

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
July 31, 2022  
Revival, Montgomery, MN**

**Call to Order:** CC Glenn Kaufmann called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Christy Trutnau.

**Invocation:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gerald Ziskovsky gave the invocation.

**Establish Protocol:** CC Glenn Kaufmann explained and established Protocol.

**Passing of the Gavel:** CC Glenn Kaufmann passed the gavel to DG Kathleen Bleckeberg.

**Welcome:** DG Kathleen Bleckeberg welcomed everyone to the meeting. She provided each cabinet member with a name tag and gift bag.

**Roll Call:** Taken by Lion Lisa Kaufmann, showing 32 in attendance, 17 absent, 3 guests. Asked cabinet members to submit a report if they have not already.

**Introduction of Guests:** DG Kathleen Bleckeberg mentioned there were 3 guests who were introduced.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** One change to the agenda was to remove Can Do Canines topic. Brian Rykhus made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Lion Shermayne Cross. **MC.**

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve the Cabinet Meeting minutes of May 15, 2022 made by Lion Pam Koenen, seconded by Lion Darlene Breamer, **MC.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Sue Vos sent her report via email. Motion by Meg Tibodeau and seconded by Brian Rykhus to accept the Treasurer's Report, **MC.** Copy is attached at the end of this report.

**Council of Governor's Report:** DG Kathleen Bleckeberg. Discussed redistricting, it is time to look at the distribution of the districts again.

**Comments:** DG Kathleen Bleckeberg

- RLLI – Being held in October in Roseville. Application is in the August newsletter.
- Service Reporting Update – At 15% from a service perspective. Would like to keep the momentum going from what DG now CC Glenn started. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gerald can assist with service reporting. Right now we are at 12 member growth.
- Club Visits – DG Kathleen's calendar is filling up fast, please reach out to her to schedule.
- Awards – DG Kathleen thanked Lion Cindy Walters for being our past secretary for numerous years. Special presentation to CC Glenn Kaufmann of the PDG plaque and pin.

**Old Business:**

**5M-2 Policy Manual Updates:** Lion Lisa Kaufmann presented the most recent edits to the 5M-2 Policy Manual. She thanked PCC Brian Thies and PDG Steve Wasserman for taking the time to review the edits to date. The goal is to ensure there is consistency across all our communication, marketing, etc. PCC Brian Thies explained we are referred to as 5M-2 in the Constitution, Lion Lisa Kaufmann will update the Policy Manual to reference 5M-2. PCC Brian Thies made a motion to change the Zone amount for the Write-Off Contest from \$900 to \$800, Lion Loretta Klenke seconded the motion. **MC** PID Debra Wasserman asked for clarification regarding the co-chair language in the revisions. Lion Lisa Kaufmann read the language and confirmed it was changed back to what was in the original 5M-2 Policy Manual. PDG Eunice Rusk asked how clubs receive a directory. DG Kathleen Bleckeberg instructed the Cabinet to enter club officers, the directory will then be distributed to the clubs. Lion Lisa Kaufmann will finalize the edits and send to the cabinet.

**IP Brian Sheehan Board Meeting:** Board meeting being held in Minneapolis. There are numerous volunteer activities. You can contact Lion Dave Dominick for more information. There is also space to advertise in the IP Brian Sheehan book. PID Debra Wasserman asked if we should entertain a motion to purchase a quarter page ad for \$350 from the Administrative Budget. Lion Meg Tibodeau made a motion to purchase a \$350 ad and Darlene Wondra seconded it. Discussion on where the payment would come from in the budget. There are other Districts who are submitting ads. PID Debra Wasserman supports putting in ad, reference the Lions in the District, highlight the CC. Lion Meg Tibodeau will submit the ad.

### **New Business:**

**Recognition of FDI Graduates:** CC Glenn Kaufmann recognized the FDI graduates. There were six from our District. CC Glenn Kaufmann, DG Kathleen Bleckeberg 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Christy Trutnau, PDG Anna Wickenhauser, and Lion Lisa Kaufmann.

**International Convention Budget:** CC Glenn Kaufmann, had \$2500 in the budget for Montreal. He did not use it for Montreal as he had the CC budget. CC Glenn Kaufmann asked for it to be moved forward to 2022-2023 for use at the International Convention. After discussion, CC Glenn Kaufmann withdrew the request.

**Approval of Bank for new year:** PDG Marv Grimm made a motion that we designate Cornerstone State Bank of Green Isle as our bank; seconded by Lion Pam Koenen. **MC.**

**Approval of Bond for Cabinet Treasurer:** PID Debra Wasserman made a motion to approve the bond for the cabinet Treasurer, seconded Lion Brian Rykhus. **MC.** Discussion, this is for the bond for the District, every officer is covered in the same bond.

**Call for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Candidate:** Lion Shermayne Cross stepped forward to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG candidate.

**Peace Poster:** DG Kathleen Bleckeberg read PDG Diana Kroells requested to review the prizes for the Peace Poster and Write-Off Contest. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Christy Trutnau shared she believes the amounts are different because the Write-Off is only for our District. The Peace Poster winner can win additional money from the Multiple District. DG Kathleen Bleckeberg read PDG Diana Kroells report, which is included below. Now is the time to get schools interested in both the Peace Poster and Essay contests.

### **Zone Reports:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gerald Ziskovsky

**Zone 1:** Submitted by Lion Emmy Koch. Greetings from your Zone 1 chair. I am looking forward to visiting each one of the clubs in my zone. I look forward to seeing what activities you have going on in your town. Zones 1 & 3 are planning to host the Pres. & Sec. Meeting Aug. 30th. Watch for details coming soon. The fall Zone meeting is TBD. I am looking to have it in either Winsted or Stewart. I look forward to being your Zone 1 chair. Let's have another great year.

**Zone 2:** No report submitted.

**Zone 3:** Submitted by Lion Rose Thies. I would like to start by thanking DG Kathleen for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Zone 3 chair for a third year. We currently have 8 clubs in this zone with a total membership of 246. This is down five members from my last report in May.

My goals for this year are as follows:

1. Visit each club to touch base and reaffirm that as Zone Chair I am there to help.
2. Assist the clubs to retain and increase membership
3. Have at least 100% participation of the clubs at the fall and spring zone meeting.
4. Have at least 100% of clubs reporting their service.

I am currently working with the Lafayette & Area Club to get their club officers into LCI as they are the only club missing that information.

Looking forward to another great year serving DG Kathleen.

**Zone 4:** Submitted by Lion Todd Schansberg. Zone 4 has 8 clubs with 376 members as of 6/30/22; up 11 members from the start of the year (44 added and 33 dropped) with six dropped at the end of the year.

- Belle Plaine: 19 members, no change for the year
- Carver: 54 members, no change for the year
- Chaska: 48 members, +13
- Hamburg: 32 members, +3
- Jordan: 41 members, +1
- Jordanness: 43 members, -3
- Shakopee: 114 members, -5
- Shakopee Valley: 25 members, +2

Visited with all the clubs over the course of the last Lions year, including my own. Had visits with the Hamburg Lions on June 20 and the Shakopee Valley Lions on June 22. I was honored to induct the new officers into the Hamburg club during my visit. Clubs remain active with their fund raisers, donations, and service projects.

I have reached out to the two clubs who had not yet reported their new officers, asking them to do so. Shakopee Valley has since entered theirs, but Belle Plaine has not yet done so.

I have set the list of club visits for the next year and my hopes for the various Zone meetings over the year. I will communicate these to the clubs after the Scott County Fair this week (Jordan Lions large fundraiser). My goals for the year are to visit all the clubs again, help any clubs that need help with MyLion or MyLCI, and support DG Kathleen in any way she needs it.

I attended the Zone Chair training on Wednesday, July 20. I will be attending the Cabinet Meeting on the 31st.

I enjoyed my first year as a Zone Chair and I appreciate the advice and training provided by CC Glenn and his DG team from last year. Looking forward to another good Lions year.

**Zone 5:** No report submitted.

**Zone 6:** No report submitted.

**Zone 7: Submitted by Lion Darlene Bremer.** Zone 7 still has clubs who have not entered their club officer names for the year. I have called some of the clubs to tell them they need to reenter the names even if the officers have not changed. Still having slow response to getting the information entered.

Zones 7 & 8 are planning a President and Secretary meeting in Blooming Prairie on September 12 at the Cue Club. More information will be going out to the clubs. I do not have a Fall Zone meeting date or place currently. There are 8 clubs in Zone 7 with a total of 173 members.

**Zone 8: Submitted by Lion Shermayne Cross.** Lion members of Zone 8 are hardworking, dedicated Lions making a difference in their communities. Volunteer hours for the 2021-22 fiscal year added up to 3,959 hours with a total of 214 service projects. Job WELL Done Zone 8 Lions! All clubs have registered new officers on MyLCI and total members at the end of June are 229-a net gain of 2. All clubs have reported new officers in MyLCI for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and are completing summer fundraising activities and projects. Fundraising activities include working at local fairs-selling tickets, parking cars, ring toss games, and bingo; pancake breakfasts, burger nights, selling cookies and water at parades, meat raffles, etc. Projects include planting perennials at a local park, monetary contributions to local food shelves, ditch clean-up, ushering at a local theater, and collecting plastic for the Trex project to name a few.

I visited all clubs in the zone and am working on the President/Secretary meeting in September and the Zone Meeting in October.

**Cabinet Reports:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Christy Trutnau facilitated.

**Can Do Canines:** Lion Ruth Ann Marsh. In the fourth quarter, Ruth Ann presented to the following clubs about Can Do Canines:

- Montgomery Lions Club on April 25 along with a CDC team.
- On May 16<sup>th</sup>, I provided a program about the various fostering/training programs CDC has for their dogs to the Faribault Lions Club (as a last-minute request).
- On May 19<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Zone 5 meeting for 5M-2 and offered to present about CDC.

Lion Ruth Ann will be continuing as Can Do Canines co-chair. Lion Denise Wondra from the Montgomery Lions Club will be replacing Lion Ricky Wagner as the other co-chair. Lions Ruth Ann and Denise will be attending the training provided by Can Do Canines on August 13<sup>th</sup> and will be sending out an email to all the 5M-2 clubs after that event to offer and describe content options for presentations.

**Constitution & By-Laws:** No report submitted.

**District Activities:** Submitted by PDG Eunice Rucks. I would like to thank DG Kathleen for asking me to again Chair the Service of Remembrance at the 5M-2 Convention. I am hoping that clubs will report their deceased members to me in a timely manner and most important to address what that club member meant to the club and what he or she most enjoyed about Lions. My email address is [king70@frontiernet.net](mailto:king70@frontiernet.net). I would like clubs to get this information to me by January 15, 2023 giving me adequate time to prepare the program. I will be sending an email to club secretaries with the information.

**Environmental:** Submitted by Pam Koenen. The Environmental Photo contest is making a return for the 2023 MidWinter Convention. Rules will be in the September newsletter.

**GLT:** Submitted by CC Glenn Kaufmann. Six of 8 Zone Chairs received training for the upcoming year.

Next learning event for 5M-2ers is the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, 15-17 September in Calgary, AB, Canada. Everyone considering it should be registering soon.

RLLI is scheduled for Oct 13-16 in Roseville. \$150 registration, minus a \$75 rebate upon graduation. 5M-2 has an opportunity to send 6+ members again this year.

Zone Chair training was completed Friday night prior to the COG.

**GMT:** Submitted by PCC Brian Thies. I am happy to report that District 5M-2 ended the 21-22 Lions year with a plus 34 membership of 2,243 Lions.

This is not the result of one Lion or one team member, this is the result of all Lions working together to accomplish a goal. I would like to express my gratitude to CC Glenn and my other team members for the work they put in this past year, searching for under-served communities and areas to find a location for the next 5M-2 Lions Club.

On a sad note, it must be reported that the Northfield Cannon Valley Lions Club turned in their charter. Some of the members transferred to other clubs in their area, so all is not lost.

Looking forward, the membership team continues to seek out opportunities to start a new club. If you have any, please let me know.

Thank you to DG Kathleen Bleckeberg on trusting me in this position for another year. I wish her all the best as she moves forward in one of the best years of her Lions career.

**GST:** Submitted by Lion Julie Beckius. Lion Brooke Tahedl, Waconia DandyLions and Lion Julie Beckius, Jordaness Lions are excited to serve on DG Kathleen's cabinet as the GST Program Chairs. We will be working over the next several months to outline a service project that clubs across the district can easily participate in; the project will serve the needs of the club's community and possibly beyond. We will also have a communication and support plan to help clubs adopt and execute on the identified project.

**Global Membership Approach Champion (NAMI):** Submitted by PDG Joan Blank. I am delighted that DG Kathleen asked if I would continue to be the Global Membership Approach (GMA) Champion. I am looking forward to a productive and informative year under DG Kathleen's leadership.

I attended the Zone Chair training lead by CC Glenn Kauffman two weeks ago and was happy to see quite a few familiar faces from Zone Chairs returning, along with a few new Zone Chairs! I heard from past Zone Chairs that our monthly GMA Zoom meetings held last year were beneficial, so my next step is emailing all the Zone Chairs to find a time that works best for them. I plan to host a GMA Zoom meeting monthly beginning in August which will also include the chairs from GLT, GMT and GST.

I also attended a LCI GAT webinar regarding a club that plans service projects for year at a time. I picked up some helpful hints to pass on to the Zone Chairs. I will also be attending the 5M-2 GAT goal setting Zoom meeting this coming Tuesday.

I am excited to work with the DG Team, along with the GAT Team and the Zone Chairs to help strengthen and re-energized the clubs in 5M-2 and to pursue avenues for new clubs. Together we can!

**Historian:** Submitted by PDG Steve Wasserman. I would like to thank DG Kathleen for providing me the opportunity to be the District Historian. Many times, we get put in a particular box because of what we've done before. Personally, I've been previously associated with Technology and Constitution and Bylaws. It's not that I don't enjoy working in those areas, but I've been there and done that. It's time to allow others to gain experience in those areas and to breathe new life into those positions. DG Kathleen had a box to fill, and I must have been at the right time and place to offer my services to the district in a new way. So here I am!

My plans for the year include:

1. To continue maintaining and updating the great work that our previous historians have done:
  - a. Lion Ken Ferrell was the first District Historian. He began serving in that capacity in 2003 and laid the foundation for what a district history should contain, and gathered much of the documentation needed to establish that history.
  - b. Lion Nancy Mathwig assumed the position in 2014, and enthusiastically expanded the documentation of events that were part of the history of our district.
  - c. Lion Sue Bowman served as District Historian beginning in 2021 and maintained and extended the documentation of our history.
2. To publish articles in the 5M-2 Newsletter each month.
3. To expand the role of the district historian to include encouraging and assisting the clubs in the district to establish their clubs' history.

**Journey for Service:** Submitted by PDG Mike Vos. There is no new information at this time for the Journey for Service.

**LCIF:** Submitted by PDG Anna Wickenhauser. I am looking forward to serving as your LCIF Chairperson. I have some impressive shoes to fill, but I am accepting the challenge. At this year's International Convention which was held in Montreal there were several notable things to celebrate. We had an International President from Bird Island Minnesota, Lion Brian Sheehan inducted and we rejoiced over meeting and exceeding our goal for Campaign 100. Over 300 million dollars was raised!!!!

LCI/LCIF is still working out the kinks as to entering the latest chairpeople etc. in but I will let you know as soon as I know anything of importance.

Thank you to Past International Debra for passing on the information to me.

Does this mean we don't need to donate to LCIF anymore??? NO !!

There will always be a need to raise money and awareness to our Foundation and to Lions.

Thank you to DG Kathleen for offering me this opportunity.

**Leader Dogs for the Blind:** Submitted by Lion Loretta Klenke and Lion Lori Kurtz. Article in September newsletter is informative on teaching how to treat a dog team. Karen is very appreciative of her Dog, Shanti.

Leader Dog is opened, and back from pandemic closures. 1stDG will be making there visit soon. Summer Experience for teens was successful completed in July. Please be respectful of dogs around fireworks, not a good combination. Dogs hearing is more specialized than humans.

Puppy Raisers are always needed, also program for Puppy Sponsorship will open soon.

**LEO Clubs:** No report submitted.

**Liberty Day:** No report submitted.

**Long Range Planning:** Submitted by PDG Harry Klenke. With people seeming to get their lives back to normal it is time for our Lions club's to look at their long range plans and probably update them. What worked before may still be viable so try those things first. Then you can look at the things you did during the pandemic and try to incorporate them into a new plan for your club.

**District Convention:** Submitted by Lion Pam Koenen. The 2023 Lions 5M-2 MidWinter Convention will be held February 10 -12, 2023 at the Country Inn and Suites of Mankato. A block of 60 rooms has been reserved at the hotel. The theme for the convention will be "Growing Leaders". Convention co-chairs are Lion Lori Nelson, Lion Meg Tibodeau and Lion Pam Koenen. The convention planning committee has been meeting monthly since March. The committee will be looking for raffle basket donations. Please invite the convention chairs to the Zone meetings.

**MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation, Inc.:** We were able to attend this year's meeting/ training this year in mid-July at the University meeting room, we were graced with an update on the phone app to keep the hospital connected with patient's years down the line, they are in the testing phase. We were invited to a garden party after where we meet many people involved in children's hospital and we presented our \$100,000 donation. We both worked a night helping at the Hamel rodeo as our foundation is receiving donations from this event. Report submitted by Lion Chuck Toltzman and Lion Gerald Ziskovsky

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation:** Submitted by Lion Brian Rykhus. **Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Annual Meeting** – held Saturday, April 30 at the MD5M Convention in Mankato. Several Trustees were honored with Dream Catcher awards for completing six years of service as Trustees. There was no official business to attend to other than approval of minutes of the 2021 Annual meeting.

**State Fair Booth** – Planning is under way for a booth at the 2022 State Fair in cooperation with the Vision and Hearing Foundations. Each District will be assigned a day to man the booth. Fair dates are Aug. 25 – Sep. 5. Once again there will be a Plinko game with prizes provided by the Foundations. Each District has been assigned a day to man the booth. A sign-up sheet is in Sign-up Genius. There are still a lot of shifts to fill so please encourage your District Cabinet members and Lions to take a shift in the booth. The booth must be always manned during the Fair. Some leeway was given last year due to COVID, but we do not expect the same in 2022.

**International Board Meeting PIS Service Project** – This project will take place at the McNamara Alumni Center at UMN on Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The MLDF service project planned will be

creation of diabetes emergency kits that will be distributed to school districts in MD5M. The plan is to put together 2,000 kits and each Trustee will distribute them in their District. In addition to this project the Board approved working with the Duluth Lions Club on a STRIDES walk they are planning for Saturday Oct. 8 when the International Board visits Duluth. MLDF also approved an amount to help the Duluth Lions defray the expenses of the STRIDES walk. Trustees also committed to serve as volunteers at the event. Finally, as this is at approximately the same time as the second MLDF Board meeting of each year, the Foundation scheduled its Board meeting to take place in Duluth as part of this service project.

**2022-2023 Meetings** – a Board of Trustees meeting was held Saturday, July 16, 2022 in Roseville. On Friday Trustees were provided a tour of the Schulz Diabetes Institute (SDI) at UMN. Dr. Brian Flanagan hosted 13 Trustees and provided a wealth of information about the history of SDI and the research and development taking place, primarily related to islet cell transplantation research supported by MLDF. That evening a joint banquet was held with the Vision and Hearing Foundations. Dr. Michael Garwood and Dr. Paul Wang attended on behalf of UMN. Dr. Wand discussed the islet cell imaging project supported by MLDF and the progress on the portable imaging device being developed.

Prior to the actual Board meeting an Orientation/Training session was held for new Trustees. All Trustees attended this session. We then held our Board meeting. The primary focus of discussion was the service project for International Board PIS, State Fair Booth, and Duluth STRIDES event. Other Committee reports were provided. Under very old business Lion Bob Schirlinger (5M3) was presented a Dream Catcher award in recognition of six consecutive years of service to MLDF which he completed in 2020. We were unable to present his award earlier due to COVID and scheduling conflicts.

**STRIDES Event** – This was MLDF's major fundraiser for the 2021-2022 year. The event ran from Feb. 1 through April 30. The event was a push to add physical activity to participants' lifestyles and provide diabetes awareness in efforts to promote healthy decision making and activity. A goal of raising \$22,000 was set and achieved. Total funds raised exceeded \$29,000.

Next Trustee meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8 in Duluth. We are planning an afternoon meeting following a STRIDES event for the Int'l Board.

**MN Lions Hearing Foundation:** Submitted by Trustee PDG Marvin Grimm and Lion Wanda Breimhorst. The Lions Hearing Foundation training and board meeting was held on July 15 -16, 2022 in Roseville, MN. There were 5 new Trustees in attendance. Lion Wanda Breimhorst was one of the new Trustees. The Foundation structure, history, U of M partnership and their role as trustee was some of the topics covered.

Dr. Samir Kharivala from the U of M spoke about the Million Dollar update to the Temporal Bone Lab. This will be the new project for the Hearing Foundation. They have committed \$75,000 a year for 3 years for equipment for the updated Temporal Bone Lab. PDG Marvin Grimm was elected chair of the 2023 D Feet Walk at both locations. Co-chairs will be Lion Wanda Breimhorst, Lion Gladwin and Lion Bob. The D Feet Walk will be held on June 3, 2023 at the MN Landscape arboretum and at Bemidji. The funds raised at the 2022 D feet Walk are \$107,453.05. 23 clubs from 5M-2 donated \$12,040. Since the D Feet Walk is so near 5M-2, I would expect more participation and more donations than only 23 clubs. Let us do better next year!! Thank you to the clubs that participated and donated in 2022.

**MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation:** Submitted by PDG Harry Klenke and Lion Margie Jacobson. KidSight is ready to go again now. We need clubs to get back to talking with the people they were serving before the pandemic. Some clubs have started back up with screenings. Something new we have now is a tent that works for screening outside. So, if you have a community event where you will be outside you can do screenings with no problems. It is a tent that will take 2 people to set up. The tent is being stored now at PDG Harry Klenke's house.

The State Fair is coming up at the end of August and we are still looking for help on our District's Day at the Fair. Our day is Thursday, September 1st. We receive free tickets to the fair for volunteering on that day. There are three-hour shifts. You don't have to know how to operate the camera to help. Any questions you can contact Lion Harry or Lion Margie.

**MN Lions Vision Foundation:** Submitted by Lion Dr. Wendy Goldsmith. July 15<sup>th</sup> was a training day for directors and tours of the LGS facility

**Council of Governors DG Rob Weiner**

COG meeting will be held in St. Cloud next week. Will bring concern of Directory to COG. Need a way to get a hold of addresses and phone numbers

**Financial Reports Mary McNellis**

Sent out financial reports which a healthy foundation with increased profit, assets and equity  
Investment funds report 2 months behind because of accounting practices but down from previous due to securities and stock market fluctuations

Pledge for surgical center April payment Balance 1.5 million dollars

**Lions Gift of Sigh Dr. Joshua Hou Medical Director Not present**

Per Sean Poppoff Research projects Seed money for Stem Cell limbal research U of M licensed. DMEK graphs on outside of the eye. Tissue license distribution for transplant therapy. Opportunity to use tissue that we would not have been used otherwise. One of the research Department gave presentation last night at dinner

**Lions Gift of Sight Sean Poppoff ED**

Burnsville/Savage Lions Club Dave Moen donated \$37000 check will go in for Biological Safety hood will give flexibility to process more tissue

June 30<sup>th</sup> Eye Bank was up \$260000 for the end of the year

Reported on shortage of Cornea solution because the company went out of business, others had supply chain issue, we could not recover as much tissue, we have media to get us through September. B and L will have supply by August. Backup plan would be buying the cornea media company that closed. FDA is approving a 4<sup>th</sup> source. The Eye bank is doing things now to use less solutions to conserve current supply  
Import/Export Net 1<sup>st</sup> quarter \$68000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$105000, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$95000, 4<sup>th</sup> \$25000 (low because of shortage of tissue)

Life Source update: Susan Gunderson retired. Failed CEO search. Peter Farstad takes over interim CEO. Started their search. Anticipate Mid to late Fall start for new CEO. Peter will be retiring. Because of Media preservation shortage could not recover any tissue and approached the Eye Bank to do all their tissue recovery (research and donation). They are wanting to get out of eye tissue. They were having problems with their rating system they were a level three and now level one for part of their organization and 2 for the rest. Leadership team is excited to be out of ocular tissue. Going to have a future partnership and very exciting news for the eye bank to be the one to recover their eye tissue.

Corneogen: Is officially out of Minnesota LGS is going to be going into hospital to get corneas. We lost 35 % of hospital-based procurement and now will be going back to getting eye tissues. Traditional avenue is to go to surgeons and OPO. Several surgeons are loyal to Eye Bank because our quality of tissue and Corneogen was not getting their tissue to go to them because of that loyalty.

This increase in business means we will need more staff and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Coordination staff to get more surgeons and working our own export channels instead of going through other eye banks

**Lions Gift of Sight Jennifer Marshall Communications Director**

Welcome to new board members.

Oral report is highlight of written of the report, trying to improve training so please let Rob know what we can improve on going forward. Thanks to staff for the tour and proud of their work and they do it well. Submit ways to improve the tour and feedback is appreciated. Peter and Sung for contribution to the banquet.

Fourth Quarter report for Helen Keller Awards ability to do access on our own with new software and wants to get training on how to get them out to us more often. District totals are not on the report so working on adding them so we can see how compared to other districts.

**U of M Department of OVNS Chair Dr. Erik van Kuijk**

Follow up on Sean Report and Legislation. 4 years ago, competition started with Life source and Corneogen. We started to look at legislative issues to help us with for profit procurement organizations of corneal tissue. Year one we introduced Legislation to make LGS only corneal tissue but abandon that and year two we wanted to pass legislation that tissue should not be sold for profit. Third year we needed to take the tissue word out of legislation and U of M was deciding on board. Now fourth year we have rewritten to say eye tissue. Big concern by legislatures is how is it going to limit competition. So going to put wording in the bill that limits involvement in for profit and nonprofit and individuals' relationship. Why worry about it



now that Corneogen is out of Minnesota? We need to be leaders and be responsible for the rest of the US and the world. Brian Sheehan has been talking to Dr. Van Kujik about protecting Lions Eye banks and bringing it to Washington DC for national legislative proposal. Kentucky is only state that has passed but too restrictive. We have authors for a bill and clone bills with 10-15 legislators.

#### **Community relations and legislative Liaison Lyle Goff/Phil Griffin (lobbyist)**

Phil Griffin: 4.5 years ago, was approached by Lyle and Dr. van Kujik to help with legislation to pass the not-for-profit distribution of corneal tissue. LGS is known by the legislators now. Very few bills have been passed because of lack of being able to go on site with legislators. Next session will be interesting with new election and large surplus the state has. Shift of population is changing districts. Time to reexamine after elections but Phil thinks still difficult bill to pass. If majority changes will be different field to work with and will need to wait and see. We are not using the tool that we have invested in.

Lyle Goff: Built relationships and why we are proposing legislation. We are hoping to better use the landing page and get more involvement from Lions. Probably most likely related to inability to get the information out to the lions because we cannot get contact information because of privacy issues. Education is important and we do not have all our Lions educated. I need to know if board is still in on legislation. We do have it in the budget, but Dr. Van Kujik suggests we defer the decision after the election and know the lay of the land and do a special session after elections and meeting with Dr. Van Kujik and Lifesource. Rob has asked Sean to do a pros and cons and revisit back in November. Mary has a concern about the bill being watered down and if one individual divests would the bill so be valuable or do what it is supposed to do.

#### **MLVF Fundraising Consultant Dave Moen**

LCIF Grant Update Approved both. Virtual meeting held with him and DG. Process this before international convention. Money from Grant (\$100000) came in and deposited at noon yesterday. Hopefully by September the equipment (Eye Surgery Simulator) will be installed and then pictures and final report with U of M to say they will upkeep the equipment.

#### **Legal Jeff Fenske**

Updated policy Manual

Finished Morria contract is making us money.

Stockhamp and Rice estate.

Gift of Sight issues.

#### **Helen Keller Awards Nancy Mathwig**

New Application needs to be used.

353 Plaques of 500 at Advanced Cord will etch and turnaround time is about two weeks. But let clubs know that 4-6 weeks with Ransomwear attack and low quality material from China.

167 Plaques stored at Marudis. They wanted them moved out of their facility. They are now moved and put in storage. Will need to incur the cost of the printing on those when we start to use them.

6875 given since program started

#### **Finance Committee Report Jack Krage**

Co-Chair selected.

Motion in financing committee to approve Projectors for all directors to be used at club visits for presentations.

#### **Legal Committee Report Jim Molde**

Co-chair selected Terry Wold.

Bylaw change with the length of term voted on at annual meeting.

Dorothy Stockhamp a Nonprofit that was in her will no longer exists so going to distribute more to foundation in addition to \$450000.

Rice estate Will receive about \$200,000 over 45 recipients.

#### **Public Relations Committee Report Pat Findley**

Co-Chair Christy Trutnau.

One Message Whole presentation created last year and MLVF Eye Chart.

New Business "Top 10" messages and/or highlights.

Donation from Rice estate and how to thank you.

#### **Long-Range Planning Committee Report Deb Bialke**

Vice Chair Rob Rand.

Eyeball Gala received tickets to all directors, zoom meeting Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm, Up challenge for silent auction, sign up genius, TGFV setting up with Fundraising Raffle, Eye Roll, concentrate on two events on hand and top 5 suggestions for fundraising ideas.

Thrivent member \$250 card submit for MLVF.

**Other Business Items:**

**Memorial for Dorothy Stockamp Nancy Mathwig/Deb Bialke/Pat Findley**

Dorothy Sister was appreciative that MLVF came to service. We were the first one to thank them and letter and is there is suggestion where the funds should go.

**Shopko Optical Nadeen Lunde**

Updated a list of Shopko locations that we can refer for free exam and glasses without insurance.

**Used Eyeglasses LERC Steve Linder**

Load the trailer last night go to Sartell Recycling center and gone through packed to apple boxes to WI 19 eyeglass certified center for eyeglass recycling center. Sorted and measured and 94000 shipped to 13 missions

Taking over the recycling center was discussed current people have been doing for 30 years.

**State Fair Update Wendy Goldsmith**

Looking for volunteers to fill the remaining shifts at the state fair booth. We are doing Plinko again this year and our prize will be a lens cleaner to go with the lens clothes we give a way. Met with hearing and diabetes and they are going to bring up the sign-up genius website at their board meetings. Jennifer is working on a trailer to get stuff to the fair and back to storage unit before and after the fair. Need additional volunteers to help at the State Fair.

**Brian Sheehan Board Meeting Spouse Luncheon/LGS Tour/ Board Reception Dinner**

Board meeting for international meeting 10/3/2022 Spouses Luncheon at LGS 12pm to 3pm need volunteer Board Reception Dinner Dr. Van Kujik donated \$10000.00 How many Board Members attending? Limited seating.

Full Page Ad Board book.

Important Dates to remember:

September 24, 2022 – Next board meeting, St Cloud, location TBD

October 3, 2022 – LCI President Brian Sheehan board spouse tour and luncheon @LGS

October 3, 2022 – LCI President Brian Sheehan board reception dinner

October 21, 2022 – Eye Ball Gala, Earle Brown Center

October 22, 2022 - Thanksgiving for Vision, Earle Browne Center

February 12, 2023 - MLVF Meeting, Virtual

April 1, 2023 – St Cloud May 6, 2023 - MLVF Annual Meeting, St Cloud

July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 MLVF director training

July 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 MLVF Board meeting

**Newsletter Editor:** Submitted by Lion Cindy Walters. The newsletter is looking for a new editor if anyone is interested contact Cindy Walters; [5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:5m2newslettereditor@gmail.com). Otherwise, things are good. Keep sending the news.

**Project New Hope:** Submitted by Lion Darlene Wondra. The end of Oct, we are taking reservations for our retreat at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN. We are having our committee retreat next weekend in St Cloud, this will prepare us for more info when we are asked to present for club visits. I have done a few visits. One of them in attendance was the veteran's service officer for the American Legion Post who was very interested in talking more about Project New Hope. We are always looking for Veterans and their families to attend our retreats.

**Public Relations/Protocol:** Nothing to support.

**Social Media:** Nothing to report.

**Special Olympics:** Submitted by Lion Lori Nelson. My time as a Lion has been short but DG Kathleen has asked me to chair the Special Olympics Cabinet position. I bring to it a 41 year career as a special education teacher having started attending track and field events with my participating students in the late 70's. It didn't take long for me to witness the drive and determination of the athletes as well as their pride and joy that stayed with them long term.

As my career evolved through the years and the role of advocate for the athletes moved from school to parents and ARC organizations, I had not been involved except to cheer my students when I could.

I am married and have four children and four grandchildren. Our family's lives took a different path in February of 2004 when three of our children were in a car accident. Our son, Trent, who was 13 at the time was critically injured. He suffered skull fractures, a stroke and spent five months in the hospital. Our family lived at the Ronald McDonald House which is another amazing cause. Trent is now 31 years old. He is considered disabled but lives on his own and works full time as the custodian of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Alden.

About ten years ago, Trent was asked to join the Special Olympics Unified Sports teams in golf and bowling for Freeborn County. Trent and his unified partners have had great fun and success even traveling to Las Vegas for nationals in the Unified Bowling tournament.

My goal for this year is to travel to as many Lions Clubs as possible to share the wonder of Special Olympics as well as recruiting members to join a Polar Plunge Team. Trent has agreed to tag along with me to help share our experiences with Special Olympics.

**Technology:** No report submitted.

**Write-Off:** Submitted by PID Debra Wasserman, 5M-2 Chair. 2022-2023: "Lead with Compassion" in the middle of August, and again in early September, a posting about the Essay Contest will appear on a ListServe for Teachers of the Blind and visually Impaired. State Services for the Blind will also be asked to share the contest information with their stakeholders. District Governors, council Chair and Executive Secretary will be copied. I am happy to answer any questions for the Cabinet, District Governor team, clubs, Lions, teachers or parents as they learn about or conduct the contest. Every Peace Poster kit contains an information sheet and entry form for additional reference.

**Youth Exchange/Youth Camp:** Lion Cindy introduced Tu who shared his experiences. Camp just ended with 21 kids from 12 countries attending. Read the newsletter for August for more in depth information. Contact Jim if you would like to host next year. It could be a tough year for anyone to host if they are going to attend the International Convention.

**Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest:** Submitted by Deb Koenen. I'm happy to serve another year as the Write-off chair for DG Kathleen. This years topic follows that of Lions International President Brian Sheehan's theme, "Together We Can." Writers can demonstrate how serving with others allowed them to think bigger or advocate for local causes. They'll be asked to write about who they are, how they answer those needs, and actions they take with others providing service. Zone chairs and club presidents will receive an email with information regarding the contest, judging criteria, and essay-resume form. A club contact will reach out to the local high schools. Once again Zone chairs will receive essays from participating clubs in their zone and select one winner from each zone to be forwarded on to the Write-off chair for final judging. Deadlines will be communicated with the letters to club presidents and zone chairs. I'd like to thank all zone chairs and club presidents in advance for their willingness to participate in this competition.

**Youth Outreach/Peace Poster:** Submitted by PDG Diana Kroells, Peace Poster Chairperson. I sent out letters (yes real paper letters) to 25 clubs that did not participate in the Peace Poster contest the last 2 years, hoping to get at least 6 new clubs to participate this year. I have had questions from a few of them, so I am hoping for good results. Last year I had 21 posters turned in for judging from 16 clubs. I am hoping that having all the posters displayed at the convention inspired more clubs to participate.

I have been writing monthly Peace Poster articles for the District Newsletter highlighting the rules and suggestions on how to make it a successful project in their club.

The theme for 2022 is Lead with Compassion and I am looking forward to seeing how the youth will put this theme into a work of art.

Thank you, DG Kathleen, for asking me to chair this project again this year.

**Comments:**

- PID Debra Wasserman provided comments related to IP Brian Sheehan hosting an International Board Meeting in MN. A once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in an event like this. On behalf IP Brian and Lion Lori, thank you for purchasing an ad in the booklet. Booklet will be provided at the host event. Read the District Newsletter and LCI magazine. PID Debra thanked everyone for their support and concern for PDG Steve. DG Kathleen echoed PID Debra's comments on 5M-2 stepping up at the Internal Convention.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gerald Ziskovsky thanked the District for their support.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Christy Trutnau thanked the District for their support. Leader Dog training is occurring the end of August. Please provide any comments to her on the directory.
- DG Kathleen Bleckeberg provided comments on the District and support. Appreciates everyone stepping up on the cabinet. DG Kathleen thanked Lion Shermayne Cross for raising her hand to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE. DG Kathleen reviewed the important upcoming dates which were included on the agenda.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Lion Cindy Walters, seconded 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gerald Ziskovsky. **MC.** Meeting adjourned at p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Lisa Kaufmann

**Upcoming Cabinet Meetings:**

- Sunday, November 6, 2022
- Friday, February 10, 2023
- Sunday, May 21, 2023

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## Lions International District 5M2

## Balance Sheet

As of July 31, 2021

	Jul 31, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	60,286.43
Money Market	
Activities Youth	16,827.77
Adult Companion	717.27
Diabetes	1,605.19
District Conventions	1,597.15
Interest Income	2,965.73
International Convention	1,403.23
Journey For Service	1,800.00
Kid Sight	1,961.00
Light on for Life	1,455.48
Multiple Convention	5,300.71
Quest	41,249.31
Special Olympics	1,500.00
Youth Exchange	21,024.66
Money Market - Other	1,370.67
Total Money Market	100,778.17
Total Checking/Savings	161,064.60
Total Current Assets	161,064.60
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>161,064.60</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	112,685.81
Unrestricted Net Assets	39,729.63
Net Income	8,649.16
Total Equity	161,064.60
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>161,064.60</b>

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**Lions International District 5M2**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**July 2021**

	Jul 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Activities Income	
Journey For Service- Income	
Journey For Service 2021	100.00
Total Journey For Service- Income	100.00
Total Activities Income	100.00
Dues	
District 5M2 Dues	
5M2 Administrative Fund	5,848.20
5M2 Adult Companion Fund	513.00
5M2 Intl Convention Fund	1,026.00
5M2 Special Fund-Mid Winter Con	1,436.40
Total District 5M2 Dues	8,823.60
MD5M Dues	
GLT/GMT Training & Orientation	266.76
MD5M Administrative Fund	4,965.84
MD5M Campaign Fund	266.76
MD5M Convention Fund	513.00
MD5M GAF	471.96
MD5M International Parade Band	266.76
Multiple Excess Liability Ins	1,039.80
Total MD5M Dues	7,790.88
Total Dues	16,614.48
GLT- Officer Training-Income	500.00
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	30.53
Total Investments	30.53
Total Income	17,245.01
Expense	
Cabinet Expenses	
Zone Chairs	82.00
Total Cabinet Expenses	82.00
Dues Expense	
MD5M Dues-Expense	
GLT/GMT Training Expense	272.00
MD5M Administrative Fund Expense	5,265.92
MD5M Campaign Fund Expense	272.00
MD5M Convention Fund Expense	544.00
MD5M GAF Fund Expense	500.48
MD5M Intl Parade Band Expense	272.00
MD5M Liability & Bond	582.20
Total MD5M Dues-Expense	7,708.60
Total Dues Expense	7,708.60
Mid Winter Convention	312.00
Software	493.25
Total Expense	8,595.85
Net Ordinary Income	8,649.16
Net Income	8,649.16

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Accrual Basis

**Lions International District 5M2**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**July 2021 through June 2022**

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Activities Income		
Diabetes	0.00	0.00
Journey For Service- Income		
Journey For Service- 2020	0.00	0.00
Journey For Service-2019	0.00	0.00
Journey For Service 2021	100.00	0.00
Journey For Service 2022	0.00	12,000.00
Total Journey For Service- Income	100.00	12,000.00
Kids Sight	0.00	1,000.00
Lions Quest	0.00	0.00
Special Olympics	0.00	0.00
Youth Activities	0.00	6,000.00
Youth Exchange	0.00	4,000.00
Total Activities Income	100.00	23,000.00
Dues		
District 5M2 Dues		
5M2 Administrative Fund	5,848.20	12,540.00
5M2 Adult Companion Fund	513.00	1,100.00
5M2 Intl Convention Fund	1,026.00	2,200.00
5M2 Special Fund-Mid Winter Con	1,436.40	3,080.00
District Club Bond	0.00	422.50
District Pins	0.00	1,625.00
Total District 5M2 Dues	8,823.60	20,967.50
MD5M Dues		
GLT/GMT Training & Orientation	266.76	572.00
MD5M Administrative Fund	4,965.84	10,648.00
MD5M Campaign Fund	266.76	572.00
MD5M Convention Fund	513.00	1,100.00
MD5M GAF	471.96	1,012.00
MD5M International Parade Band	266.76	572.00
Multiple Excess Liability Ins	1,039.80	550.55
Total MD5M Dues	7,790.88	15,026.55
Total Dues	16,614.48	35,994.05
GLT- Officer Training-Income	500.00	0.00
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	30.53	300.00
Total Investments	30.53	300.00
Mid Winter Convention-payback	0.00	0.00
Misc Income		
Pins Sold	0.00	0.00
Total Misc Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	17,245.01	59,294.05
Expense		
Activities Expense		
Diabetes Expense	0.00	0.00
Environment	0.00	250.00
Kids Sight Expense	0.00	1,000.00
Youth Activities Expense		
Essay Contest Expense	0.00	500.00
Leo Expense	0.00	5,000.00
Liberty Day Expense	0.00	2,500.00
Peace Poster Expense	0.00	1,000.00
Write Off	0.00	2,200.00

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**July 2021 through June 2022**

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget
Youth Exchange Expense	0.00	4,000.00
Total Youth Activities Expense	0.00	15,200.00
Activities Expense - Other	0.00	4,000.00
Total Activities Expense	0.00	20,450.00
Administrative Expenses	0.00	0.00
Cabinet Expenses		
GLT	0.00	650.00
GMT	0.00	650.00
GST	0.00	650.00
Meeting Expense	0.00	600.00
NAMI	0.00	650.00
Program Chairs	0.00	2,400.00
Secretary	0.00	100.00
Treasurer	0.00	100.00
Zone Chairs	82.00	2,400.00
Total Cabinet Expenses	82.00	8,200.00
Capital Expenditures		
Equipment	0.00	1,000.00
Total Capital Expenditures	0.00	1,000.00
Contract Services		
Accounting Fees	0.00	1,400.00
Total Contract Services	0.00	1,400.00
COVID-		
IP2nd VDG-Kathleen Multiplie	0.00	1,000.00
IP2nd VDG Kathleen USA Canada F	0.00	1,500.00
IPDG- Anna- International Conve	0.00	2,500.00
IPDG Anna USA Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00
IPVDG Glenn-Multiplie	0.00	1,000.00
IPVDG Glenn USA Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00
Total COVID-	0.00	9,000.00
District Awards	0.00	600.00
District Supplies & Operating	0.00	1,200.00
Dues Expense		
District Dues Expense		
District-Governors Int Conv Fun	0.00	2,200.00
District -Gov Spouse Int Conven	0.00	1,100.00
District Administrative Fund	0.00	12,540.00
District Bond Expense	0.00	422.50
District Pins	0.00	1,625.00
District Special Fund	0.00	3,080.00
Total District Dues Expense	0.00	20,967.50
MD5M Dues-Expense		
GLT/GMT Training Expense	272.00	572.00
MD5M Administrative Fund Expense	5,265.92	10,648.00
MD5M Campaign Fund Expense	272.00	572.00
MD5M Convention Fund Expense	544.00	1,100.00
MD5M GAF Fund Expense	500.48	1,012.00
MD5M Intl Parade Band Expense	272.00	572.00
MD5M Liability & Bond	582.20	550.55
Total MD5M Dues-Expense	7,708.60	15,026.55
Total Dues Expense	7,708.60	35,994.05
IPDG Expense	0.00	250.00
Journey For Service Expense		



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**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
**July 2021 through June 2022**

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget
Journey 4 Service Expense -2021	0.00	0.00
Journey 4 Service Expense 2019	0.00	0.00
Journey 4 Service Expense 2020	0.00	0.00
Journey 4 Service Expense 2022	0.00	12,000.00
<b>Total Journey For Service Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>
Mid Winter Convention	312.00	4,500.00
Pins		
District Bird Pins	0.00	0.00
Governor Award Pins	0.00	800.00
Governor Pin	0.00	1,000.00
Multiple Pins-Snowman	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Pins</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>
Software	493.25	1,500.00
Travel Expenses		
1st Vice District Governor Expe		
1st VDG Expense Other	0.00	1,800.00
1st VDG Multiple Convention	0.00	1,000.00
1st VDG USA/Canada Forum Expens	0.00	1,500.00
<b>Total 1st Vice District Governor Expe</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>
2nd VDG Elect Expenses		
2nd VDG Elect Multiple Conventi	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 2nd VDG Elect Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
2nd VDG Expense		
2nd VDG Expense-other	0.00	1,800.00
2nd VDG Multiple Convention Ex	0.00	1,000.00
2nd VDG USA/Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00
<b>Total 2nd VDG Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>
District Governor Expense		
DG Adult Companion Fund-DGE	0.00	1,250.00
DG Expense Other	0.00	2,500.00
DG International Convention	0.00	2,500.00
DG USA/Canada Forum	0.00	1,500.00
<b>Total District Governor Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,750.00</b>
<b>Total Travel Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,350.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,595.85</b>	<b>115,744.05</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>8,649.16</b>	<b>-56,450.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>8,649.16</b>	<b>-56,450.00</b>