

Lions Clubs International
District 26M6
District Cabinet Meeting
Cedar Ballroom, Holiday Inn
Joplin, Missouri
March 14, 2014 ~ 12:00 P. M.

The fourth cabinet meeting of Lions Clubs International District 26M6 for the Lion year 2013-2014 was held on Friday, March 14, 2014. The meeting was held in the Cedar Ballroom of the Holiday Inn in Joplin, Missouri. District Governor Lion Nick Paulin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He then gave a warm welcome to all those who came and spoke about the joy of his year as District Governor.

The Governor then called upon 2nd Vice District Governor Craig Lehman to lead the Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Judy Young then led the group in singing "America." The Invocation was offered to the Creator by Immediate Past District Governor Walter Hamer.

The first item of business was the appointment by Governor Paulin of a Tail Twister for the meeting. Lion Judy Young was decided the most able to squeeze fines out of the Lions.

Lion James W. Rosbrugh, PDG, established protocol explaining the importance of recognizing the presence of those present and to then remove the necessity of each speaker to address all the leaders who are present.

The Cabinet Secretary Lion Walter Hamer, IPDG, then called the roll of the members of the cabinet. Fifteen (15) cabinet members were present. In addition four PDGs who are not serving on the cabinet also answered the roll.

Governor Paulin then had all the Lions present introduce themselves to those present by name, home club, and offices held.

Cabinet Secretary Hamer then presented the minutes for the January 18, 2014 meeting of the cabinet for approval. He thanks Lion David Harris, PDG, for taking the minutes in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary in January. Lion James W. Rosbrugh and Lion Cliff Curtis moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as printed. The motion passed.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Bill Botzow, PDG, presented the treasurer's report

Administrative Checking	\$ 5,433.56
Administrative Savings	11,990.15
Disaster Relief Checking	4,014.51
Basketball West	1,112.10
Basketball East	526.42
District Convention	5,534.23
State Convention	865.91
Diabetes Savings	2,236.25
Equipment Savings	2,782.02
TOTAL	\$34,495.15

Lion James W. Rosbrugh moved and Lion Leroy Potter second to received the treasurer's report and to submit it for audit. The motion carried.

District Governor Lion Nick Paulin gave his report to the cabinet meeting:

Fellow Lions and Guests:

First of all, I would like to thank you cabinet members, Lions and guests for attending. For any in attendance who have not heard, 1st Vice District Governor Lion Pete Frantzen's wife, Lion Jan, passed away last Monday evening. I would ask that we keep Lion Pete in our prayers, as he deals with the loss, and that we observe a moment of silence in her honor.

We have arrived at the last cabinet meeting of my term as your district governor, and tomorrow's 26-M6 District Convention marks the start of the transition to a new era. As such, I would like to review where we began, the goals we established, and where we are in meeting those goals.

District 26-M6 began the year with a total of 1,312 members in 54 clubs. When I established my goals for the year, I had hoped to be able to add one new club. That has not happened, and instead we have lost two clubs with memberships totaling 28 members.

Additionally, I had set a goal for each club to increase their membership by a new of two members by the end of the Lions' year. Although several clubs have met or exceeded that goal and others have had an increase of one to date, our losses far exceed our increases. As of Wednesday, our membership has declined to 1,234. I am aware of at least two additional losses and at least eight additional new members, and I have been asked to induct five or six new members next month. These additions will go a long way toward getting our membership above the 1,250 member threshold required to remain a viable district.

Another of the goals that I had established was for our clubs to conduct community needs assessments, and to seek new ways to provide community service. As I visit clubs, I have learned of several new projects being undertaken.

There remains still over a quarter of the year to work on achieving some of our goals, and recognizing the rough winter we had, maybe there is still time to rebound as spring weather arrives.

Over the remainder of my governorship, I will plan to continue in my attempt to visit each of the clubs in the district. For several reasons, some of the planned visits have had to be rescheduled, and I will need to step up the pace, in order to visit all by the end of the year.

Next month Lion Noma and I will be attending the Council of Governors' meeting and Multi-District Convention in Sedalia April 24-26. There is still time to register for the convention. We have decided that we will not try to attend the International Convention in Toronto.

First Vice District Governor Peter Frantzen was not present because of the death of his wife on Monday, March 10, 2014. Her memorial service will be held while the district is having its convention tomorrow. In honor of Lion Jan Frantzen a moment of silence was observed by the Lions at the cabinet meeting.

Second Vice District Governor Craig Lehman gave an oral report.

Zone Reports

Zone Northwest "A" report was given by Lion PDG James W. Rosbrugh:

Governor Nick, Lions, and Friends,

We held our second Zone Meeting in Lamar on February 20th with three clubs, Lamar, Lockwood and El Dorado Springs represented. After a brief update of upcoming events, etc., we had a very good round table discussion of plans, projects, new things being tried, things that are working well and things that "didn't work too well." We are planning our third Zone meeting for May, in the middle of the Basketball planning wrap-up.

I have visited the Lamar, El Dorado Springs and Arcola clubs, and cancelled scheduled visits to the other three: two for weather, one for conflicts. Since the Lockwood club now meets only on the first Monday, I will meet with them on April 7th and forgo the Convention Recap meeting I plan to make it to Golden City on March 24th and Stockton on April 1st.

I feel the Lamar club is making headway in its efforts to grow. They have a positive attitude, and seem to have come to terms with the local paper's "announcement policy." They are active in the community and have good support in their fund raising efforts. I have a good feeling about their future.

The El Dorado Springs club is plagued with a membership exodus. With two deaths, one drop due to the health of a spouse, one for non-payment of dues and another for moving, the four new Lions the club has gained are just not enough to keep them "in the black." There are prospects "in the wings", but they have not yet made the decision to join the pride. They are reassessing their traditional fundraising activities, trying new ones, and exploring the possibilities of others. Their major community project is their Christmas "Shop-With-A-Lion" for underprivileged children.

The Arcola club is holding its own, looking for new members. Their fundraising is effective, and they are serving their community through the purchase of eye glasses, awarding of scholarships and healthy community relationships. Because of the nature of the community (small town, rural area), this is one club who could benefit from a district GMT leader's visit.

In the words of my bumper sticker, "IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION!!!"

Zone Central "A" report was given by Lion Judy Young:

Central Zone A Meeting on February 26, 2014

Hosted by Springfield Host and Springfield Evening Lions clubs. We had Lions from Springfield Queen City, Springfield Host, Springfield Evening and Christian County Lions.

We had a good discussion about where Lions are going in the Springfield area and how we are going to the message out and talking about Lions and the help they do in the community.

What are the Lions doing? Selling nuts, hosting parties for the blind, decorating a room at Freedom Rest, Whine Cane Day fundraiser, collecting glasses, working at Ozark Empire Fair selling tickets and helping another Lions Club working at the Duck Pond. Lion Shirley of Christian County Lions will be a speaker at the upcoming convention in Joplin. CC has two new members. Queen City took hot chocolate and cookies to the Salvation Army workers. Upcoming March 22 a pancake breakfast at Asbury United Methodist Church on South Campbell. Cost \$5.00. Host Lions are gearing up for the Duck Pond, selling ads for the BB east All Star Game, June History walk at Nathaniel Green Park. The club has 30+ stones dedicated to people that have "made a difference" in our country and community. Two new members and Evening two prospective members.

Region meeting of Central Region TBA. As a time for Lions to get to know other Lions. This may expand into a district picnic. Stay tuned.

Zone Northwest Zone "B" report was read on behalf of Lion Marilyn Harris:

This year is almost over and what a privilege it has been to visit with the five clubs in my zone. Some are very active and some are just coasting along. Yes they are all doing their activities in their community but just will not break out of the box. At each visit I have stressed the importance of visiting other clubs and getting acquainted with their neighboring fellow lions. I visited the Joplin Host club where I presented the chevron to Lorry Lazenby who has been a member 10 years. I visited the Diamond Lions where I presented Paul Deickhoff with his 50 year chevron. He is the only living charter member still active in their club. Plans are in the works to celebrate their 50th club anniversary. I presented seven chevrons to members in the Carl Junction club. They were Lions Stuart and Marlene Payne, Vernon and Leona Stice, Stephanie and Jerry Botts with 10 year chevrons. I also presented Lion David Harris with his 35 year chevron.

I had a successful zone meeting with 4 of the 5 clubs present for a total of 14 Lions held in Sarcoxie on February 11th. Several members of the Sarcoxie club were present and stated this was their first ever zone meeting. After properly opening the meeting I was honored to present 3 members of their club with awards. Lion Stan Garber and Gregory Seedorf received a 20 year chevron, and Lion Ken Barnes was given a 10 year chevron. Each club present gave a good review of activities since our last zone meeting in November. I encouraged each club to come to the district convention handing out registration forms. After telling them of the benefit of attending and letting them know what was on the agenda, several had questions for Lion Dave (Harris) and he was able to answer all of them. We also encouraged them to attend the hospitality night Friday evening and get acquainted with their neighboring Lions.

As of this date my 5 clubs have 86 members. Carl Junction has a Leo Club with 53 members and they are all active kids. They are eager to help with any activities they can do. Their advisors are Lion Katie Smith, Lion Landon Adams and Lion Marlene Payne.

Committee Reports

The Basketball—West report was given by Lion James W. Rosbrugh, PDG.

Things are shaping up very well for the annual Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball games to be played in Neosho on June 14th. We have some very good prospects for players, a good location, and a good date, so I'm anxious to get on with the plans.

In response to my letter to the clubs, I have received responses from three to date. I plan to have an additional packet for each club tomorrow at the District Convention for their use in selling ads just as soon as all player selection is complete. It would certainly be nice to have 100% club support for both sets of basketball games.

Oh, as a side note: as I was preparing this report, the El Dorado Springs Lady Bulldogs are playing in the "Final Four" and have moved on to the "Big Dance" for the first time. If I seem to be somewhat distracted on Saturday, please understand.

The Basketball—East report was given by Lion Bob Crump, PDG:

The 37th Annual Lions All-Star Classic will be Saturday, June 14, at Baptist Bible College in Springfield with the girl's game at 6:30 p.m. and the boys to follow.

Each club in the district should have received a letter from me by mail or handed to a club member at the last cabinet meeting asking for their club's support. An article was in the last district newsletter. As of Thursday (yesterday) I have donations from 10 clubs. Last year 30 clubs made a donation.

This weekend is the state final 4 championship games for Class 1, 2, and 3 schools with the final 4 championship games next weekend for Class 4 and 5 schools. The classic area is very well represented in all classes and in both girls and boys teams.

When all these tournaments are completed and the all-state, all-conference, all-district players have been named then balloting will begin for the All-Stars. Then the 40 players will be contacted to invite them to play.

After players are confirmed then advertisement packets will go to those communities. If there is a club in that community they will get the packet. If not, then it goes to the player's coach. In some communities I may send to both.

Advertising is the only place that we can increase our donation to Sight First as attendance stays about the same. As I've stated before, Springfield clubs you can get busy now. You know you have 20 players. Don't leave it to Lion Judy and myself.

I have with me last year's program book, handbills of this year's game, advertising price list, and contracts.

I also have a signup sheet for those that can help at the game. Need volunteers to sell tickets, collect tickets, sell programs, and collect uniforms after each game. Remember, that tomorrow I will present a check to Sight First on behalf of the district from last year's profit of \$4,900.00. In the 36 year history this classic has had a total profit of \$207,892.00.

The Diabetes Awareness report was read on behalf of Lion Sharon Morris:

American Diabetes Association "Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes.

Consider exercise, we know that physical activity at least 30 minutes a day lower blood pressure and LDL blood sugar. Help treat depression and anxiety. So simple: Walk!

The Global Leadership Team report was given orally by Lion Jim Tesreau, PCC, in which he told about the success of the Mid-Winter Forum.

The Hearing Committee report was given by Lion Jerry Young, PDG:

Hearing Screenings: Scheduled for the District Convention by the Ava Lions Club.

Hearing Sweepstakes: Hearing Sweepstakes tickets have been distributed to ALL Lions clubs in M6. As of March 10, 19 clubs and one individual have sent donations and ticket stubs to

the chair. Receipts currently total \$1,445. (Last year the receipts were \$2,456). Money and stubs returned to the Hearing Chair prior to 11:30 on Saturday will be entered into the drawing at the District Convention. Other tickets may be returned prior to April 20 and be a part of the drawing at the State Convention.

AHAP (Affordable Hearing Aid Program): The Monett, Republic, Christian County and Springfield Host Lions have each sponsored a person to receive an affordable hearing aid this year. We used ALL of the available funds!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as District Hearing Chair for this past year.

Oral Note: Used hear aids go to the Fulton School for the Deaf. They rebuild or use parts for making usable hearing aids for needy students.

Lions Clubs International Foundation report was given orally by Lion Jim Tesreau, PCC, with an encouragement to visit the display in the lobby.

Leader Dogs report was given orally by Lion Phil Krebs and his companion Betsy.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Lion Charles Haywood, PDG, indicating that all the candidates have been properly slated, but that there is no candidate for the position of Second Vice District Governor for 2014-2015.

The Nominating Committee has received both the application and Club endorsement for 1st Vice District Governor Lion Peter Frantzen to the position of District Governor and the same for 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Craig Lehman to the position of 1st Vice District Governor. The Nominating Committee has not received any applications for the position of 2nd VDG.

The information received for Lions Peter and Craig are in order and the Nominating Committee recommends these to the Cabinet for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Lion Stuart Payne, PDG Lion Martin Pojar, and PDG Lion Charles Haywood,
Chairman, Nominating Commiee MD26-M6.

Peace Poster report was given in writing by Lion Leroy Potter with some oral points added.

We have an international merit winner Joanne Kim, sponsored by the Carl Junction Lions Club. Now is the time to get started on next year's contest. Order poster kits; work with local teachers and youths; hold local club contests; have next year's posters in the District Governor's hands by November 15, 2014. For help contact Lion Leroy Potter lpotter7@sbcglobal.net. 417-438-0878; 2011 S Pearl Ave, Joplin, MO 65804

OLD BUSINESS

Because of his repeated absence from cabinet meetings, the past District Governor, Lion Walter Hamer, was finally presented with a plaque of appreciation for his year of service to the district during Lion Year 2012-2013. The award was presented by District Governor Lion Nick Paulin.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. It was moved by Lion Bob Crump and seconded by Lion Charles Haywood that all zone and committee reports as presented by accepted. The motion carried.
- B. It was moved by Lion Bob Crump and seconded by Lion Bill Botzow that we endorse the Sight First Grant, Core 4, to combat diabetes with a five year program between Mercy Health and the Lions. The motion carried.
- C. It was moved by Lion Bob Crump and seconded by Lion Cliff Curtis that the Tail Twister fines from both the November 2013 and March 2014 District Cabinet meetings be donated to the care and feeding of the Lion named Merlin in memory of Lion Peter Frantzen's wife Lion Jan Frantzen. The motion carried. After Lion Judy

Young fulfilled with vigor and skill the extortion of funds from the Lions at the Cabinet Meeting, we were able to come up with \$40.02 for this meeting.

It should be noted that Lion Debbie Cantrell eventually arrived at the Cabinet Meeting follow her busy work at Irving School representing the Lions of District 26-M6. She reported on the Tornado Relief stating that the MOLATE pins were now in and are being distributed free to all who helped with the work of Lions in Joplin's recovery efforts. She also reported that the Honorary Committee would have its next meeting on April 11, 2014. And she had no report for the Public Relations Committee.

With no other business to come before the great Lions of District 26-M6, the District Governor announced that the Cabinet Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Walter Hamer, IPDG
Cabinet Secretary
District 26-M6