

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING
FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2009**

ATTENDING: District Governor Larry and First Lady Gayle Morlock, PID Steven Sheerer, Lions VDG Wayne Kreitner, PDG Jim Chipman, Kerry McGinley, Connie McMorris, Laurene Homsher, IPDG Bill Raymor, PDG Lynn Mast, PDG Richard Daniel, Tony Rutledge, Timothy Anderson, Shirley Millis, Amherst Millis, Betty Lou Wortelboer, PDG Jerry Brandt, PDG Irwin Beck, PDG Dan Gibbons, PDG Stan Preshaw, Larry Alman, PCC Richard Perrin, John Hunt, Larry Wendt, PDG Jack Burchard, Leonard Lantz, Ron Gibson, Denny Hedinger, R W. Chapman, Christina Anderson, PDG Harry Johnson, Laura Johnson, PCC Janalee McClure, Bill Simpson, Pam Schroeder, and Hal Pendleton.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by DG Larry Morlock.

Pledge Led by Lion Larry Wendt.

Invocation by IPDG Bill Raymor.

DG Larry introduced the visiting PID Steve Sherer who expressed his thanks for being asked and was looking forward to a fun filled week-end. He said membership is still a problem and likely always will be but Michigan has been increasing its membership this year and currently ranks number 4 in membership growth in the United States.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of February 22, 2009 were approved by motion from Lion McGinley and supported by Lion McMorris to accept the minutes as presented with the change of Deb Kreitner being recognized as a Lioness, not a Lion in the list of Lions attending on the first page. Motion passed.

Lion Chipman mentioned that 3 clubs were still behind in their dues and he was in contact with them and had notified credentials. Several clubs are behind in M reports; if they are having problems doing them on line, Lion Karla is holding training on Saturday.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion McGinley presented his financial statement as of April 17, 2009. The Administrative fund shows a balance of \$20,909.48 and the designated fund, a balance of \$29,456.60. Lion Kerry asked all clubs to make their donation to the Ear Lab as he has a \$6,000.00 payment due to Munson and has collected \$3,845.00. Motion by Lion Connie McMorris and supported by PDG Raymor to accept the report as given. Motion passed.

VDG REPORT: VDG Wayne Kreitner thanked the honorary committee for allowing him to speak with them and he is asking them for their assistance in helping with the troubled clubs in the District. He is also looking for membership growth again next year and is hoping to have a fun filled year.

CONVENTION REPORT: Lion Pam Schroeder has 173 registrations from E-1 and District C-1 has 93.

NOMINATIONS: PDG Irwin Beck read off the names of the candidates for office for the 2009-2010 year. District Governor; Lion Wayne Kreitner, 1st VDG; Lion Laurene Homsher and Lion Laura Johnson, 2nd VDG; Lion John Monahan, Region 2 Chair; Lion Tony Rutledge, Lions of Michigan Foundation, Lion Kerry McGinley. Region 1 and 3 Chairs will be nominated from the floor and elected during the Region meetings on Saturday.

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS and RULES REPORT: PDG Janalee McClure stated that the rules for the convention and the voting procedures were printed and passed out to all Lions that were registered. Unless the Cabinet wished for her to read them she would ask for a motion to accept as printed. Lion Chipman made motion to accept the Rules as printed. Supported by Lion Monahan and the motion passed.

Lion Janalee reported that the NEW Constitution, the Cabinet approved at the Feb. 22nd meeting had been properly published on our Web Site and all clubs notified 30 days prior to the opening of this Convention. The new Constitution will incorporate all District By Laws into it, and the only major difference in it will be to allow the Constitution to be changed with out a vote when Lions International changes theirs. These are the so called “house keeping” changes that Lions International dictates from time to time. PDG Lynnwood Mast questioned how the notification was getting out to the clubs and how we get the clubs to read the information that is sent to them. Lion Connie McMorris agreed with Lion Lynn as not everyone has a computer and we should look at a better way. It was the consensus, by the Lions present, that this should be discussed at our first Cabinet meeting in July.

REGION and ZONE REPORTS:

Region 1 Chair: Lion Connie McMorris feels her clubs are doing well and Frankfort is up 8 members over last year.

Zone 1 Chair: PDG Richard Daniel has a replacement as zone chairperson next year and he is a member of his own club. His father was a charter member of the Empire Club and he was looking for something to do so he was recruited. Lion Dick said he would assist him if needed. Lion Dick presented a written report and mentioned a new Festival coming to Empire on the weekend of the 16th of May. This will be the Asparagus Festival; a highlight will be Asparagus Beer offered by one of the breweries. All Clubs in his Zone are getting busy again after the long cold winter.

Region 2 Chair: Lion Laura Johnson has several clubs struggling with membership and are going to need help.

Zone 1 Chair Lion John Monahan: The Clare club is in trouble, and we could lose them. Lion Jerry Brandt said he has visited them several times and as of last Wed. some Lions have stepped up and will continue as the Clare Lions.

Zone 2 Chair Lion Tony Rutledge: Held 3rd zone meeting in Big Rapids and all clubs were present but one.

Zone 3 Chair Lion Tim Anderson: Luther Lions president Dave Workman passed away and the club is adjusting to this sudden loss. Cadillac had the “Sink the Shack” contest come to an end on March 30th at 12:52 AM. The McKinley Elementary School is hosting a “Kids N Coins” fundraiser for Leader Dog, and Lion Kim Wattles from Honor will put on a presentation for the school.

Evert and Baldwin have both been busy and both will be represented at the convention this year as all clubs in my zone will be here.

Region 3 Chair PDG Lynn Mast: 16 clubs in his Region; 8 are under 20 members and are struggling. The clubs with 20 to 24 members are having trouble too. The clubs are active but are going to burn themselves out if they do not get more members.

Zone 3 Chair Lion Laurene Homsher: Held 3rd zone meeting at White Cloud and all clubs represented but one and they had an emergency and could not make it. Clubs are doing well and she thanked everyone for donating money for the All State Band.

Zone 2 Chair PDG Richard Maguire: PDG Stan Preshaw reported that the Sheridan Lions will hold their 61st Variety Show next weekend and invited all to attend, or if they wanted to they could *participate* as we have a lot of great “*talent*” in our District. At this time, Lion Stan presented his written report for all his committees. A brief report follows; **Peace Poster:** The winner is Brandon Wabindato and will be announced tomorrow at lunch. **Welcome Homes;** Of the 27 residents at the Monroe St. location at the time of the move, 4 elected to leave the program to be closer to home and/or family. The original residents are still provided therapy. The number of residents now being directly provided therapy is 32-37. **Sight Conservation;** All our District and State Projects are in need of donations. **Project Kidsight;** Next board meeting will be April 27, 2009. Donations are still needed for administrative expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor asked if there was any old business. Lion Chipman asked if Lion Richard Daniel would report how many applications he had for the Diabetes Camp. Lion Daniel said he had 4 applications and the Cabinet had authorized enough money for 3 and he would like to request money for the fourth. Motion made by Lion Chipman to spend another \$500.00 from the Diabetes Designated Fund to pay for the fourth child. Motion supported by Lion Laura Johnson and it passed. Lion Kerry reminded everyone that the only way the Diabetes Fund gets any money is if clubs donate to it, so be sure to ask the clubs for donations. DG Larry announced that there will be diabetes screening tomorrow in the lobby and he urged all to take time for the testing.

PDG Jack Burchard reports that only one Lioness club is scheduled to attend the Convention. He also gave a written report on LCIF in which \$12,790.00 has been donated to LCIF of which \$8,450.00 went to Sight First II.

NEW BUSINESS: VDG Wayne stated he would hold a fall conference next year and his first cabinet meeting would be held at Camp T on July 25th.

FINAL REMARKS by District Governor **Larry Morlock:** Told a story about the difficulties of staying positive in distressing times. We are also facing difficult times and

we must continue to do better, stay positive and continue to grow. He thanked the Lions for a great year.

Meeting closed at 7:00PM

Jim Chipman
Cabinet Secretary