

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI
Cabinet Meeting
November 2, 2013**

MINUTES OF MEETING:

The second cabinet meeting of this year was called to order by DG Nick Paulin at the Long Lane Community Building. The Governor thanked our hosts, the Long Lane Lions Club, who had the room set up for our meeting, with drinks and snacks available, as Lions arrived. He also welcomed all Lions to the meeting and expressed appreciation for their attendance and service to our district. The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by 1st VDG Peter Frantzen and Lion Marilyn Harris led in singing a patriotic song. Lion Judy Young gave the invocation.

Appointment of Tail Twister:

DG Nick appointed Lion Marilyn Harris to serve as tail twister for this meeting. She got the usual “moan” that tail twisters always get, but then, Lions present got into the business of the district anyway.

Protocol for Meeting:

Protocol was established by PDG James W. Rosbrugh who told us that the reason for establishing protocol at the beginning of our meetings was so that subsequent speakers would not need to go through the formality of addressing each officer when they gave their report to the cabinet. This saves time and monotony of repeating the same names over and over as the meeting progresses.

Roll Call and Attendance:

Acting Cabinet Secretary, PDG Dave Harris, called the roll of the cabinet. There were 11 Cabinet Members present plus 3 Past District Governors who don't hold a specific chair position. A total of 21 Lions, including cabinet members and PDGs, signed the attendance sheet.

Introductions:

So that we would get to know one another better Governor Nick asked that each Lion introduce themselves and give the name of their club, office held, etc.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the August cabinet meeting were approved, as previously distributed, upon a motion by Lion Leroy Potter and a second by PDG James W. Rosbrugh.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by our Cabinet Treasurer, PDG Bill Botzow. The Administrative Account as of 10/31/13 shows year to date income of \$12,705.05 and YTD expenses of \$10,039.78 leaving net income at + \$2,699.27. The Summary of Accounts shows the total of all accounts at \$36,979.11 which includes total Disaster Relief Funds in the amount of \$6,124.63. A motion was made by Lion Jennie Mosher to approve the treasurer's report for audit, seconded by PDG Bob Kitsmiller and carried.

District Governor Remarks/Report:

First of all, I would like to thank the Long Lane Lions Club for hosting this meeting of the MD26-M6 cabinet.

In September Lion Noma and I attended the USA/Canada Forum in Overland Park, Kansas. While there we met with International Director Mike Molenda and his wife Linda. They are from Hastings, Minnesota, and Lion Mike is to be our guest speaker at the district convention in March.

Over the past three months I have been visiting clubs within the district, at a rate of five clubs per month, and have also attended two zone meetings. As I visit clubs, in addition to meeting the members, I also enjoy hearing of the community service and fund-raising activities of the clubs. While addressing the club memberships, I take the opportunity to remind them of the goals and plans I have established for the year.

In visiting clubs, as well as reviewing the Club Health Assessment reports, I have found that several clubs have already reached or exceeded the goal of a growth of two members per club. When the goal was established, we recognized that growth of two members represents a large percentage for some smaller clubs. I would like to especially recognize one such small club. The Diamond Lions Club began the year with ten members. As of my visit on the 21st of October, they had grown to sixteen members, and had as a guest, a potential additional member. It can be done.

Success stories such as this are far too few. As of the September Club Health Assessment report, the district membership had dropped from 1,312 at the end of June to 1,288 in three months' time. Nineteen of the losses came as a result of the cancellation of the Springfield Alpha club. The district has lost an additional 44 members due to death, transfer or dropped membership. So, although some clubs have experienced membership growth, adding a total of 39 new members, much remains to be done to offset the losses and retain current members.

With regard to my goal of having each club add or expand community service projects, I have heard of several new projects undertaken by clubs. In recognition of the expansion of community service, the district convention planning committee would like the clubs to provide a picture or flier representative of the clubs' community service projects to become a portion of the table decorations at the convention. Time remains yet to achieve these "New Milestones in Service".

October has been a very busy month. In addition to annual club visits, I attended the Freistatt Lions 40th anniversary celebration on the 12th. On the 19th, my daughter Lion Leah and I participated in the MOLATE planting at the Irving Elementary School in Joplin. Thanks go to the Joplin Host lions for hosting a reception on Friday and providing lunch and commemorative tee shirts for the workers. It was nice to see a good turn-out for the event. We look forward to hearing from Dr. Huff, the Joplin school superintendent, as he addresses the luncheon at our district convention.

Last weekend lion Noma and I attended the second Council of Governors meeting in Jefferson City. While there, the Global Leadership Team stressed the need to increase attendance at the Mid-Winter Forum, which will be held in Branson February 7th & 8th. This year the forum will be in a new location, the Chateau on the Lake Resort, an upscale hotel. Full registration is \$35, including Friday evening hospitality, Saturday seminars and lunch. An optional Saturday evening dinner and show is offered for an additional \$30. Hotel rooms at this luxury hotel have been made available for a \$79 rate. It would be great to have at least one registrant from each club.

January will be another busy month, with the Hobo Day on the 11th, our next cabinet meeting on the 18th in Miller and the third Council of Governors meeting on the 24 & 25th in Sedalia.

With regard to Hobo Day, as I advised at the last cabinet meeting, PDG Lion Howard Hawkins and Lion Pete Waldo agreed to co-chair the committee. I recently received a letter from them outlining their expectations from the clubs in the district, in order to make the event successful and enjoyable. If either is in attendance, I would like them to present these expectations.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that our district convention will be at the Joplin Holiday Inn and Convention Center on March 14th & 15th and the state convention will be April 25th & 26th in Sedalia. This year's International Convention will be in Toronto, Canada. Registration forms for all these events are available on-line, or hard copies can be provided.

The holiday season will be upon us very quickly, and the lions' year will be half gone. With the many club and family activities at this time of year, it is sometimes easy for us to lose sight of how blessed we are, and how many others are less fortunate. As we as Lions Clubs and individuals reach out to those in need within our communities, it is also a good time to remember our military families separated from their loved ones.

First Vice District Governor:

Good Morning my fellow Lions, I am glad to see all of you and I am looking forward to your reports. First let me tell you what I have been doing since our last cabinet meeting in August at Republic.

I meet with the Audit Committee in Republic. I would like to thank Lion Marsha Kimrey from Lebanon and Lion Deb Demanche from Republic for the service. Lion Bill Botzow as Treasurer guided us through the audit. Marsha and Deb did most of the work. I took the easy accounts I gave the hard ones to Marsha and Deb. There are some benefits to being Chairman.

I have also attended Lion Judy Young's zone meeting for Central Zone A and Jennie Mosher's Northeast Zone B meeting in Lebanon. I have also made a visit to Springfield Host and Rogersville.

Lion Jennie and I, mostly Jennie, put together a visit with Merlin. It was great! We had 8 people attend and Merlin, when he growls, can be heard for 5 miles. Needless to say the cattle in the area are a little nervous.

I did attend the USA/Canada Forum which is a great meeting. If you have a chance to go - GO! I have been working with Lion Bill Botzow on the convention committee. Please promote our convention. I would also like to add I attended the Conference of Governors meeting in Jefferson City on Oct 26. I would encourage everyone to attend.

Second Vice District Governor: No Report

ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

NE – Zone -A – Lion Larry Martin: (Bolivar, Half Way, Hermitage, Morrisville and Weaubleau) --- **No Report**

NE – Zone B – Lion Jennie Mosher: (Buffalo, Conway, Lebanon Evening, Lebanon Host, Long Lane and Louisburg)
The Northeast Zone B had its first Zone meeting on Thursday September 5th at the Lebanon Laclede Library. Both District Governor Nick Paulin and 1st Vice District Governor Peter Frantzen were in attendance. The Lebanon Evening lions Club hosted the zone meeting and had a silent auction of home baked goodies with the profits going to the clubs admin fund.

Participation from clubs in the zone was very poor, however those Lions in attendance were treated to a brief presentation by IPDG Lisa Alexander about the 45th rededication of the Melvin Jones Memorial in Fort Thomas, Arizona on January 11th, 2014. She also gave a brief overview of a pod cast which she had done earlier in the year for LCI on increasing /maintaining Lions Club membership.

Currently I am working with the Lebanon Evening Lions Club to have an "Open House" on November 7th to try to recruit additional members in this club as it is in a critical state and needs an increase in membership to avoid its disappearance from the roles of LCI.

I am working on a date for the second zone meeting which will probably be in Buffalo, MO. As soon as details are finalized I will send out invitations to all clubs in the zone.

SE – Zone A – Vacant Position: (Grovespring, Hartville, Mansfield, Mountain Grove and Seymour) ---**No Report**

SE – Zone B – Lion Tom Blackstock: (Ava, Blue Eye, Branson Hollister, Forsyth and Gainesville) ---**No Report**

NW – Zone A – PDG James W. Rosbrugh: (Arcola, El Dorado Springs, Golden City, Lamar, Lockwood and Stockton)

I have visited all five clubs in my Zone and am pleased to report that they are all doing well, some better than others, but none are offering excuses or complaints.

Lockwood is having a '12 hog raffle, Golden City is doing a Fish Fry, El Dorado Springs is selling tickets for a 2013 Dodge Dart to support their Shop-With-a-Lion, Lamar is selling nuts and Stockton and Arcola have just finished a successful outing at the Walnut Festival.

El Dorado Springs hosted our Zone Meeting on September 29th with the Golden City, El Dorado Springs and Lamar clubs represented.

At the beginning of the year, we were asked to identify our replacement and get them involved as much as possible. I have identified a Lion to replace me and have recommended him to Governor Nick and 1st Vice District Governor Pete, and am enjoying having him join me on some of my club visits.

I have sent reports of my Zone Meeting and club visits to Governor Nick, so my report today is short.

NW – Zone B – Lion Marilyn Harris: (Carl Junction, Carthage, Diamond, Joplin Host and Sarcoxie)

I have visited each club in my Zone and have been amazed at the activities that they are all involved in. Each club is unique in it's own way. Some are busy all year long with fund raisers and assisting in community projects and others just coast along with one or two projects inside their own town. However everyone in the town knows of their accomplishments and successes.

In my zone I have two of the oldest clubs in the district - both being chartered in 1921 - one day apart. They are Carthage and Joplin Host. Springfield Host is the oldest being chartered in September, 1921. At the time of our directory being published we had 53 clubs with 1396

members. I have 5 clubs with 86 members as of July 1. Since that time I am proud to say we now have 92 members.

Carthage was busy planning their broom sale and getting ready for the Maple Leaf week. This is a very busy time in their town and the club was trying to effectively promote the club as well as have a successful fundraiser. According to Nellie Holzwarth the whole week was a success.

Joplin Host is always ready and willing to assist when called on. They serve several company picnics for various companies. Talk about always being willing to step up to the plate that is just what they did for the planting of the trees at Irving Elementary School. On Friday evening they had a hospitality room at the Holiday Inn for all who wanted to come. They furnished all the food and had the room reserved for all of us to visit together. Then on Saturday they brought their trailer to the school, made beef stew, cole slaw, homemade biscuits and cookies along with drinks. They served over 60 people that day.

Diamond is a lively group of people with the only woman member being the secretary. The night of my visit she gave an orientation program from the book given to all new members. Their club now has 16 active members. Their fund raisers are all strictly for their immediate town and the Carver Center and they do keep busy. They also sponsor a boy to go to Boys State in the spring.

Sarcoxie has two basic fund raisers per year which is Chief Sarcoxie Days and "Trunk or Treat. During Chief Sarcoxie days they help with the animal tent and show, serve breakfast both days and have two raffles going on during the function. This year they had a net profit of \$1624.46 which is the biggest profit yet.

Carl Junction is really going full speed ahead. We have inducted 4 new members and have 4 more potential members listed. Our activities are 1st Saturday breakfast each month - giving the proceeds to a different organization each month. We are very much involved with our Leos club helping with their projects. They have 40+ members this year. We have a booth at the Blue Grass festival, the PTO Fair at the school, give 2 - \$500 scholarships each year to High School seniors and participate in the Christmas Parade. We are working with the City to prepare the Christmas lights to be put up the weekend after thanksgiving. What fun we have since the age of our club begins at 23 and ends at 78. We have energy to spare and we are willing to give it to help those in need.

I held a Zone meeting in Diamond on October 8th which proved to be poor choice of dates. Only three clubs were present but the evening proved to be informational to all present. The next zone meeting is planned for November 19th at the Happy House in Monett in a joint meeting with Southwest B Zone, Kevin Bartley is chairperson.

CEN.- Zone A. – Lion Judy Young: (Christian County, Republic, Springfield Evening, Springfield Host and Springfield Queen City)

Hosted by Republic Lions at Diamond Head in Republic Meeting was opened by Lion President Connie Robinson. Governor Nick Paulin was in attendance as well as 1st Vice District Governor Lion Peter Frantzen; we had 100 % attendance of all 5 clubs: Springfield Host, Springfield Evening, Springfield Queen City, Republic and Christian County Lions Clubs.

Lion Alex Warner talked about the Sight Saver Golf Scramble and Banquet to be held on October 25th. Featured speaker at the banquet was Jennifer Rothchild. PDG Lion Debbie was honored for her work in Joplin.

What Are the Lions doing? Selling nuts, hosting parties for the blind, cleaning up a yard of an elderly woman, decorating a room at Freedoms Rest, Trash clean up, White Cane Day fundraiser, collecting glasses, working at Ozark Empire Fair selling tickets and helping another lions club working at the Duck Pond.

Next Zone Meeting November 6, 2013 at Hy-Vee meeting room.

Spent some time discussing why we have zone meetings and about upcoming dates. We are also planning a combined meeting between District and State Conventions with Central Zone B, time and place TBA.

CEN. – Zone B – Lion Kevin Cantrell: (Elkland, Fair Grove, Marshfield, Rogersville and Willard). (Report given by PDG Debbie Cantrell)

We had our **first** Zone B Meeting on Thursday, August 22 at the Marshfield Lions Club Building at 6:30 pm. We had over 30 in attendance. Elkland and Marshfield Clubs were the only Clubs represented at the meeting. Elkland plans to host our next meeting that I will be scheduling once I return from South Dakota.

I will continue working on attendance from the other Clubs in my Zone.

SW – Zone A: - Lion Donna Rickman: (Aurora, Aurora Summit City, Kimberling City, Marionville, Miller and Shell Knob) ---No Report

SW – Zone B: - Lion Kevin Bartley: (Freistatt, Granby, Monett, Neosho and Seligman)
As of now, I have visited 2 of my clubs including my home club of Neosho.

Monett Lions Club

On October 24th, I visited Monett Lions Club. The club appears to be running with excellent leadership in place. They appear to be financially stable with the fundraising that they do through the year. They have four new members since June and actively looking to grow their club. I spoke with a few members after the meeting to address some concerns they have. One concern is that they seem to have resistance from the long time members for change and to move away from older traditional views of Lions Club. All age groups are active, but seem to have a slight division in the club. I will continue to work with that club to overcome the concerns.

Neosho Lions Club

As my home club and current board member, I am involved with day to day business. The club is still in a rebuilding phase and is operating under excellent leadership. The club is financially stable with many fundraising and service projects to their community. Our focus this year is new membership. With only 25 of the club active in regular fund raising, the focus is for new members.

Granby Lions Club (aka East Newton Lions Club)

I have not visited this club yet, but do have regular contact with Lion President Harry Gardner. The club is thriving with new members and is in a huge rebuilding drive. The club is under excellent leadership and is extremely financially stable. This club, really just needs to have time to grow. They are doing everything right and have a very enthusiastic club for such a small club. The club is in the process of changing the name of the club, which in my opinion is an excellent idea due to its rural area. No immediate concerns with this club.

Freistatt Lions Club

No report thus far. I have a club visit scheduled for the 11th of November.

Seligman Lions Club

No report thus far.

Zone Summary

Overall, Zone B appears to be in good shape. I will continue to work with all clubs to address concerns and act as a liaison to the District. A zone meeting has been scheduled for November 19th in Monett. I have been contacted by Lion Marilyn Harris that she will also be attending with other clubs from her zone. I am in the process of lining up programs for that meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alert – Lion Kevin Cantrell: (Given by PDG Debbie Cantrell)

After speaking with DG Nick it was determined that number of people affected did not meet the criteria for an Emergency Grant. Our District's Alert Team decided to send \$250.00 Alert money to Branson Hollister Lions Club for the relief for the flood victims. This was done with a unanimous vote of the Alert Committee. ALERT Committee consists of: Lion Kevin Cantrell, Chair, Lion Junior Nease, DG Walter Hamer, PDG Gordon Wellman and PDG Debbie Cantrell.

I spoke to Lion Jerry Rollins at Branson Hollister and they are ready to fulfill the wishes of the Committee and provide relief from the District. Lion Jerry is mailing the receipts and the unused portion of funds back to me, once received I will forward them to our District Treasurer.

Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair: No Report

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

Band – Lion Nancy Eaves, Chair:

Lion Irene Voyles and I are trying to contact all the schools and Lions Clubs in our M6 District. I have presented a Band program to the following clubs: Lockwood Lions Club and Arcola Lions Club. I plan to present it to Joplin Host Lions on November 7. I have asked several clubs to come and present the program. If they did not want a program then I sent a letter and application and asked them to contact their schools.

I have sent applications and letters to following clubs: Halfway, Golden City, Lamar, Long Lane, Louisburg, Hermitage, Bolivar, Buffalo, Lebanon Evening, Carl Junction, Carthage, Miller, Morrisville, Neosho and Sheldon.

I have sent letters and applications to the following schools: Golden City High School, Nevada High School, Bronaugh High School, Lamar High School, Osceola High School, Joplin High School, Sheldon High School, Webb City High School, Thomas Jefferson Ind. Day School, Carl Junction High School, College Heights Christian High School, Carthage High School, Lebanon High School, Buffalo High School, Fair Play R-2 High School, Bolivar High School, Greenfield, High School, Marion C Early R-5 High School, Marionville High School, Wheatland High School, Pleasant Hope R-6 High School.

I did not send an application to Stockton as there is a parent who is planning to send his son again and sponsor financially another student.

I am available to come to your club and present the Band Program. I am willing to go with you to your school and talk to students about the program.

MISSOURI NEEDS BAND STUDENTS!!!

I would like encourage Lions to go to the schools and encourage students to go. There are many small fund raisers to help get the students there. If you cannot sponsor a student please consider a donation to M6 Band to help.

All-Star Basketball Classic: PDG Bob Crump, Chair: No Report

Basketball – Lions All-Star Twin Classic: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair:

I have confirmation from the Neosho High School so, the 2014 Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball Game is on the calendar for June 14th with the same terms as 2013. We will complete player selection as the Basketball season draws to a close, and anticipate another successful showing.

Because we should be working selling advertisement space in our booklets before our next Cabinet meeting, I recommend: 1) That booklet advertisement space prices be revised to: Business Card; \$25.00, 14 Page; \$40.00, Y2 Page; \$60.00 and Full Page; \$100.00. 2) That Admission be: \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students with 10, and No Charge for children ages 5 and under. 3) That paid admissions include one Program Booklet per "family". 4)

That additional booklets be available for \$1.00. 5) That we "advertise" for clubs to provide concessions as a fundraiser. **IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION!!**

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

Convention Committee – PDG Bill Botzow, Chair:

Your District Convention will be held on March 14-15, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Joplin MO.

As you all know we were to hold the convention in Springfield but in August I received a call that the Howard Johnsons Hotel & Convention Center was to be removed and the removal will start the beginning this September.

This call caused a quick land a fast reaction to locate another location to hold the venue. After checking availability, cost and space I found that either the date was not available or there were not adequate meeting rooms to accommodate our requirements. But I did find the dates and space was available in Joplin at the Holiday Inn. After several phone calls the district executive officers agreed to hold the convention In Joplin.

The 2014 Convention committee has completed two planning meeting and we will meet this coming Monday November 42013. The next two meeting we will be sampling selected items for the luncheon and the banquet.

The registration and exhibit forms are on the web-page and have been placed in the current newsletter and the workshops are being starting to materialize and will be published as soon as they are confirmed. The luncheon speaker will be Dr. Huff Superintendent of the Joplin Schools. He will be sharing the events of the tornado and the inspiring challenges resulting from the tornado.

Our International guest will be Michal E. Molenda, from Hastings, Minnesota and a member of the Rosemount Lions Club.

I would appreciate any input and suggests for the 2014 convention. Please email me at: l1ib@mo-net.coul

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

Diabetes – Lion Sharon Morris, Chair: No Report

Environmental – Lion Jennie Mosher, Chair:

The October 19th Picnic with Merlin" was a fun event. The weather was perfect and "Merlin" was in rare form for us, he was very talkative and even performed some antiques for the youth. At one point he laid on his back and tried to catch his toes.... but kept missing. We were reminded the animals housed at the Tiger Sanctuary, were for the most part, performers and are very accustomed to people and doing some tricks for which they receive special treats.

The Lebanon Evening Lions Club advertised in the local paper to recruit youth to attend this event. On Saturday October 19th they sponsored 2 students from the Boswell Elementary School who had entered their contest for free tickets to the event.

The event was very informative and met one of the requirements for an "environmental" project as well as a youth project. All in attendance were very sad when they were informed that today only about 1500 Sumatran Tigers still roam in the wild, this species is definitely on its way to extinction. The parents who brought their youth had just as much fun as their children and were very surprised as they had no idea the facility was there.

I hope this event can be repeated next year and more clubs can sponsor youth to learn about how serious the lost of these species can be to our environment, once gone they will not come back.

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

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

In the absence of PCC Jim, DG Nick Paulin talked about all the changes that have occurred in the GLT program.

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

PDG Zana Botzow, the MD-26 GMT leader gave some updates that have occurred in the GMT program at the International and State levels.

Hearing – PDG Jerry Young, Chair:

State Committee:

The State Hearing Committee has met twice in 2013-14. Lion Young is serving as Secretary of the State Hearing Committee.

The Second Meeting of the Committee was held October 12 at the School for the Deaf in Fulton, Missouri.

The school for the Deaf receives and reuses the used hearing aids that are collected.

Inoperative hearing aids are either repaired or used for parts.

Hearing Sweepstakes tickets are ready for distribution in each District. The Grand Prize is \$1,250 in cash (won last year by the Freistatt Lions Club)

Hearing Screenings:

The Granby Lions used the Hearing van during the first 2 weeks of October for screenings in Granby.

The Republic Lions used the Portables for screening at Hurley and Crane Schools. Lebanon Host and Aurora have also used the Audiometers for screening.

Hearing Sweepstakes:

The tickets are ready for distribution to all clubs either in person by the Chair to a Club member or by mail. The Goal is to increase participation ob M6 clubs thr07u8gh better distribution of tickets and information. Last year the receipts were\$2,456 - less than previous years.

AHAP (Affordable Hearing Aid Program):

The Monett Lions have Used AHAP for one person so far this year. There is money to buy hearing aids for at least 2 more persons, AND any club may purchase hearing aids at the LCIF price at any time.

Hobo Day – PCC Howard Hawkins, Lion Pete Waldo Co-Chairs:

The Co-chairs of this annual event are PCC Howard Hawkins and Lion Pete Waldo of the Branson Hollister Lions Club. They were unable to attend so DG Nick read their report which consisted of several items to be considered. (A copy of that document is attached to and made a part of these minutes) Action was taken during new business.

Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Debbie Cantrell, Chair:

The Honorary Committee met on October 1 1, 2013 at the Belgium Waffle House in Ozark. PDG Marty and Virginia Pojar made the arrangements for our meeting place.

One topic of discussion was the PDG Weekend that was hosted by M6 this year. We had a nice turn out of nearly 50 in attendance. Feed-back was consistently positive. We had a great time at the Presley's show and they recognized the PDGs in attendance. We had a visit from the one and only Barney Fife at our banquet!! There were several nice raffle give-a-ways and the food was **DELISH!** A huge thank you to the Committee Chair PDG Bob Crump and also to his committee consisting of: PDG Cliff Curtis, PDG Charles Haywood and PDG Debbie Cantrell

We also had a report on the progress of the District Convention from PDG Bill Botzow, Committee Chair.

PCC Steve Wise was unable to attend but wanted all to know he and his family do appreciate the calls, concerns and prayers for Alice.

MOLATE update was given and several PDGs stated they planned on attending the event.

Our next meeting will be January 10, 2014 in Monett. More details to come as they develop form IPDG Walter and Karen. The last meeting of the year will be held in El Dorado Springs with details coming from PDG Charles and Edith for April 1 1, 2014.

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

LBOMB – Lion Bob Stewart, Chair: No Report

LCIF – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: No Report

Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair:

Since June 1st, we returned FLD Dora to Leader Dogs on June 14th for the start of her training. She started the 17 week program on July 1st.

We accepted the *offer* of a turnaround puppy (a black lab subsequently named Betsy as we picked her up on Flag Day).

I have given LD programs at Golden City, Aurora and Springfield Evening with FLD Betsy in attendance at Golden City and Aurora and our Zone meeting in Republic.

We purchased booth space at Dog-Fest in September to raise awareness about Leader Dogs for the Blind with Betsy in attendance. Our next program is in Monett on November the 12th.

We received notice from Leader Dog that Dora was going to graduate and would be "delivered" to a client in Minnesota in the first week of November. We have just returned from Leader Dog where we said our tearful goodbye to LD Dora.

Leos – Lion Katie Smith, Chair: No Report

Lions Opportunities for Youth Lion Theresa Botzow, Chair: No Report

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

Lions Quest Program – Lion Karen Hamer, Chair: No Report

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

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Bob Kitsmiller, Chair:

I gave a program to the Golden City Lions Club and the Freistatt Lions Club.

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing Service will be having a leadership weekend on April 11 & 12, 2014. You can see a video of eye surgery and tour the Hamilton Eye Institute.

MLERF – PDG Stuart Payne – District Board Member: No Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – PDG Charles Haywood Chair: No Report

Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair: Lion Leroy told us that ‘Now is the Time’ to be or get involved with the Peace Poster Contest and outlined the following:

**NOW IS THE BEST OF TWO YEAR'S:
2012-2013 CONTEST IS ENDING - POSTERS DUE NOV 15TH, 2013
-----AND-----
THE 2014-2015 CONTEST IS STARTING -- KITS WILL GO ON SALE JAN. 1ST, 2014**

CLUBS NEED TO:

1. **DECIDE TO HAVE A CONTEST**
2. **HAVE A COMMITTEE**
3. **ORDER POSTER KITS**
4. **CONTACT YOUTH GROUP SPONSORS**
5. **WORK WITH SPONSOR, YOUTH & PEACE POSTER CHAIR**
6. **FOLLOW RULES & DEADLINES**
7. **HAVE CLUB WINNING POSTERS TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR BY NOV. 15, 2013**

The theme of the 2013-14 Peace Poster Contest is “Our World, Our Future.” Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified;

- January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- February 1: International winners will be notified on or before this date.

Pin Traders – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair: No report

Public Relations – PDG Debbie Cantrell, Chair:

After being awarded our 2nd PR FULL Matching Grant we did our **417 Magazine** Ad Campaign as reported last meeting! We continue getting comments and RAVE reviews of the ad from individuals as well as Lions International. They called it, and I quote, "outstanding!"

I have been in contact with the PR Department at ICi and determining exactly when we are eligible for a possible 3rd Public Relations Grant. It may be just after January 1, 2014 but I will confirm so I can plan accordingly.

I have been doing research across the state with Kansas City and St. Louis areas mainly. I am developing a plan create Lion Ambassadors for VRCO. (Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks) I will be meeting with Wendy Jackson, Executive Director when I return from Palm Beach after next week. This is the direction I would like to focus for PR especially since we have endorsed them as a District and need to RALLY behind them in a BIG way. This is a perfect line up for us as Lions. International has proven that with the \$40,000.00 Grant they just received. This makes perfect sense especially when so many are being assisted right here in Springfield. More information to come!

We did have Two TV channels cover our MOLATE Planting at Irving Elementary. Lions will be featured in the Joplin Public Schools Newsletter some Lions have been invited as VIP's to the schools that are opening soon. More great PR for Lions~

Reminder our greatest PR Tool as Lions is ourselves Continue telling stories about Lions and how we make life a little better for those less fortunate. Always speak positively and proudly when you use the Lion name or association. If you are proud to be a Lion others will see it in YOU!

District Tornado Relief Effort– PDG Debbie Whittlesey Chair:

Update on **MOLATE**: Missouri Lions Adopting Trees for Education- We did the planting on October 19, 2013. About 65 Lions came from all over the state. International Director Donal Knipp and Betty attended and helped us plant trees. PIP Sid Scruggs told me if he didn't have to be in Australia at a meeting he and Judy would have been there with us to help as well. We did honor Mrs. Susan Moore and her name along with Bailey Groff's will be engraved on the plaque on the monument we place there. It will look like a large rock and it will also include a time capsule for the children.

A HUGE Thanks goes out to the Joplin HOST Lions for providing a wonderful Hospitality Room and a delicious lunch for the workers. Dr. Huff was there and some School Board Members as well as some Adm. Staff! Remember Dr. CJ Huff will be our luncheon Speaker at our District Convention; you will not want to miss that. We MAY be getting some MOLATE pins made up ... more information to come on that subject.

We did get to take tours of Irving Elementary. It is a beautiful learning place for the children K-5 and the grounds will be beautiful once all the rest of the trees/shrubs are planted.

PDG Gordon, PDG Dave and I have been working on the \$12,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Lions. We are awaiting more victims to be screened and sent to us. We met with the last recipient and the family in Joplin and they were very grateful for the Lion assistance.

I was asked to present on a panel for LCIF at the USA! Canada Forum in Overland Park Kansas along with Michelle Anderson of LCIF Staff (Some may remember her as Michelle Morales from her visit to Joplin) and PID Howard Jenkins. The Seminar was focused on LCIF Emergency Grants. It was well attended and many questions were answered. It was very cool how so many loved some of the ideas we used ours for here in District M6 with the Joplin tornado.

I continue my communications with Oklahoma Lions and have been able to assist and share tons of information.

Sight Conservation – PDG Stuart Payne, Chair: No Report

Web Master – Lion Cathy Purvis: No Report

WSB – PDG Cliff Curtis, Chair: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motions were made as follows:

- A motion to accept the Zone and all Committee Reports previously given was made by PDG Bob Kitsmiller, seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh. Approved!

- A request by the district convention chair PDG Bill Botzow to move the M6 District Convention from Springfield to the Holiday Inn in Joplin due to the demolition of the Springfield hotel was upheld after a motion was made by PDG James Rosbrugh and seconded by PDG Bob Kitsmiller to approve the change in location.
- In reference to the HOB0 Day requests outlined by the co-chairs of that committee: After considerable discussion, a motion was made by PDG Jim Marshall, seconded by Lion Jennie Mosher to approve the outline after changing “club secretary” to “district treasurer” in paragraph “F” and to strike in totality, paragraph “B”, concerning the cash drawing proposal. The motion was passed with those changes and corrections being made.
- Requests made by Chairperson James W. Rosbrugh for changes in the District’s Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball games to be held in Joplin in June, 2014 were approved upon a motion made by Lion Leroy Potter and seconded by Lion Jennie Mosher.

Then the tail twister, Lion Marilyn, was asked to complete her mischievous deeds and assess the appropriate fines to offenders of various time restrictions, cell phones ringing, misspeaking during the meeting, etc. She took \$23.00 from the unsuspecting Lions.

With no other business to come before the cabinet, DG Paulin 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
(Acting) Cabinet Secretary
Missouri Lions District 26-M6

Note: The next cabinet meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 18th, 2014 at the Miller Lions Club building located at 200 Main St. in Miller, MO.