturday in Warrensburg at the football game. Please come. Thanks to PDG Bill Botzow for his work with this committee for many years and to Lion Nancy Eaves for going on the trip. The three of us put in many hours working for the band. Lion Nancy will be your band chair next year. Thanks everyone for helping me out during my tenure.

All-Star Basketball Classic: PDG Bob Crump, Chair: PDG Bob said this year's game was another success and several things happened at the games that were positive for both the games and Lions;

- ◆ We had two outstanding close scoring games.
- ◆ The presence of one player, even though he had been injured (unrelated to the game) and couldn't play he was there to support his team mates.
- ◆ Thirty one clubs made donations to the game
- ◆ All the Lions in attendance asked what they could do to help during the evening.
- ◆ Making the presentation of a Haywood Snipes Award to Mike Edwards who has announced the games for a long time.
- ◆ Having an increase of \$660.00 in advertising sales and \$68.00 in program sales

Lion Bob also reported that there some negatives also should be noted;

- ◆ Drop in gate receipts of \$719.00
- ◆ A lack of advertisement purchases from the communities that had both players and a Lions Club.
- ◆ Lack of help in selling ads in Springfield
- ◆ The small number of Lions and their families, who attend the games each year.

Moving on for the future, PDG Bob said the contract for next year's game is in place for June 8, 2013. BBC will have a new athletic director so that will require getting him up to speed with our operation. Perhaps halftime entertainment would increase attendance. Also, he said that an effort to obtain a corporate sponsor has been started. This would allow us to increase our donations to MLERF, in lieu of increased ad sales.

The game had a net profit of \$4,778.54 and Lion Bob made a recommendation that the district send a \$4650.00 donation to MLERF

Basketball – Lions All-Star Twin Classic: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair: We did have a successful, if somewhat low-income, Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball game on June 2nd, 2012. We ran into several conflicts for the players, First was the Annual Grid Iron Football game for the boys on that Friday night, which affects their availability for practice. Second was the newly-established Volleyball Classic Tournament for the

girls held on the Saturday of the game, making it difficult for them to arrive in time to change, warm up and play in the game. Add to that a confusing paragraph in NCAA post-season rules, many of our top All-Stars were thus previously committed, and declined our invitation, believing it would make them ineligible for college athletics. In fact, on the night of the practice, only seven girls showed up, and we were not sure we would be able to have a girls' game. When it was clarified that the players could, indeed, participate in more than one post-season game and maintain college eligibility, the two girls' coaches, with the help of one star player, were able to "re-recruit" enough of our selectees who had previously declined with regrets. We played two games, (We did, however, fail to get the uniform jerseys returned from three of the girls. I'm still working on that.)

Sales of Game Booklet Advertisements were down dramatically this year, with only \$1,510 sold. District 26-M6 purchased one of those for \$100. Of the remaining \$1,410, **one club** sold exactly half (\$705) of them. I always try my best to remain positive, but, I must admit, I was disappointed. Had there not been a good game attendance, we would not have been able to report a closing balance **of \$2,904.12.**

I have looked for possible reasons for things which had never been a problem before, and believe I have found one major contributing combination. If you recall, before district reorganization, both Basketball games were held on the same weekend in June—both games were "successful" and well sought after by the players, fans and sportswriters alike. To avoid an attendance conflict for the Lions of the new District, the Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball games were moved to the first weekend of June. Guess what! That's the weekend chosen for the "new" Grin Iron Football game, which, as I understand it, was begun that same year. Now add the "new" Volleyball Classic Tournament, established in 2012 to complement with the football game, and there's a problem.

I will make two recommendations to this Cabinet:

First: I recommend we seriously consider changing the date of the Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball game. I offer three possibilities.

Possibility #1; Play the games to the second weekend in June, but change the beginning time of the girls' game to allow sufficient travel time for the Governor to participate in the "Opening" ceremony at that location, and also participate in the "Between-game" activities at the other location. (NOTE: Except for our District Governor and District Treasurer, I noticed only five Lions who attended **both** games.)

Possibility #2; Move the game to the third weekend in June, and hope that isn't too late for the players, who may already be involved in college athletic commitments (camps), and coaches who may already be involved in summer plans.

Possibility #3; Leave it as it is, and hope we can do better next time.

Although I do enjoy attending both games, I feel Possibility #1 is our best choice. If we are not comfortable making a decision today, I believe we can address it at our next meeting and still have time to confirm a date with Ozark Christian College.

Second: I recommend that we retain \$804.12 in reserve for the 2013 game, and divide the remaining \$2,100 equally (\$700 each) between Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service, Lions World Services for the Blind and Lions Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Constitution and By-Laws – PCC Steve Wise, Chair; The District Policy Manual has been reviewed by the committee appointed during the May cabinet meeting. After some discussion of Article III: Retention and Destruction of District Files/Records some expressed concern that if records are retained in electronic format the technology may change rendering them inaccessible. Adoption will be addressed under New Business.

Convention Committee– PDG Bill Botzow, Chair; Your next District Convention will be held on March 15 & 16 in Springfield, MO. at the Howard Johnson Convention Center (formally the Clarion). The International Guest will be International Director Lion Stacey W. Jones and his wife Lion Mary from Norland, Florida. The planning process for the convention will start late summer but we need your help by serving on the committee and have input in the planning and delivery of the convention.

FUTURE STATE CONVENTIONS:

2013: Thursday, April 25-Sunday, April 28, 2013 Kansas City, MO. at the Holiday Inn SE.

2014: Thursday, April 24- Sunday April 27, 2014 -Sedalia, MO. at the Best Western State Fair Inn.

2015: Thursday, April 30- Sunday May 3, 2015 -Cape Girardeau, MO. at the Drury Lodge.

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

Diabetes – Lion Sharon Morris, Chair: No Report

Environmental – Lion Jennie Mosher, Chair: As we start the new Lion year, I look forward to serving as the District Environmental Chair. The environment has long been a selected area in which Lions have devoted many hours of service and millions of dollars to improve local and worldwide conditions.

This year I am encouraging Lions throughout our District to participate in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest. The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving their environment. Every Lion from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

Lion Jennie listed the details of the photo contest as well as items that can be recycled through the green team concept.

If anyone has questions or needs assistance please contact me. I will come to a club meeting and give a presentation.

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

Finance – PDG Dave Harris, Chair: See Finance/Budget item earlier on agenda

Global Leadership Team (GLT) – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: No written report but Lion Jim said the team on the state level is working to put the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum together.

Global Membership Team (GMT) – Lion Ken Lewis: A follow up with the Seligman Lions Club indicates their membership has fallen from 14 members since the visit last quarter to 13 due to the transfer of 1st Vice District Governor Lion Nick Paulin to another Lion club. However, we have learned that the Seligman club has undertaken a community project which will provide visibility for the club and the potential to attract new members. Correspondence with the Seligman club will continue in an effort to help them in their efforts to recruit new members.

The Mansfield club has been visited twice since the GMT presentation was made on May 8th. No progress was reported on either visit. Now that a new president has been installed, hopefully a different direction will be undertaken. A meeting with the new president will be scheduled.

A GMT presentation was made to the Golden City Lions club on the evening of June 25th. The club is comprised of mostly elderly members. During the first part of the presentation, the members present were somewhat defensive in attitude, but by the time the presentation was concluded, the members present showed more interest in increasing their membership. Of the 13 members in the club, 11 members were at the meeting. I was given the opportunity to install the new officers of the club that night. I was honored to do so. After the meeting, I talked with the new president, David Kincaid, and he indicated that the club would work toward increasing the membership.

A GMT presentation was made to the Carthage Lions club on the evening of June 28th. Of the eight members currently in the club, only three were in attendance. The club president, Randall Holzwarth was not present, however, his wife and secretary of the club was in attendance along with two other members. The usual meeting place at the church was locked so the meeting was moved to a restaurant where we all had dinner and discussed the declining membership. The three in attendance were receptive of the suggestions discussed in the meeting. The secretary took all of the material offered and assumed the leadership role in recruiting new members. I requested she forward to me their plan of action towards recruitment. This club may need some additional support and help from the District.

A GMT presentation was made to the Cassville club the evening of July 5th. The club currently has seven members. Three members were present for the meeting. The president, Preston Stoll was optimistic the club could recruit new members, although admitted it could be difficult since he is now working in Springfield and has a long commute each day. It was encouraging to see a guest at the meeting who might be interested in joining the club. Lion Preston agreed to provide me with a recruitment plan within a month. I had a good feeling the club will be able to recruit new members with a good follow up. Lion Preston invited me to attend their car rally or cruise -in on the evening of July 14th. Since it is after the officers training in Monett that same day, I plan to attend in hopes of further encouraging their recruitment efforts.

A GMT presentation was made to the Rogersville Lion Club at noon on July 6th. The club has fourteen members on their roster. Seven members were present at the meeting. The meeting was only one hour long to allow the membership to return to their jobs. A shortened recruitment presentation was given. The membership was receptive to the material presented. Lion Eric Faran was elected their Membership Chairperson and all literature was given to him. During the meeting, Lion Eric stated that he saw no reason why at least four new members could not be

obtained within the next month. He will forward to me his plan for recruiting new members within the next 30 days. I believe this club will be able to increase their membership above the fifteen member threshold. Visits to other clubs will be scheduled for the next three months and possibly a second visit to struggling clubs. An extension workshop will be held in Joplin. The tentative dates are August 20-22. More information regarding the workshop will be forthcoming in the next few days. Members of the Joplin Club as well as various clubs surrounding the Joplin area will be called upon to attend the workshop and help in the establishment of an additional club in Joplin.

Hearing – PDG Jerry Young, Chair: District M6 will run the Hearing Van at the State Fair on Saturday August 18 from 9 AM to 5 PM. The Van will screen persons for hearing loss each day of the fair under the auspices of the State Hearing Committee. Lions Jerry and Judy Young will work the Van and will need up to 4 other Lions to help.

At the first meeting of the State Hearing Committee, a budget was adopted that allocates each District \$1,300 for hearing aids under the Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP). This will pay for a portion of 3 hearing aids.

The three portable audiometers allocated to M6 have been located. They will be inventoried, checked and be ready for use about August 1. Cassville has asked to use 2 of the machines on August 2.

Hobo Day – PDG Howard Hawkins, Chair: No Report

Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Zana Botzow, Chair: The first meeting of the district honorary committee for 2012-2013 was held in Grants Restaurant in Monett, Missouri on July 13, 2012. There were twelve Past District Governors, eight guests and District Governor Walter Hamer in attendance. The members enjoyed a seafood buffet.

DG Hamer presented some of his goals and ideas for the coming year and thanked the "ornery" guys for their support getting him thus far.

A traditional business meeting was held. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected. Lion Elaine Crump reported a successful state hospitality event promoting the new theme "Going Deeper". PDG Debbie Whittlesey shared her stardom as a speaker for LCIF at the International Convention. Thank you so much Debbie for representing our district. You are most deserving of the Golden Hand Award.

Dates to remember were discussed including the next meeting of the committee and finally PDG Bob Crump previewed the DOIT PowerPoint, He remarked this is going to take a while to get it just right and even then we will be tweaking as time passes. All agreed the efforts of the DOIT team will be greatly beneficial to the incoming officers. M6 Honorary committee will be looking into hosting the state PDG meeting as the rotation will be coming our way.

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

LBOMB – Lion Bob Stewart, Chair: (LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BUND, INC)

Due to a scheduling conflict I will miss our meeting this Saturday.

The conflict is with the LBOMB budget planning meeting for 2012/2013. We will have people representing all areas, Blind Vendors, State employees and officials, Lions and our LBOMB employees. This will be the first time this group has worked on the budget as a team. We will be looking at reducing expenses by \$100,000.

I will be going up to Jefferson City a day early to get many of the bank accounts officially changed from State control to Lions control. I will also meet with the BEP State employees on matters that impact our LBOMB employees.

The Capitol Cafeteria is now closed so LBOMB should save about \$60,000 just in that single location next year.

LCIF – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: No written report, but Lion Jim thanked all the clubs and individuals who have made donations to LCIF.

Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair: No written report. Said that they have a new puppy in training and so far it is working out fine.

Leos – Lion Katie Smith, Chair: No report

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Youth Exchange – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair: In Lion Marlene's absence PDG Stuart Payne gave her report as follows: Missouri Lions International Youth Exchange is taking place as I write. Seventeen youth (ages 15-20) have arrived from 10 countries, spending the first portion of their stay with host families in the St. Louis area.

Beginning Sunday, July 8, all 17 youth will be at camp for one week at Camp Maranatha, near Miller, Mo. During the week, they will go shopping, swimming, tour George Washington Carver National Monument and the Neosho Fish Hatchery, tour an art studio and a low vision center, attend a Springfield Cardinals baseball game and the Carthage Drive-in Theater, and ride-thru Fantastic Caverns near Springfield. They will meet with Carl Junction Leo Club and be fed by 6 Lions Clubs in the District. At some of the Lions Clubs, the youth will present programs about their countries.

Lions, this week would not be possible without all your help. I certainly appreciate every effort made to make the week at camp possible. Thank you to the following Lions Clubs for hosting meals for the International Youth:

Miller, Monett, Diamond, Joplin, Springfield Queen City, and Carl Junction.

Since the youth will be leaving camp on July 14th, I will not be able to attend the Cabinet Meeting. Pretty sure I'll be one "tired Lion" by that day, too!

Lions Services/Children – Lion Judy Young, Chair: No written report but Lion Judy said that she is available to come to clubs and give a program.

Lions Quest Program – Lion Karen Hamer, Chair: First let me say I echo Lion Walt's gratitude for the privilege of going to Busan, Korea for the Lions International Governor Training and Convention last month. It is also a privilege to take a turn as your District Governor and spouse.

I am the district chair for Lions Quest. I enjoyed visiting three clubs last Lion year to share about Lions Quest, the latest club being Mountain Grove in May. Thank you, Lion Ken, for inviting me.

Now it's time to get back in the saddle again, out where a friend is a friend. As you know, Lions Quest is LCIF's world-wide youth development program that provides curriculum and teacher training for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Schools that use this curriculum see four areas of improvement:

Improved school climate

Improved student-teacher relationships

Improved interpersonal skills

Improved Commitment to service: Related to this last benefit, Lions Quest is part of training the next generation of volunteers.

Please pick up my flyer and business card. And then give me a call and invite me to your club to give a half-hour presentation. And if some of your local school personnel could join me at your meeting that would be even better. In closing...It's great to be a Lion! And Lions Quest is the best!

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

LWSB – PDG Cliff Curtis, Chair: Lion Bertia Binley sent a report showing that 2011-2012 was a good year for donations to LWSB and our District M6 contributions of \$2035.00 to them.

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Bob Kitsmiller, Chair: No Report except to say that he is available to give programs at club or zone meetings.

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – PDG Sue Blakley Chair: No Report Needed

Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair: Lion Leroy said, "If your club has a poster contest in progress, Thank You! If you club does not have a poster contest in process, please start now."

Pin Traders – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair: No report

Public Relations – PDG Debbie Whittlesey, Chair: First of all I want to thank DG Walter for allowing me to serve as District PR Chair this Lion year!

As you recall we received our first PR Grant last year and had some incredible PR for Lions through that Grant. We will not be eligible until after January 1, 2013 for another. But we have already been planning for our SECOND PR Matching Grant from Lions Clubs International!! Much planning and preparation is being done to get the greatest impact from our next Grant. Thank you District M6 for setting aside the funding and seeing the value in Public Relations and allowing me to explore these uncharted waters!

I continue working closely with PDG Gordon, Lion Cathy and Lion Jennie on the Newsletter, M6 Web-site, and Missouri Lion Magazine are awesome PR tools!! Be sure to check out our Football Ad in the All-State Football Program!

I have attached the Joplin Globe Article to this report. We had a great article and great "Meet and Greet" when they came and when they left. Some great PR there for us also with them wearing their VESTS! I believe they will be back, maybe to build a house????!! I will keep you posted.

State Public Relations Committee Members has changed a bit this year. DG Lisa Alexander is our Liaison Governor. We will be meeting 3 to 4 times this Lion year.

Lions Clubs International had a great LCIF Video just prior to my presentation. It had loads of footage about Joplin and us serving there. This was some fantastic PR for us as well as the State of Missouri.

I will continue saying...One of our greatest PR Tools as Lions is ourselves...we need to continue telling stories about Lions, and how we serve, as it often inspires others to have the desire that we all share. This has helped my own club to GROW the past few months.

I think we have an ExCiTiNg year ahead of us in M6!

District Tornado Relief Effort– IPDG Debbie Whittlesey Chair: PDG Debbie Whittlesey, Relief Chair gave the following report:

As District Joplin Relief Chair I have some thrilling things to report to you!

Lion Jim Groff from Pennsylvania came last month, there were 27 in the group. They were all enthusiastic and compassionate about their trip. They worked closely with PDG Dave, PDG Gordon and myself and **Rebuild Joplin**. Many lives were touched. **Thanks** to the District for the awesome ALERT vests and the Friday night meal and to Lion Marlene for preparing the meal. They will be back. What a wonderful group of individuals!!!!

I have Pennsylvania Lions Helping Lions Pins for: **PDG Gordon, PDG Dave, IPDG Stuart, DG Walter, 1VDG Nick and 2VDG Peter**. Pins also have been presented to **PIP Sid Scruggs, Lion Kevin and PDG Debbie**.

Pennsylvania Lions gave me a check for a whopping \$10,000.00 for Joplin Relief Efforts. Lion Jim Groff will help administer along with myself, PDG Dave and PDG Gordon as they requested.

I spoke with Chairperson Tarn when I was in South Korea. When we plant trees in the spring of 2013 at Irving Elementary he would love to come and be a part of it. My hope is that Lions can fully "adopt" that school with trees and shrubs. We shall see. I will get President Tam the date as soon as it comes available. I will also let you know ASAP the total funding we will need to complete this project!

South Korea was AmAZInG- Presentation was well received and Joplin, Missouri was certainly featured and the Lion WORLD is proud of what we have accomplished. Cool seeing MY Friends on the BIG screen! Talk about warm and fuzzy feelings!

Sight Conservation – PDG Stuart Payne, Chair: Lion Stuart gave the following information for the year of 7/1/11 – 6/30/12

Heartland Lions Eye Banks Transplants

Last Year 107

Lions Giving - Goal \$25,000

Last Year Total \$26,402.22

Children s Screening

Last Year Total Screened 6,692 per Ref 625 Screenings 200

Healthy Vision Screenings

Last Year Total Screened 1,054 - Screenings 39

Eye Care Assistance

Last Year Total patients 3 Glasses 9 Costs \$4,186.20

I don't know the actual number but using \$5.00 per patient we received \$42,916.20 worth of service and we gave \$26,402.22. This doesn't include our basketball donations.

I will set the goal for next Lions year at \$25,000 again. This is a little more or less than \$2.00 per Lion member in M6. It is possible for Lions in this district to give \$50,000

Web Master – Lion Cathy Purvis: Lion Cathy was not in attendance but PDG Bob Crump asked that everyone get their information and announcements sent to Lion Cathy in a timely manner so it will be useful for the whole district.

Old Business:

No old business came before the cabinet.

New Business:

Motions were made as follows:

To accept the Region, Zone and all Committee Reports previously given – Motion made by PDG Zana Botzow and seconded by PDG Cliff Curtis. Motion Carried.

After some discussion on the disposition of the district's old copy machine a motion was made by Craig Lehman and seconded by Lion Jennie Mosher to leave the disposal of the unit to PDG Gordon Wellman. Motion carried.

A request was made by CT PDG Bill Botzow to open a separate account for the District Relief Funds. He explained, however, that this will be taken care of if the proposed changes in the District Policy Manual are approved. No vote taken.

A motion was made by PCC Steve Wise, after some discussion concerning electronic storage of files, to approve the proposed District Policy Manual after removing the proposed change in Article III stating that District records may be retained in electronic format if desired. The motion was seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh and carried.

A request was received from the Lebanon Host Lions Club to allow use of \$500.00 from the District Diabetes Fund to be used for a Diabetes Awareness Clinic in Lebanon. PDG Debbie Whittlesey explained that they have a location and speaker in mind for the clinic. A motion was made by PDG Bob Crump and seconded by Lion Craig Lehman to approve the request. Motion carried.

Concerning changing the date of the District's Lions All-Star Twin Classic basketball game played in Joplin there were three options spelled by Chair PDG James Rosbrugh: 1) Play both district games on the same date; 2) Play the games on the 3rd weekend in June; 3) Leave the date alone and continue to hold the games on the 1st weekend of June.

After a discussion on these options, PDG Stuart Payne made a motion that the date be chosen and finalized by a committee made up of PDG James Rosbrugh, PDG Bob Crump, DG Walt Hamer, 1st VDG Nick Paulin and 2nd VDG Peter Frantzen. Motion seconded by Lion Craig Lehman and carried.

Concerning a proposal by PDG James W. Rosbrugh regarding the Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball to use the proceeds as follows: \$2100.00 be split equally between Mid South Lions, LWSB and Leader Dog and to retain \$812.00 in reserve for the next game, a motion was made by PDG Dean Westbay to approve the proposal, seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh and carried.

PDG Bob Crump made a motion to use the proceeds of the All-Star Basketball Classic by sending \$4650.00 to MLERF and the balance of \$128.54 be retained for the 2013 game startup. Motion was seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh and carried.

District Governor Hamer announced that PDG Donal Knipp was elected to International Director and will do a great job in representing Missouri and the Lions of the world.

Lion Kevin Cantrell announced that he has Lions M-6 "Alert Team" T-shirts are available for sale. The cost is \$10.00

Lion Alex Warner announced that the District M6 Sight Saving Golf Scramble and Banquet will be held on October 12, 2012 at the Millwood Golf and Racquet Club. All Lions and guests are invited to participate. For more information call Wendy at 417-831-0555.

A report from the Tail Twister indicated that he had coerced a total of \$58.62 from unsuspecting Lions during the meeting. He made the motion that the tail twister funds be accumulated all year and that the decision of their use be made at the last cabinet meeting of the year. A second was made by PDG Zana Botzow. Motion carried

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

Note: The next cabinet meeting will be held on Saturday, October 13th, at the Freistatt Lions Club Building in Freistatt, MO. Meeting will be called to order at 10:00 AM