

DISTRICT 11E1 October 15, 2016 CABINET MEETING MINUTES, Cedar-Maple City Lions Den

Governor **Ron Gibson** (Fremont) called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

- Cabinet Officers Attending: Governor **Ron Gibson**, 2nd Vice Governor **Al Roeseler** (Coleman), Secretary **Janalee McClure** (White Cloud), Treasurer Kay Brandt (Harrison), IPDG **Pam Schroeder** (Onkama), R1Z2 **Sheila Ferrell** (Mesick), R2Z1 **Diane Fleming** (Mt. Pleasant), R2Z2 **Bruce Frederick** (Big Rapids), R2Z3 PDG **Laura Johnson** (Baldwin), R3Z2 **Ray Williams** (White Cloud).
- Other District 11E1 Lions Attending: (Baldwin) PDG **Harry Johnson**; (Cedar Maple City) **Val Elmers**, **Chris Griffith**, **Mary Anne Donklow**, **Tom & Jean Peterson**; (Cadillac) **Bill Bradfield**; (Fremont) **Steve Adsmond & PDG Lynn Mast**; (Harrison) PDG **Jerry Brandt**, **John & Barbara Sovey**; (Kaleva) **Karla Kasten**; (Mt. Pleasant) PDG **John Monahan**; (Onkama) PDG **Dan Gibbons**.

Lion **Tom Peterson** led the Pledge. PDG **Jerry Brandt** offered the Invocation.

Lion **Diane Fleming** moved approval of the agenda. Motion seconded by IPDG **Pam Schroeder**. Motion approved.

Governor Ron Gibson's opening remarks:

- We have several members under the weather: **Gayle Morlock** (Ewart) with a broken leg, **Mary Lou Conarty** with cancer & **Stan Preshaw (Sheridan)** with multiple procedures for a detached retina. We've had several deaths; PDG **Jack Buchard** (Onkama), **Bob Manning** (Empire), **Jerry Nichols** (Big Rapids), **Clarence Turner** (Mt Pleasant) & others, since our last meeting.
- I've attended 4 zone meetings so far plus visiting many clubs. All clubs are important, all members are important & I expect to have 27 of the 43 clubs visited by Christmas & visit all zones at least once except R2Z2 by then too.
- Our 1st Quarter membership gained 22 but lost 42 members.
- Lions International sent 142 service awards for me to present in our District. The awards represented 3,335 years of service with a couple of charter members over 50 years. The national average for volunteers serving is only 14 months so Lions do a lot better on average.
- 16 of our Clubs received Centennial Service Awards for Vision, Youth, Hunger and Environmental Projects. So far reports show over 100 million people have been served so far this Centennial Year.
- Also, Midland & Chippewa Lake/Mecosta have already earned the International Centennial Legacy Award. Mrs. Corlew suggested we might partner in the Centennial Year Youth Category with Partners in Education by donating 100 pencils, 100 books or 100 notebooks for your legacy project.
- President Corlew sent out a letter to all clubs to be careful when we sponsor activities, such as parades, to make sure we do not become controversial.
- Please sign our District centennial banner today. Our banner will be on display at the Chicago International convention, along with the banners from every District Governor worldwide.
- The Council of Governors reported at the St. Ignace Meeting last weekend that we have 6-8 openings available for the Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake. **Diane Fleming** reported their member had his application in weeks ago but has not received his acceptance yet. Governor recommended she contact PDG **Paul Hemeryck** or PID **Gary Anderson** to check on his application. Governor **Ron** reported that one of the advanced trainings was cancelled because of low registration.
- International Director **Jenny Ware** asked for, and received, endorsement for **Judge Haynes H. Townsend**, PID from Dalton, Georgia, for 3rd Vice President Lions International, from the Michigan Council of Governors. Judge **Townsend** will be our International Representative at the State Convention in May at the Great Wolf Lodge.

- Council Chair reported in the Pride that Attorney General Bill Schuette reported Charities cannot stand at four way stops to collect money. A car darted around a collector at a 4 way corner and a fireman was killed in Lansing.
- We are trying to have a 100 member All State Band at the Chicago International Convention for our Centennial Celebration. I've been appointed to head a special committee to do something special for the band. We thought of uniforms; shorts, polo shirt & t-shirt & maybe a flag member's dress (students pay \$50 for each set they want), but the Band Director said the band really needs new equipment cases for the shipping of instruments to the International conventions. The 1st quote is \$16,000. Our budget is \$5,000 so we're trying for a grant thru the Braille Transcribers Foundation in Michigan or from the Lions International Foundation.
- When my wife & I wife visited Paws with a Cause we received a water bottle. That water bottle has been filled with dog treats for a special fundraiser. Sign the sheet with your guess in dollars & cents. Winner wins the bottle & treats. All dollars & cents will be sent to Paws with a Cause.

First Vice Governor Peggy Walls written Report was the final report of the Fall Conference. 17 Clubs were represented with 40 attendees. Speakers were Dr. **David Oosting** from Fremont on eye health & diabetes, Lion **Bill Bradfield** on diabetes and the Centennial Snowmobile Run for diabetes, **Paul Hanrahan** on using the Michigan Foundation for hearing assistance and Lion **Debra Wall** with procedure materials for the Foundation Hearing Aid project. Projects received monetary gifts and pledges of \$14,635.00: Michigan Foundation \$2,085.00, Kidsight \$535.00, Paws with a Cause \$985.00, Bear Lake Camp \$1,250.00, Leader Dog \$3,335.00, All State Band \$995.00, LCIF \$1,025.00 plus \$600 pledge, and Eversight \$3,325.00 plus \$500 pledge.

Second Vice Governor Report: **Al Roeseler** reported he has had two days of excellent training by State GLT Karen Routson and has already attended 2 Council of Governors meetings. In our District I've attended 4 Zone meetings plus visited 4 additional Clubs. I'm scheduled to visit several more clubs within the next month. I have been impressed with the dedicated Lions and the diversity of the Clubs I've visited and I'm looking forward to many more visitations.

Global Leadership Report: PDG **John Monahan** reported that he has used the questionnaire "How are your Ratings" very successfully at the Mt. Pleasant and Harrison Lion Clubs. I would like to present this questionnaire at several more clubs this year so please give me a call so we can schedule a visitation to your Club: 989-772-1852, 989-330-9908 or john.monahan@cmich.edu.

Global Membership Report sent in by PDG **Jim Walls**:

- International President Bob Corlew's presentation on Sept. 30th in Michigan stated the membership in the US is on the upswing. He has been installing new members at almost every stop and he's very encouraged.
- I have visited 7 clubs and attended 3 zone meetings. I've been leaving a 'priceless cup' at every club. When the club gets 5 new members they can 'give away' or destroy the cup in an appropriate celebration. Just an idea to keep membership on the front burner of every club.
- Governor Ron's goal for new members is 118. We definitely can get that done!

Official Required Business:

1. **IPDG Pam Schroeder** moved approval of the July 23, 2016 Cabinet Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Lion **Ray Williams**. Motion Approved.
2. Lion **Diane Fleming** moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented with a \$30,545.95 beginning balance, \$31,952.29 ending balance, with \$15,469.75 in Administration Funds and \$16,482.54 in Designated Funds. Motion seconded by PDG **Laura Johnson**. Motion approved.
3. No action on setting the date or place for the District 2018 Convention as the Convention Committee did not get the requested reports back as yet.

4. Convention Committee presented the 2017 Convention Budget for the Park Place Hotel – Traverse City:

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Start Cash	\$2,355	Meal Cost	\$6,595
Convention Fund Transfer	1,100	Dignitary Meal Cost	480
Registration (120 @ \$10)	1,200	New Lions Lunch (10 @ \$17)	170
Friday Night Mix & Meet (75 @ \$16)	1,200	Room Cost for D.G. & I.D.	400
Saturday Breakfast (70 @ \$15)	1,050	I.D. Plaque, Gift & Room Amenities	250
Saturday Lunch (105 @ \$17)	1,785	Decoration \$250, Program Printing \$375 =	625
Sat. Banquet (80 @ \$32 - \$12* = \$20)	1,600	Friday Night Prizes	300
Raffles (3)	300	Entertainment	400
Auction Items	1,200	Misc. \$500, Hospitality Room \$250 =	750
Total Income & Starting Cash	\$11,790	Total Estimated Expenses	\$9,970
<u>Income Less Expenses</u>		<u>\$1,820</u>	

*Special Note: Convention Fund Transfer collected from membership with dues, used to reduce cost of Banquet.

IPDG **Pam Schroeder** moved to approve 2017 District Convention Proposed Budget. Motion seconded by Lion **Diane Fleming**. Motion approved.

Other Reports: Zone Chairpersons:

- Lion **Sheila Farrell**, Region 1, Zone 2: Reported 5 of 6 clubs attended 9-24-16 Zone Meeting.
 - Arcadia: approved \$4,175 to local charities & district projects & plan to close down Nov to April.
 - Bear Lake: will be closing their clubhouse on Oct. 27th & will meet monthly at a restaurant.
 - Kaleva: still making pasties, doing the Peace Poster Contest again and are working with the Kaleva Beautification Committee for the walking park for their Community Service Challenge.
 - Manistee: will be closing their clubhouse on Oct. 31 and will be meeting at a local restaurant monthly until April. They've elected their 2017-18 officers, finished their highway clean-up and shipped 600-700 pair of glasses to Ferris. They also plan to do a Kidsight Screening Sat. Dec. 3rd.
 - Mesick: 32 participants in Peace Poster this year, Kidsight Screening at Mesick Elementary Preschool thru 5th grade, host the R122 Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 4th and just started to offer the Lions of Mesick "Awesome Kid" Certificate to a 6th grade student of the semester.
 - Onkama: closing their building soon and will begin meeting at a local restaurant. Hosted IPDG **Pam Schroeder's** Appreciation Dinner; had a breakfast the following morning & a polka/dance/dinner that afternoon. Will be hosting the next Zone Meeting on Wed. Nov. 9th.
- Lion **Diane Fleming**, Region 1, Zone 2: presented a complete report on the Oct. 15th Zone meeting, noting that the next Zone meeting will be Nov. 9th at the Doherty Hotel in Clare. The reported Club activities are as follows:
 - Coleman: road cleanup, Anniversary Charter Night, Halloween Party & KidSight screening.
 - Harrison: Kidsight screenings, hot dog sale, polish dinner, hunter's raffle tickets, Halloween party & safety locks for all classrooms in Harrison Schools for their Centennial Legacy Project.
 - Midland reported their' hole in one' contest, the chicken BBQ, White Cane, scholarship for building character for student athletes & their Centennial project.
 - Mt. Pleasant reported working with the United Way on the "Stuff the Bus" project and with the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club to provide basic household items for an immigrant Afghanistan family. They also encouraged Lions to volunteer for the Homeless Shelter of Isabella County. They are doing an 8th Grade Student 'Citizen of the Month', having their 11th annual chili supper and have received a request to do a ramp for a diabetic amputee.
 - Shepherd: 2 hearing aid requests, the Lucky 13 fall raffle, chicken BBQ and a Koeze Nut Sale
 - Vestaburg reported having 11 members and are doing their annual swiss steak supper 9-23-16.

- Lion **Bruce Fredrick**, Region 2, Zone 2: reported a very successful Zone meeting held at Sharon's Restaurant in Stanwood and all Club visits are scheduled.
 - Big Rapids reported having 80 Peace Poster submissions this year, picked up over 1,200 eyeglasses, have given 200 dictionaries to schools in Big Rapids and are still working all the football games at Ferris. Channel 10 sponsored a tailgate party, Lions furnished the hot dogs & had a lot of fun.
 - Weidman donated dictionaries to all the 1st graders in the Weidman school system.
- PDG **Laura Johnson**, Region 2, Zone 3 reported:
 - The Wexford Trailer Blazing Branch Club has consolidated with the Cadillac Lions Club with the unanimous vote of both Clubs on Oct. 4th, which will eliminate duplication of officers & services to the community.
 - By the end of the week I will have finished my club visitations. I found all clubs are maintaining or growing their membership & are staying active in their communities.
 - Next zone meeting is Oct. 26th at the Evert Club & the 3rd Zone meeting will be in January at the Luther Lions Club. I'm promoting the 2017 Chicago International Convention at every meeting.
- Lion **Ray Williams**, Region 3 Zone 2 reported:
 - A very successful Zone Meeting Sept. 20th with 5 of the 6 clubs attending. Voted to send the 50/50 proceeds to District 11E1 #2 Kidsight Trailer Fund.
 - Already visited White Cloud, Newaygo & Hart Clubs with the balance of clubs scheduled.
 - 2nd Zone Meeting on Thurs. Nov. 12th & 3rd Zone Meeting scheduled for Tue. March 7, 2017

Old Business:

- PCC **Janalee McClure** presented the Special Committees suggested wording for the Mike Howard Award:

The Mike Howard 'Spirit' Award

Lion **Mike Howard**, Harrison Lions Club, was elected District 11E1 Second Vice-Governor in 2014. In 2015 Lion Mike had an unfortunate accident and was left with semi-permanent injuries that immediately curtailed his advancement in Lions at the District level.

Lion **Mike Howard** made an indelible mark on District 11E1 with his short year and his '*spirit of Lionism*' carries on in perpetuity through other Lions that represent the Lions Motto "We Serve".

This Award consists of a special *Spirit of Lionism Certificate* and will be presented by the District Governor in an appropriate ceremony.

Lion Diane Fleming moved we establish the *Mike Howard Spirit of Lionism Award*. Motion seconded by **Lion Kay Brandt**. Motion approved.

Maker of the motion suggested we 'flesh out' the details on the award to include items such as; *is the 'spirit of Lionism' at club level? Shall we use the new Melvin Jones coin as part of the award? How many awards can be presented annually? Who chooses the recipients? And report back at the January 2017 Cabinet meeting.*

- PDG **Harry Johnson** answered the questions on the potential District 11E1 Eye Glass Mission:
 - Eye Glass Missions are funded by grants from Lions International and/or other foundations with all attendee's expenses paid by the individual themselves. There would be no cost expected to come from District funds at all.
 - The Ferris Optometry students go to the same place every year so the 11E1 Eye Glass Mission Trip would not be a duplication of eye glass mission trips.

Second Vice Governor **Al Roeseler** moved we approve forming a committee to study the feasibility of a District 11E1 Eye Glass Mission Trip. Motion seconded by PDG **Laura Johnson**. Motion approved.

Governor **Ron** asked PDG **Harry** if he could be ready to report back at the January 14, 2017 Cabinet Meeting. PDG **Harry** said 'yes' as he already has several doctors on board.

New Business: Governor **Ron** presented the potential 11E1-11E2 merger stating in the 70's we were one District called District 11. 11E2 suggested the merge as both 11E1 & 11E2 separately have less than the required 1250 members, in addition 11E2 is down to 34 clubs & has some vacancies in their line up and in some committees. Multiple District 10 did successfully merge into SD 10 with 15 counties and now has 58 clubs. Governor **Ron** opened up comments on the 11E1 - 11E2 potential redistricting/merger:

- Orientation could be even better with a larger pool of clubs & members, PDG **Jerry Brandt**.
- E2 is much like E1 – lots rural & mostly smaller clubs, PDG **Lynwood Mast**
- Using Region Chairpersons would make more opportunities for district officers, PDG **Lynwood Mast**
- Would reduce the Council of Governors by one so that would be a dollar saver for the State of Michigan and maybe for Lions International too, PDG **Dan Gibbons**.
- Conventions would be bigger, allowing for negotiating better rates therefore cutting cost to all attendees, Lion **Karla Kasten**.
- 15 years ago South Dakota redistricted the entire state down to 2 districts & it has worked very well. Many resisted it at first and they had a hard time to begin with but it has proven to be very successful. North Dakota followed and is now only two Districts too, Lion **Tom Peterson**.
Note: Both South Dakota and North Dakota are bigger in land area than Michigan Multiple 11.

Lion **Ray Williams** moved the District 11E1 Constitution & By Law Committee prepare a resolution to put the merger of District 11E1/11E2 up for a vote for our Delegates at our District Convention at the Park Place, Traverse City on April 1, 2017. Motion seconded by IPDG **Pam Schroeder**. Motion approved unanimously.

State Project District Chairperson Reports:

- All State Band: Lion **Jim Peterson's** written report included the details of the mailing to all Band Directors in our State. He also offered to do programs for any Club with the table top display he created. The Fall Conference collected \$1,035 for All State Band & thank-you's have already gone out. We're doing our best to get a 100 member band for the 2017 International Convention in Chicago.
- Oversight of Michigan: PDG **Lynwood Mast** reported
 - 11 clubs didn't donate last year and he reminded everyone that donations could be as little as \$10 to help our Governor to be 100%. So please donate something this year.
 - 16 Clubs have enough funds already paid in that could be used for awards, such the Doc Barr or the Charles Weir Fellowship Awards. Just contact him & he'll help you.
 - We had 2048 cornea donors last year with 932 coming from our District. Oversight had 117 recipients state wide with 51 coming from our District.
 - Oversight needs to update their collection cases @ \$150 each, need 9 now. If you decide to donate a case your club name can be put on the case for everyone to see.
 - A new procedure using the ENOPLY Instrument allows for the cornea to be plucked, stored & transported for the implant process with less handling, resulting in a higher percentage of success. Many instruments are needed for this procedure since it travels with the cornea.
 - 56% of the people in Michigan have signed up as organ donators, even diabetics can donate.
 - Oversight is helping to train individuals to help Korea set up a collection system. Right now if Oversight has extra corneas we share with Korea and other places too. Cornea's have a shelf life so some are even used for research if a recipient is not ready to receive it in time.

District Chairperson Reports:

- Lion Clubs International Centennial – IPDG **Pam Schroeder** offered to do programs for all zones and handed out the Centennial Award document to all Zones present.
- Constitution, By-Laws – PCC **Janalee McClure** will be working on the resolution for the 11E1-11E2 merger for the District Convention in April 2017.
- Convention – PDG **Jerry Brandt** asked clubs to send in the names of deceased members early for the Convention Memorial.
- Diabetes/Sight Conservation Awareness – Lion **Bill Bradfield**
 - Lion **Bill** also gave us an update on the metal sculpture legacy project idea he presented to the Council of Governors. The Council of Governor's approved the project and will be sending the plan to Lions International for approval. The sculpture has a 5'x5' base, is 5 ½' tall and will be a gift to Lions International with the idea of a copper time capsule inside the sculpture.
 - He also presented an outstanding report with a suggestion that we use some of the Designated Funds from the Sight & Hearing budget, the Diabetes budget and Juvenile Diabetes budget for the Centennial Celebration Ride for the American Diabetes Association. A discussion on the expected use of the designed funds ensued without a motion coming forward so the suggestions died for lack of action. Governor **Ron** referred the topic to the Jan. 14th Cabinet meeting. Governor **Ron** also offered to do some research on the intention of the individual Designated Funds and will get back with Lion **Bill Bradfield** and PDG **Stan Preshaw**.
- Elections & Nominations – Lion **Steve Adsmond** reported we need nomination letters for all positions at the District level, including District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee for 2017-18. Letters should be sent to **Steve**, Cabinet Secretary & **Wendy Burns**, Lions of Michigan Executive Secretary. He would like the letters by Jan. 11th so the candidates can be listed in the Cabinet meeting minutes. Election will be April 1, 2017.
- Float Trailer – PDG **Laura Johnson** reported 8 clubs have used the float for far this year. The deck boxes on the float have been painted and Barryton donated a padded booth to use on the float. We are looking for material to recover the red booth so it coordinates with the blue & gold colors.
- Honorary – IPDG **Pam Schroeder** nothing new to report at this time.
- Leo - PDG **Laura Johnson** reported we have 2 active Leo Clubs, Bear Lake & Coleman. I've sent packets out to both clubs concerning the Leo Spring Event and the bus trip to the International Convention in Chicago. I attended the Leo session at the USA/Canada Forum and found it enlightening.
- Liaison – PDG **Lynwood Mast** – nothing new to report at this time.
- Lioness Liaison – Lion **Kay Brandt** – nothing new to report at this time.
- L.C.I.F. – PDG **Jerry Brandt** reported 9 of our 43 Clubs have donated to L.C.I.F. already this year. We will be having a Melvin Jones coin fundraiser coming up early next year for L.C.I.F.
- Lions Quest – PDG **Harry Johnson** reported grants are available from LCI to promote & implement the Lions Quest Program. The program now goes from Pre School thru High School. Please contact me if you'd like a program on Quest at your Club.
- Project Kidsight Report – We need a 2nd Kidsight Trailer as soon as we can get it. Region 3, Zone 2 has been sending in their 50/50 for the Kidsight Trailer #2 Fund. **PCC Janalee McClure moved we use up to \$4,000 from the Sight & Hearing Designated Funds for a Kidsight Trailer #2 and allow fundraising for that project. Motion seconded by Lion Kay Brandt. Motion Approved.**
- Strategic Planning – Lion **Bernie Baldwin** – reported nothing new to report at this time.

Governor **Ron's** closing comment: **Every Single Lion Has Worth!**

PDG **Laura Johnson** moved we adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Lion **Ray Williams**. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted, PCC **Janalee McClure**, District 11E1 Secretary