



DISTRICT CABINET MEETING MD26-M6

May 11th, 2019
Cox Hospital, Foster Auditorium
Springfield, Missouri
10:00am



The fourth quarterly meeting of the District 26-M6 Cabinet was held on May 11th, 2019, at Cox Hospital, Foster Auditorium at 10:00pm. The meeting was called to order by Lion District Governor Walter Hamer at that time.

Lion DGe Toni Morris led the Lions in singing the patriotic song. The invocation was offered up by Lion PDG Stuart Payne. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion 1VDG Theresa Kee. Protocol was established by Lion PCC Steve Wise. Lion CS Phil Krebs conducted the roll call. Twenty Seven Lions registered on the sign in roster. Tail Twister was Lion Richard Sturgeon of the Ava Lions club.

The minutes of the February 9th, 2019 cabinet meeting were approved as submitted (with corrections).

Lion Cabinet Treasurer David Harris presented the Treasurers report (written). Fund balances are as follows: Checking \$10,695.15, Savings \$18,888.30, Disaster Relief \$2,091.65, Basketball West \$755.56, Basketball East \$6,021.92, Convention \$4,190.74, Diabetes Savings \$1,139.30, Equipment Savings \$2,257.16. Fund balances in the various special accounts are also noted within the committee reports to follow.

Convention wrap up report was given by CS Phil Krebs. A copy of this will be distributed with the minutes along with a copy of the ballot; however the following officers were elected for the upcoming Lions year.

For:

District Governor Toni Morris
1st Vice district governor Theresa Kee
2nd Vice district governor Phyllis Krebs

Governors/Vice Governors remarks

Lion District Governor (DG) Walt Hamer

DG Walt announced the USA/Canada forum in Spokane, WA encouraging attendance. DG Walt also announced the availability of district directories. DG Walt outlined the highlights of his year to include the successful district convention with PID Jerome Thompson as international guest, and congratulated the convention committee's work for district and state. Our district membership continues to be a concern, with a net loss through April, but exceeded DG Walt's new member goal of 14 (with 47 new members), but lost 98 members during the same time period. Our district wide project at Irving Elementary school in Joplin was a success, with a pergola constructed and 9 shade trees planted. Our GLT goal was met, 4 new guiding Lions, Lion Karen Hamer authored a new member orientation packet for the clubs and the presentation of that was done at the district convention, Lion Marlene did training for our zone chair's, 2 club officer training sessions were held. Our GMT goal has not been met (one new club), another goal was 100% participation of the district clubs in LCIF and we reached that with club contributions and distributions from the silent auction at the district convention. Some centennial service awards were presented to the following clubs; Eldorado Springs, Kimberling City, Lebanon Host, Marshfield, Springfield Host, Christian County, a guiding Lion certificate presented to Richard Sturgeon, a progressive Melvin Jones award to PCC Steve Wise and a Presidential award to Lion Marilyn Harris

First Vice District Governor (1st VDG) Toni Morris

Lion Toni started by thanking all of the Lions that she has solicited advice from and if she has not gotten to you yet just bear with her. She is in the process of filling cabinet positions so if you would like to serve your district just get in contact with her. District training dates are being established so watch the website. DGe Toni's theme for this year is "It's showtime". **Show your vest, show your service, show you are a Lion.**



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2nd Vice District Governor (2nd VDG) Theresa Kee

Lion Theresa started with a “ROAR”, and thanked the district for the opportunity to serve, expressed her initial concerns and then said “Oh, sure, it will be fun!”

Zone Reports:

(1) Lion Marilyn Harris.

At the last zone meeting in Neosho, 4 of 6 clubs were represented. Due to a communication breakdown only the Neosho club president attended from their club. Programs were given by 1st VDG Toni Morris on State/Local/International activities, Lion Phyllis Krebs on the convention, Lion Darci Klick on Hobo Days, and Lion Kent Wise on Basketball West. Kudos to Lion Tom Wilson (Sarcoxie) on his perfect zone meeting attendance, and heartfelt thanks go to Kent and Darci for being Marilyn’s go to people since Dave’s stroke.

(2) Lion PDG Craig Lehman (no report)

(3) Lion Tammy James (No report)

(4) Lion Elaine Crump

Because of weather concerns, no further zone meetings are scheduled. The clubs have been contacted with information concerning things to do for the end of the year. I have also told DGe Toni that I will accept the zone chairman position for this zone for the upcoming Lions year.

(5) Lion Sharon Morris

Clubs in the zone are active, I have one zone meeting left to schedule. I visited the Gainesville club on 3-14. DG Walt will visit the Blue Eye club on 5/20 and Kimberling City will host a chicken dinner at the Elks club on June 3.

(6) Lion Margaret Ensminger

4 of the 7 clubs in the zone were at the 2/26 zone meeting. Lion Marlene Payne stressed putting new members in leadership roles to involve them in the club. Our final zone meeting was scheduled for 4/30 with Mother Nature attending, bringing 29 tornadoes as guests. Thankfully no one was hurt! The basket donated by the zone brought \$50 for LCIF at the district convention. Clubs are busy with Christian County setting up for Sucker Days and planning the 4.417k in September. They are also working with the Marshfield to raise funds for e-Sight glasses for Jennifer Bass. Elkland is planning their play days for 5/17; 6/21; 7/19 and 8/16 at 7pm. Please pass the word and contact the Elkland club for information. Fair Grove is planning their golf tournament for 6/29. Springfield Host is getting ready for the duck pond at the fair and has collected 300# of shopping bags; 500# are needed to reach their goal.

(7) Lion Karen Hamer

On 3/2 at noon, I held the 2nd of my zone meetings for 2018-2019 at the 1st Presbyterian church in Monett. The topic was Membership and Aurora, Miller and Monett were in attendance. As we were leaving the State Convention in StJoseph, someone asked Walt “What is a Lion”? DG Walt got to give his elevator speech on more time!

Global Action Team:



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GLT Lion Marlene Payne

Achievement wrap up for 2018-2019. Held 2 officer orientation training sessions (check). Provide training and orientation for zone chairs (check). Attendance was low (3 of 7), but the training was sourced from the LCI website and we also applied for the \$200 reimbursement from LCI. Certified Guiding Lions training with 5 graduates (check). I also attended the New Voices symposium in Springfield, have participated in Leadership webinars from LCI, applied and received the \$250 award from LCI by successfully completing the LCI requirements, prepared a Leadership and Training opportunities display and utilized it at cabinet meetings and district convention, and was part of the team applying for a \$2500 LCIF Leo service grant. I have enjoyed “serving” with DG Walt and also as your GLT co-ordinator for the past 2 ½ years.

GMT (no report).

GST PDG Bob Crump

Since the last cabinet meeting I have not been asked to give any presentations on GST, although I did attend the GST seminar at the state convention given by Area Leader PCC John Collier. Clubs are not reporting their activities and actually may be regressing. I have a list from Stephanie Bailey at St Jude Cancer center @ Mercy of items that can be donated for the children or families. Drop Lion Bob an email and he can provide the list and this might also be published in the Newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Alert

There are 4 ALERT trailers in MO, M3-M6 with the goal of all 7 districts. We (as a district) have received over \$19,000 in LCIF grants for this project alone. We are receiving donations for more clubs in the district to fund the ongoing operations of the trailer, thanks to the zone chairman for promoting this. The ALERT trailer is available for your event or parade so contact PDG Debbie for details.

Audit Committee (no report)

Athletic (no report)

Band

The MD26 committee has hired a 20 piece local band for the convention in Milan, Italy. The band is very proud to represent the Missouri Lions in the parade.

Basketball-East

42nd year for this event, Lion DGe Toni will do the national anthem. Player selection is slow this year, 3 of the players have parents that played in this game! Fifteen clubs have donated, there is still time to sell ads or donate. The cameras that we purchased are here and Katherine and KidSight are getting up to speed on the features. They are under 2 pounds in weight.

Basketball-West

40th year for this event, as of this date we have received \$450 in advertising. The new uniform fund has received \$275 and we will be purchasing the boys uniforms this year.



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Constitution/Bylaws

All propositions as presented at the last cabinet meeting were approved at the district convention. Re-formatting of the official document is in progress and will be posted on the website when it is completed. Please see the official ballot attached with the minutes for the official ballot items and language.

Convention (Dist/State)

We just received a bill from the hotel so I don't have a final report, but Lion Dave Harris thinks we are in good shape as far as the money is concerned. Everything as far as the convention is concerned went smoothly, but our only complaint is the hospitality space at the hotel. It was cramped but there does not appear to be a good solution if we stay at University Plaza. If we get a bigger space the cost this year was \$700 and we must use their food and beverage. March 6th and 7th of 2020 is the next district convention at a yet to be determined place. State convention will be at Margaritaville resort at Lake of the Ozarks (formerly known as Tan-Tar-a) April 16th-19th, 2020. There will be a scavenger hunt on Friday night, a pediatric cancer service project and a garden party (an homage to Singapore the garden city) where the 2020 International Convention will be. Our international guest for the state convention will be 1st IVP Haynes Townsend of GA.

Diabetes (no report)

District Directory (no report)

Environmental (no report)

Family and Women's Membership (no report)

Hearing

PDG Jerry young reports the Carl Jct Lions and Joplin Host Lions have each sponsored a person for a set of hearing aids. One set has been received and fitted and the other was shipped incorrectly and is still pending. The audiometers are available for use after having been calibrated. All M6 clubs have received hearing sweepstakes tickets, 16 clubs have sold tickets totaling \$1,747.50 and 25 clubs have not participated. This is the revenue source for hearing projects within the state so thank you to the clubs who participated.

HOBO

The event was well attended considering it was rescheduled due to weather, 70 in attendance, held on March 16th at the Freistat Lions building. Special thanks to the Freistat Lions for use of the building, to the "Cooking" Cantrell's for the meal prep, Lion Bob Crump as auctioneer and to everyone else who worked to pull this off. The 50/50 grossed \$116, the cake walk \$126, the meal \$147.32, and the auction \$1,084. Cash donations of \$800 less misc expenses bring the net total to 2,156.05. We couldn't do it without you!

Honorary Elected officers. Lion Charles Winfiel is president. The next meeting is in Seymour, July 12th. More details to come.

IT. (no report)

International Relations (no report)

Kids Sight

PCC Steve said they have had to tighten their belts and there are volunteer positions available (both for Screening and Screening Assistants) and more volunteers are always helpful. Lion Marlene reports that she is no longer with KidSight, but in almost 2 years as a unpaid volunteer screener, she has screened 3407 children



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(429 referrals) at 60 locations. Thanks to the Lions that helped out in making a difference for the children of our district!

LBOMB (no report)

LCIF (no report)

Leader Dogs

During April, Leader Dog celebrated their 80th birthday, since the first class of 4, they have provided over 15,000 guide dogs around the world and continue to pursue the mission of making everyone unstoppable. The statistics are staggering, 1.3 million blind/visually impaired in the US alone, 75,000 will become blind/visually impaired this year alone. The 3 puppies raised in Missouri this year are just a drop in the bucket, but there is the hope that someone who lost their independence can regain it. The Lions of 26-M6 have been very supportive of the mission and Lion Phil and I are deeply grateful for your support. Because of your support and Lions elsewhere, Leader Dog is able to offer their services at \$0 to the client and with no Federal/State/Local tax dollars involved. Leader Dog feels strongly that the ability to be independent should NOT be based on the ability to pay. The Lions liaison team at Leader Dog, Lion Phil and I are thanking you for your part in providing over 1 million days of independence, approximately 200 leader dog matches with clients every year, 100 clients provided with white cane skills, 24 teenagers attending summer camp and 6 deaf blind clients with customized dog guide training. Oh and one more thing, thanks to you M6 is a 100% club participation district once again.

Leo Clubs (see Opportunity for Youth)

Lions Opportunity for Youth (no report)

Lions Services for children (no report)

Lions Quest (no report)

Long Range Planning (no report)

Marketing Communications

Kudos to all who came to help at Irving Elementary, we got media coverage from 2 TV stations, lots of pictures, great support from the CJ Leos and district LIONS. Thanks to PDG Bob for helping with the funding from his GST budget, a \$2500 LCIF grant authored by the CJ Leos, contributions from other district committees and our district PR budget. The entire project cost \$5000, but the best part was the children when they saw what had been done for them. There are pictures available so if you want some talk to PDG Debbie.

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing

Dates to remember....

Exam-a-thon May 18th we need 10 volunteers to help process the patients for their exams

4th quarterly meeting and annual membership meeting on June 8th, MD26 lions PDG Lisa Alexander nominated for 2nd VP and Karen Hamer for 2020 Board of Directors

Cataract-a-thon June 22nd we need 15 volunteers for greeting, food service, patient assistance and cleanup.

The first quarterly meeting of 2019-2020 is on September 6th-7th.

All events are at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis, TN. For more information contact Lion Scot at 901-493-9300. If you are wanting to volunteer contact Betty at 888-546-6042, ext 3



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Newsletter (see Webmaster)

Nominating Committee (no report)

Peace Poster (no report)

Pin Trading (no report)

Saving Sight Next board meeting will be June 1st, at the office on N. Ambassador drive in KCMO at 8:30am. Lions are welcome to attend but please RSVP to pr@saving-sight.org. The building in Columbia is back on the market; through March 31 SS has provided 2,431 corneas for transplant. SS has decided to not offer the Vital Tears project for insurance as the current cost of one prescription is \$150. Lion Al Dohman (Monett Lions) has expressed interest in being the M6 representative for SS.

Sight Conservation (no report)

Webmaster Just keep sending things to us, write it the way you want it and we'll get it in the newsletter.

WSB They are starting a capital campaign to replace some "chillers" that are well past their life. Please keep them in your thoughts for donations or in your budgets.



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Old Business

New Business:

Accept all zone and other committee reports as presented (DClick/JRosbrugh) passed

For the Lions year 2019-2020 approve the following signatories on the district checking account be CT Marlene Payne, DG Toni Morris, VDG Theresa Kee and CS Phil Krebs. (RSturgeon/DHarris) passed

For the Lions year 2019-2020 adopt UMB Bank as the depository bank for all M6 district funds and that the signatories be bonded on the M6 fidelity bond for the same term. (DHarris/KWise) passed

Approve 2020 Convention site plan, to be Ozark Technical CC/University Plaza Hotel (SWise/JRosbrugh) passed

Policy Manual change to indicate Vision Rehabilitation center of the Ozarks as a district supported project (BCrump/JYoung) passed

To register for FarmFest (10-4 to 10-6), Yes or No (voted to NOT participate) (BCrump/DHarris) passed

To appoint Al Dohmen to the Saving Sight board (JRosbrugh/RSturgeon) passed

DG to determine Tail Twister funds distribution, it goes to LBOMB (Phyllis Krebs/TKee) passed

Lion Karen has the workshop material available for all clubs, if you don't have yours now please contact Lion Karen. \$224 has been collected this year from Tail Twister funds.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 24th, 2019, 10am at the Foster Auditorium in the main hospital.

The meeting was adjourned by District Governor Lion Walter Hamer.

Respectfully submitted by

Lion Phil Krebs, District Cabinet Secretary