DISTRICT 11E1 CABINET MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2015, ONEKAMA LIONS DEN

Governor **Pam Schroeder**, Onekama Lions Club called the <u>meeting to order</u> at 9:30 a.m.

- <u>Cabinet Officers Attending</u>: Governor Pam Schroeder, 1st Vice Governor Ron Gibson, 2nd Vice Governor Peggy Walls, Secretary Janalee McClure, Treasurer Kay Brandt, IPDG Pete Conarty, R1Z1 Jackie Glazier (Empire), R1Z2 Sheila Ferrel (Mesick), R2Z1 Al Roeseler (Coleman), R2Z3 Tim Anderson (Cadillac), R3Z2 Ray Williams (White Cloud)
- Others Attending: PDG Bill Simpson (Big Rapids), Lion Bill Koch (White Cloud), PDG Jerry Brandt (Harrison), PDG James Walls (Stanwood), PDG John Monahan (Mt. Pleasant), PDG Chester Kudla (Onekama), PDG Dan Gibbons (Onekama) Lion Dennis Belford (Kaleva).

Lion Jackie Glazier, Empire Lions Club led the Pledge.

Lion Jerry Brandt, Harrison Lions Club offered the Invocation.

IPDG **Pete Conarty** moved approval of the agenda with the addition of Liberty Day and the State Lions Blind Bowling Tournament added to New Business. Motion seconded by PDG **Tim Anderson**. Motion approved.

Governor Pam Schroeder's opening remarks:

- All Club officer trainings were completed by Zones this year under the organization of the PDG John
 Monahan team. Governor presented him with a 'thank-you' gift.
- Zone Chair training was completed in July.
 - o Exit surveys will be used this year
 - Forms need to be filled out for the Governor for the 2015-2016 Presidential Award.
 - The new member induction ceremony can be adapted to each club in our District.
 - New Member Kits are available free from International. The new Centennial Pin and Centennial Certificates are included in the new kits.
 - District Pins are available now for \$2.00 each.
- Governor thanked IPDG **Pete Conarty** for getting the roster printed and presented him with a gift. Each Club will receive three District Rosters this year. Report any corrections to Governor.
- Governor enjoyed the International Convention in Hawaii. Governor brought a key chain gift for all attendees of this first cabinet meeting.
- Lions International has scheduled Aug 30th to Sept 5th for a World Wide Children's Activity Week to be recorded on the Club Activity Report for a special Banner Patch.
- Governor made her first Club Visit on July 9th at the Traverse City Lions Club.
- July 23rd she will be visiting Bear Lake Camp.
- July 24th she will be attending the Eversight Ball Game in Grand Rapids
- Sept 17-19 is the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids. The Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness will be Thursday noon with a cost of \$25.00. You get lunch, a t shirt and a Diabetes gift bag.
- District 11E1 Fall Conference will be Sept. 26th at the White Cloud Lions Den. There will be a Parade of Checks for LCIF, Bear Lake, Eversight, Leader Dog, Lions of Michigan Foundation & District Kidsight.
- Leadership Institutes will be held at International in Chicago on Nov. 13-16, 2015 for Faculty
 Development and Nov. 14-16, 2015 for Advanced Lions Leadership and Emerging Lions Leadership will
 be in Denver on March 26-28, 2016. Our Multiple Leadership Training will be at Higgins Lake on Nov.
 13-15, 2015. Club Presidents and Zone Chairs could benefit from the Institutes.

- IPDG **Pete Conarty** Appreciation Dinner is in Midland, Aug. 22nd, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. IPDG **Pete** has agreed to do the District newsletter this year too.
- We are looking for a new club this year, perhaps Clare, McBain, Suttons Bay, Shelby, Lake City, Ludington & Scottville plus a Campus Club at Central in Mt Pleasant, Ferris in Big Rapids and maybe even Baker College. We need volunteers to help so feel free to contact me or 1st Vice Ron Gibson with any information you have that may be helpful.

<u>IPDG Pete Conarty created a beautiful Installation Ceremony</u> for today. Installations started with all the District Chairpersons present, Zone Chairpersons present, the Secretary, Treasurer, 2nd Vice Governor, 1st Vice Governor and then Governor of District 11E1. Governor **Pam** presented all those inducted with her District Roster and Pin.

1st Vice Governor **Ron Gibson'**s Report:

- Fremont Lions are working the Fremont Gerber Parade today.
- Lion Laurene Homsher sent greetings to all present today. Her recent career change and handicapped husband has limited her involvement at District level and she misses everyone.
- Leadership is critical for District so I'm suggesting while you're 'out & about' recognize potential leaders and encourage them to take positions in District.

2nd Vice Governor Peggy Walls Report:

- The International President Theme is "Dignity, Harmony, Humanity"
 - o As service to children is expanded this year we are also restoring dignity.
 - If we expand our knowledge of others we increase harmony so Clubs are encouraged to consider twining with a Club from another part of the world.
 - And the worldwide service our LCIF does with our funds offers dignity and harmony while serving humanity.
- We are encouraging Clubs to report all service projects this year.

PDG John Monahan presented the Global Leadership Report:

- Club Officer Training: Five training sessions were conducted between April & June and were attended by 80 participants. All sessions included president, secretary and treasurer training. Three sessions included membership committee training. We need training materials for membership committee members that offer clear instructions about how to conduct a membership drive.
- CEP: Spoke to one zone meeting and one club about CEP. No club reported using CEP this year.
 Request that each incoming zone chair schedule me to present CEP material during an early zone meeting.
- Zone Chair Training: Governor **Pam Schroeder** conducted zone chair training in June.
- Higgins Lake Training: A number of 11E1 Lions are attending one of the Higgins Lake training programs this fall.
- GLT Goals:
 - Present CEP to five clubs this Lion's Year.
 - Find or develop Membership Committee training materials.
 - Schedule club officer training in just three sessions.
 - o Identify potential club leaders and encourage current club leaders to become district leaders.

PDG Jim Walls presented a Global Membership Report:

• He also would like to attend Zone Meetings.

- Plans to reinstate the Mother Teresa Award this year.
- Asked all Cabinet members
 - o To stand and pledge to spend 10 minutes each week on membership growth of their club.
 - He presented a surfboard pin to each cabinet member to wear until they bring in a new member.
- The Gold ribbons will be used again this year.
- All new members will receive the International President's crane pin this year.
- Lion Jim will give each sponsor the small 2016 State of Michigan Pin.

Governor **Pam** presented the details of her special yearend drawings:

- \$100.00 for sponsors of new members. Each time you sponsor a new member your name will go into the drawing. Sponsor's name must be sent to the District Governor when the new member is inducted. Dues of the sponsor and new member must be paid and up to date on May 30, 2016 to be eligible to win.
- \$50.00 drawing for Clubs that add three or more new members. Six members get the club two chances. All dues must be paid to International, State and District by May 30, 2016 to be eligible to win. Send the information to the Governor each time you have three new members.

Official Required Business - Secretary Janalee:

- Lion **Ron Gibson** moved approval of <u>Cabinet Meeting and District Convention Minutes of March 27-28, 2015</u>, Park Place, Traverse City, MI. Motion seconded by IPDG **Pete**. Motion approved.
- IPDG **Pete** moved <u>adoption of the District 11E1 Policy Manual</u>. Motion seconded by Lion **Ray Williams** and PDG **Tim Anderson**. Motion approved.

<u>Official Required Business – Treasurer Lion Kay Brandt</u>:

- Lion **Kay Brandt** moved approval to continue using <u>PNC Harrison Bank for our official banking</u> this year. Motion seconded by PDG **Tim Anderson**. Motion approved.
- IPDG **Pete** moved approval of the <u>bond for Cabinet Treasurer, Secretary and Convention Chairperson</u>. Motion seconded by Lion **Ray Williams**. Motion approved.
- Lion **Ron** moved acceptance of the final <u>Treasurer's report presented for audit for year 2014-2015</u> year. PDG **Tim** seconded motion. After some discussion on the Kidsight donations by PDG's **Bill Simpson** & **Tim Anderson** the motion was approved.
- Lion Ron Gibson moved approval of the <u>Treasurers Budget for 2015-2016</u>. Motion seconded by PDG Janalee. After some discussion on the budget for 1stVice & 2nd Vice the motion was approved.

Governor **Pam** appointed PDG **Jim Walls**, PDG **Tim Anderson** and PDG **Bill Simpson** to be <u>the audit committee</u> that audits the 2014-2015 treasurers' report and convention report today.

Zone Chairperson Reports:

- Region 1 Zone 1 Lion Jackie Glazier
 - Our Zone Project is the Kid Sight screening at the Northwestern MI Fair on Wed., Aug 12th on Kid's & Special Kid's Day. All clubs will be called to schedule a time to help.
 - o I'll be meeting with club secretaries to give them the roster books and the new governor pins.
 - o All three zone meetings are scheduled:
 - Thursday, Aug. 6th at Cedar Maple City Lions Club at 6:30 p.m. 1st Vice Governor Ron Gibson will be the special speaker.

- Wednesday, Nov. 11th at the Honor Lions Club at 6:30 p.m. We will be having a Thanksgiving dinner in memory of Past Lion Connie McMorris. District Governor Pam will be our speaker.
- Wednesday, Jan. 27th or Feb. 3rd at the Traverse City Lions Club 6:00 p.m. 2nd Vice Governor Peggy Walls will be the special speaker.

Region 1, Zone 2 Lion Sheila Ferrel

- Sent out letters to the secretaries announcing her zone chairperson position.
- Only one zone meeting set at this time.
- All clubs are very busy.

• Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Al Roeseler:

- Just came home from a month of traveling in Europe.
- Will get meeting dates & goals turned in to Governor Pam as soon as possible.
- Region 2, Zone 2 Lion Karla Roebuck: Absent. No report.

Region 2, Zone 3 PDG Tim Anderson:

- Crossroads (15) Just finished a project planting 20 planter's downtown Reed City. Businesses sponsor each flower pot and we put a plaque on the pot with their name. Just finished 2nd adopt a highway roadside clean-up of 2 miles on US 10 and we are considering taking over the pancake breakfast for the crossroads festival.
- o Baldwin (10) Bitely Homecoming this weekend and we have a food booth selling hand dipped ice cream, snow cones and strawberry shortcake. We have the District float in both the Trout-a-Rama and Bitely Homecoming parades this weekend. Club did a highway clean-up 2 weeks ago, bought 2 pairs of eye glasses and donated \$300 to help with the funeral expenses of an infant twin child of a local woman who did not have the money to pay for the babies cremation. Donated \$500 for the Catholic Church food pantry from our April White Cane Sales, made \$4,000 profit selling the official collector pin at the blessing of the bikes. Club will be having a booth at the Family Health Care health fair in August and need a Kidsight operator and camera available on Thursday, August 6th from 2 to 4 p.m. (NOTE: PDG **Tim** referred this request to Lion **Bill Koch**, White Cloud Lions Club, for the Kidsight camera & operator)
- Cadillac (27) In the process of dropping projects and fundraisers. Many older members losing interest as they lose their energy. Lion Audrey Hawkins intended to transfer from Kaleva to Cadillac after her son died but hasn't made contact with the club yet.
- Luther (51) Doing breakfasts, raffles & dinners all going GREAT!
- Evart (30) Very busy with food booth at the fairgrounds right now.
- Region 3, Zone 1 Lion Deborah Kreitner: Absent. No report.
- Region 3, Zone 2 Lion Ray Williams:
 - All Zone Meeting are scheduled for the 2015-16 year to be held at the White Cloud Lions Club.
 - August 11, 2015
 - November 10, 2015
 - February 9, 2016
 - o My goal is to have all 6 clubs have members in attendance at each zone meeting this year.
 - o 100% attendance awards will be given out at the Feb. 9th meeting.

Governor **Pam** opened the floor for announcements, encouraged use of the district calendar in the newsletter and the sale of 50/50 tickets. Governor stated she would like the 50/50 money used to defray part of the cost of the Sat. Banquet at District Convention this year for all attendees.

Governor **Pam** made a special presentation to Lion **Sheila Ferrel** - replacing the Ken Lautzenheiser Award Plaque that she lost when her home burned to the ground this summer.

We broke for an outstanding barbequed sparerib dinner prepared by Governor Pam and her crew.

Meeting resumed with an entertaining 'Deal or No Deal' session led by Governor Pam.

Governor **Pam** presented the District shirts to the Zone Chairs and requested they wear them for all official functions, including cabinet meetings, zone meetings, club visitations and any other function they attend this year.

<u>Audit Report:</u> PDG's **Tim Anderson**, **Bill Simpson** and **Jim Walls**, audit committee, reported that the books balance and everything is fine with the reports and books presented for audit today but did recommend that the Treasurer send a copy of the bank statement to the Governor every month. PDG **Tim Anderson** moved approval of the audit report as presented. Motion seconded by **Sheila Ferrel**. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lion Janalee moved to appoint Pam Schroeder as our new resident agent for District 11E1 Michigan
 Corporation Papers #70993M. Motion seconded by PDG Tim Anderson. Motion approved. Lion Ron
 Gibson received papers from Lion Debbie Kreitner showing the renewal fee of \$20.00 is due by
 October 1st.
- No action has been started on the March 27, 2015 motion to have the District get a license to help offset the convention cost with raffles. Governor Pam postponed review of the March 27, 2015 motion to next Cabinet Meeting, Oct. 17th to be held at the Harrison Lions Den.

NEW BUSINESS:

- <u>Liberty Day</u> is March 16th. The 1st goal of Liberty Day is to make our Constitutional three branches of government easier to understand and the 2nd goal is to help the children understand how a Federal Law is accomplished in our governmental process. The project books cost clubs \$1.00 each and is aimed at 5th graders. Zone Chairs were given the information by Governor **Pam** to share with their Clubs to see if we can spark some interest for this project in our District.
- The <u>State Lions Blind Bowling Tournament</u> will be in Mt. Pleasant on May 29th, 2016. Blind and sight impaired individuals participate in this activity and donations of gifts & goodie bag items are appropriate. Governor Pam requested we consider a donation to the Blind State Tournament at our next meeting, Oct. 17th to be held at the Harrison Lions Den.

STATE PROJECT DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

- <u>All State Band:</u> Lion **Christina Anderson** was Absent but sent in an extensive report that is summarized here:
 - 57 students went to Hawaii for the 9 days. The band played on the USS Bowfin at Pearl Harbor, at the Shriner's Children's Hospital and at the Polynesian Cultural Center. They attended a luau, toured a pineapple plantation and hiked Diamondhead among other important Hawaiian experiences.
 - The Lions Administration fund received \$25,511 in donations, which met the budget but fell \$10,000 short of the goal. The students received about 33% of the funds needed for the trip from Lions.
 - o Becky Dahlke is the new CEO and Jason Russell is the new Band Director.

- The 2016 Japan tour details will be mailed out in Sept. It looks like the student cost will be \$4,995.00 each.
- Bear Lake Camp: Lion **Dennis Belford** reported:
 - His visit to Bear Lake Camp was a great experience. He was warmly greeted and pleasantly surprised at everything Bear Lake Camp offers. The visit was absolutely awesome and he encourages all clubs to consider visiting too.
 - Lion Bill Koch asked if he could locate a tape or DVD that could be used as a tool to inform our clubs of everything Bear Lake offers. Lion Dennis will look into it and let us know.
- <u>Leader Dog:</u> Lion **Pam Blizzard** & Lion **Ronald Sharp** Absent. PDG **Bill Simpson** reported the Canine Development Center Capital Campaign has reached \$13 million of the \$14.5 million goal.
- Eversight (Michigan Eye Bank): PDG Bill Simpson reported:
 - Director Lisa Langley has resigned effective August 1, 2015. The replacement search has started with the goal to promote from within.
 - PDG Lynnwood Mast advises that clubs sponsoring donor stations have dropped dramatically so we really need clubs to sponsor donor events.
- Lions of Michigan Foundation: PDG Bill Simpson reported:
 - o PDG Harry Johnson will be inducted in the Foundation Hall of Fame on August 1, 2015.
 - I have handed out Hall of Fame applications for next year to PDG McClure, PDG Perrin & zone chair Deb Kreitner. Let me know if you have someone in mind that might qualify for this honor

MULTIPLE DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

- <u>International Convention:</u> Lion **Ron Gibson** reported we will be going to Japan 2016 and to Chicago in 2017 for our 100th year celebration.
- Michigan Forum: PDG Dick Perrin Absent. Emailed 'no reports' at this time.
- <u>MD11 Convention:</u> Lion **Bill Koch** reported there is nothing new to report since there has not been a meeting held yet for this year.

DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

- <u>Lion Clubs International Centennial</u>: PDG **Tim Anderson** reported the club centennial awards:
 - o Clubs can earn the designation of Premier Centennial Lions Club by:
 - Induct at least 3 new members during any one of the fiscal years of the Centennial
 Celebration (New members must remain active for 2 years and a day) or
 - Sponsor a new Club
 - Clubs can earn the World Class Centennial Lions Club by:
 - Induct at least three new members in each of the three fiscal years of the Centennial
 Celebration (new members must remain active throughout Centennial Celebration) and
 - Sponsor a new Lions club during at least one of the fiscal years of the Centennial Celebration (new club must remain active and in good standing for at least a year and a day)
- <u>Constitution</u>, <u>By-Laws</u>: PCC **Janalee McClure** reported 'no action' at this time.
- Convention: PDG Jerry Brandt reported:
 - o 2016 Convention April 8 & 9 at the Park Place in Traverse City.
 - o Does not need an advance of Convention Funds to start the year.
 - Theme is Hawaiian and looking for suggestions for Fri. night entertainment.
 - No Activities on Sunday.
 - o Would like to have Tidbits fundraiser again for the 2016 Convention.

- Would like to have the convention fund pay for the 1st Vice & 2nd Vice Governor meals for Convention. Lion Jackie Glazier moved we add 1st Vice & 2nd Vice Gov to the list of complimentary convention meals in the policy manual at our next meeting. Motion 2nd by Lion Ray Williams. Approved.
- Governor suggested we allocate our share of the 50/50 to reducing the banquet cost at District Convention for all Lions. Lion Al Roeseler moved that our 50/50 be allocated toward reducing the banquet price by \$10.00 for the 2016 District Convention. Motion seconded by Lion Ray Williams. Approved
- o NOTE: PDG Jim Walls guaranteed the \$10.00 reduction of banquet cost for next year!
- Please note New rule: International requires all dues to be paid 15 days before the District Convention for the Clubs to be able to seat delegates and vote.
- <u>Credentials</u>: Lion Gayle Morlock Absent. Emailed' the convention delegate forms will be in the January newsletter'.
- <u>Diabetes/Sight Conversation Awareness</u>: PDG Stan Preshaw. Absent.
- Editor, Newsletter, Communicator: IPDG Pete Conarty reported:
 - Newsletter should be 8-10 pages this year. It's on the District website but needs to be pulled off, taken to meetings and shared with other Lions at Club meetings.
 - We would like 80% of the newsletter to be club news with pictures and 20%
 State/District/Multiple/Lions International, GMT & GLT information. We need clubs to send materials and pictures so we can meet our goals.
 - o I've been appointed Chairperson of the Multiple District Editors Committee for 2015-2016.
- <u>Elections & Nominations</u>: PDG **Dick Perrin** Absent. Emailed 'no reports' at this time.
- Float Trailer; PDG Laura Johnson. Absent.
- Hearing: Lion Debra Wall. Absent.
- Honorary: IPDG Pete Conarty. Nothing to report at this time.
- International Relations IPDG Pete Conarty. Nothing to report at this time.
- Informational Technology/Webmaster Social Media; Lion Karla Roebuck. Absent.
- <u>Leo</u>: PDG **Laura Johnson**. Absent. But IPDG **Pete Conarty** reported that the USA Canada Forum will have a Leo Day that only requires a \$15.00 registration fee. Funds are available to help each District.
- Liaisons: PDG Lynn Mast. Absent.
- <u>Lioness Liaison</u>: Lion Kay Brandt reported Harrison Lioness Club has 45 members and is the only Lioness Club in District 11E1. Their famous Beauty Pageant Fundraiser will be September 19th, 2015.
- <u>Lions Alert</u>: Lion **Bill Koch** reported he will be making packets of basic information for all Zone Chairs this fall so they will be familiar with the necessary steps that need to be taken if an emergency situation arises in their area.
- <u>LCIF</u>: PDG Dan Gibbons & Lion Ron Gibson. Nothing to report at this time.
- <u>Lions Quest</u>: PDG **Harry Johnson**. Absent. But emailed a report: Quest has a new program that includes pre-school children. He is available to put on a Quest Program or eyeglass mission program for any club or zone. Just give him a call or email.
- <u>Lion Service for Children Chairperson</u>: Lion **Terry Strong**. Absent.
- Past District Governors Association: PDG Jim Chipman. Absent. Heart surgery last week.
- Peace Poster: Lion Jackie Glazier reported:
 - o I hope to see more clubs sponsor a school, youth group, boys & girls club, scouts or YMCA. You may have multiplies but you need a kit for each one.
 - Young people must be 11, 12 or 13 by Nov. 15. No. 15 is also the deadline postmark to send the poster to the District Governor.

- Complete information is included in the kit that must be purchased from Lions International.
 Lions International Essay Contest: Lion Jackie Glazier reported:
 - This essay contest is for visually impaired young people to express their feelings of Peace and our theme: 'Share Peace'
 - o Young people need to be 11, 12, or 13 by Nov. 15.
- Project Kidsight Coordinator: PDG Tim Anderson reported:
 - o Retraining session held on June 13th attended by 11 Lions.
 - District has 5 Certified Lions- Lion Jackie Glazier (Empire), PDG Dan Gibbons (Onekama), Lion Karlis Greizis (Weidman), Lion Thomas Girvin (Weidman) and Lion Bill Koch (White Cloud.
 - Other attendees were: Lion Fran Lensky (Fremont), PDG Jim Walls (Stanwood), Lion Peggy Walls (Stanwood), Lion Walt Schneider (Weidman), Lion Jackie Koch (White Cloud) and Jacklin Millis (White Cloud).
 - Our District is now in 2nd place in the State for number of kids screened.
 - Chad McCann, Director Lions of Michigan Foundation wants a comprehensive calendar kept up to date at all times of all the screenings scheduled.
 - Every camera person must be trained before screening children.
 - When screening school districts the District \$1.00 fee is waived.
- Public Relations/Publications Advisory: Lion Karla Roebuck. Absent.
- <u>Strategic Planning</u>: Lion **Bernie Baldwin**. Absent. But emailed a report: No changes at this time to the existing District Strategic Plan. If the Lions of Michigan makes any progress on their plan I'll review and report at next meeting.
- <u>SVOSH</u>: PDG **Bill Simpson** volunteered to pick up glasses anytime, anywhere.
- White Cane: PDG Larry Morlock. Absent. But emailed report: There are three \$3,000 scholarships available for 2016 to anyone who is visually impaired and needs assistance for furthering their education. Filing deadline is Dec. 1, 2015. Questions? Call Lion Gayle Morlock at 231-734-5200.
- Youth Exchange: Lion Edye McCarty. Absent. But emailed: No report at this time.

GOVERNOR **Pam** asked if there was any other business that needed to come before the Cabinet.

PDG **Bill Simpson** suggested District 11E1 have a new award named: the *Howard Humanity Service Award*, for the Governor to present every year. This award is named after Lion Mike Howard, Harrison Lions Club, and Lion **Bill** suggested the Governor include some Harrison Lions, maybe even Mike, to help set the criteria for this award. PDG **Tim Anderson** moved approval of PDG **Bill Simpson's** suggestion for the new annual *Howard Humanity Service Award*. Motion Seconded by IPDG **Pete Conarty**. Motion Approved.

GOVERNOR CLOSING REMARKS:

- Encouraged clubs to schedule her visits as soon as possible before bad weather takes over schedule.
- Suggested we make reservations for the Oct. 17th meeting with the host club Harrison Lions Club.
- Reminded everyone again that she needs commitments of more Lions to help canvas for new clubs.
- Thanked everyone for coming today.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janalee McClure, District 11E1 2015-2016 Secretary

Note: Minutes approved at the October 17, 2015 Cabinet Meeting.