

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18, 2014**  
**St. Peter Community Center, St. Peter, MN**

**Call to Order:** DG Joan Blank called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Marv Grimm

**Invocation:** Led by DGE Harry Klenke

**Welcome:** DG Joan Blank welcomed everyone to the cabinet meeting with appropriate protocol and thanked servers, Lions Mary and Dwayne Pipping and her personal chef Lion Kevin for the wonderful food tonight.

**Roll Call:** Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 36 in attendance and 15 absent.

**Introduction of Guests:** PDG Larry Mesken, Edna Webster, Lion Joe Maki, Lion Lowell Abbas, Lion Loretta Klenke,

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda PDG Mike Vos, PDG Bill Curtis seconded. MC.

**Secretary's Report:** Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve was made by PDG Mike Vos; 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Bill Curtis. MC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report. Proposed budget income of \$52,600 Actual Income is \$70,893.89; Expenses Actual is \$54,517.45 with a balance of \$16,376.44. In the Special Funds account there is a total of \$101,474.55 and Core 4 Grant \$1,547.08. PID Debra made a correction regarding the officer training, the revenue is in the report but the expenses have not been paid yet. Motion to approve was made by PDG Marlys Meskan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jack Webster. MC.

**Communications:** No communication.

**Old Business:**

- **Golf Trophy has been purchased** – The cost was \$492 and has been purchased. Please talk with your club members about participating in the Lions golfing events.
- **Purchase of flags for 5M2** – PID Maynard Rucks reported that we did approve purchasing flags but direction was not given to actually purchase the flags. DG Joan will follow up on this as one of her last duties. PID Debra volunteered to work on the flag purchase with DG Joan.
- **Hall of Fame** – Lion Kenneth Irvine, Amboy Lions won the Hall of Fame Award. DG Joan thanked the cabinet for making the motion that we could announce the winner at our mid-winter so many of his family could be attendance at the multiple convention. He was thrilled with this honor and it was great to be able to have family in attendance.
- **Journey for Service** – Lion Jack Webster passed the magnetic car signs to DGE Harry Klenke and then gave his report. The full report is listed below in the minutes. He received a standing ovation for his work all of these years.

**New Business:**

- **Committee to review 5M2 newsletter expenses** – We have been over budget for several years on the cost of the newsletter in printing and mailing. It needs to be looked at in the future. A committee was formed, comprised of DG Joan Blank, PDG Bill Curtis, DGE Harry Klenke and 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Marv Grimm to look at the expenses and come up with a plan.
- **Multiple Convention Bid** – PID Maynard Rucks and Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that we were successful in getting the bid for the 2016 convention in Mankato. He listed all of the committee members that have stepped up to work on the convention committee. Lion Nancy stated that we will all need to help as it gets closer. Hoping to keep the registration costs about the same as the last time. It will cost at least \$2500 more for the civic center than it did last time. Food costs are not able to be locked down at this time. The dates are: April 22-24, 2016.

- There is money currently in the budget for Multiple Convention expenses. Lion Darlene Breamer made a motion to use that money as the \$4000 start up funds for the multiple convention, Lion Wanda Briemhorst seconded. MC.
- Lion Charlette Abbas made a motion to allow the committee to solicit funds from the clubs for the multiple convention. DGE Harry Klenke seconded. Clarifying question regarding when the clubs could be solicited whether during the 2014-15 year or 2015-16 year. Decided that it would be during the 2015-16 year but a letter should be sent out earlier so clubs can put it in their budget for the 2015-16 year. MC.
- **Cabinet for 2014-15** – DGE Harry Klenke thanked the current cabinet and presented his cabinet for 2014-2015. Still would like someone in the south area for Youth Exchange and Lions Quest co-chairs.
- **Floragraph for PDG Darwin Mathwig** – Lion Nancy brought the floragraph off of the Donate Life float to show all of us.
- **Awards for Can Do Canines** – Top Dog awards presented to Lions Darlene, Vern and Deb for their work.

### **DG Joan turned the meeting over to DGE Harry Klenke for Reports**

#### **Region/Zone Reports:**

**Region 1** Lion Wanda Breimhorst reported that Region 1 has a total of 1100 Lion members. Close to the end of the year and Region 1 is -1 member. Lions Wanda was able to attend 2 of the Zone meetings. Unfortunately Zone 1 had to reschedule due to the weather and she had a conflict and was unable to attend the meeting in Stewart. DG Joan provided the clubs with good information and encouragement. The clubs in Region 1 continue to be very active. So far this year Lions in Region 1 have contributed 13,249 volunteer hours.

She then introduced: Zone 1 Chair Lion Chris Hall; Zone 2 Chair Sandy Schneider; and Zone 3 Chair Jen Malecha to report on activities in their zones.

- **Zone 1** Lion Chris Hall from the Glencoe Lions Club – Zone 1 has 10 clubs, including the Hutchinson Lions Club. Had an opening balance of 269 members, currently at 273, so there is a plus 4 for membership. Like to acknowledge Lester Prairie for adding 6 members this month. Spring Zone Meeting was held April 30<sup>th</sup> at Cactus Jacks in Stewart and was well attended. Zone Lion of the Year was presented to Lion Jason Dahlke of the Glencoe Lions Club. Officer training was held May 4<sup>th</sup> in Mankato, at Bethany College, very nice and accommodating facility. 8 of the 10 clubs were in attendance. Currently have one club in the middle of CEP training, other than that, clubs are gearing up for summer projects. If summer ever gets here.
- **Zone 2** Lion Sandra Schneider thanked DG Joan for the opportunity to serve as Zone 2 Chair for her this Lions year. It has been a pleasure and she looks forward to many more ventures in the future. Activities Include:
  - The Chaska Lions Club hosted the Spring Zone Meeting with 40 Lions, 13 Cabinet members, 6 LEOS and 2 guests in attendance.
  - Attended the Multiple Convention in Morton where I volunteered for DG Joan for many hours of service.

#### Membership Status as of 5/17/2014:

- Carver Lions 55
- Chaska Lions 41
- Cologne 62
- Mayer Watertown Dandylions 14
- Victoria 98
- Waconia 90
- Watertown 102
- Cologne LEOS 17
- Total of 462 (LEOS bring it to 479)

- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – No report

**Region 2** Lion Charlette Abbas, Region 2 Chairperson thanked DG Joan for having confidence in her to do the job of Region Chair. It was another learning experience into the world of Lionism. She also thanked to DGE Harry for letting me continue. She promised to do my best! Also, she thanked the Zone Chairs Lions Gene & Sharon, Lion Nancy, and Lion Lori for having patience with her when she didn't know answers to their questions.

All Zones held their spring meetings. All clubs were represented with the exception of one. Zone Chairs did a great job at running these meetings; they will tell you more about that. Zone 4 Co-chairs Lion Gene and Lion Sharon Retka; Zone 5 Chair Lion Nancy Mathwig; Zone 6 Chair Lion Lora Klein.

- **Zone 4** Lions Gene and Sharon Retka – No report.
- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that based on reports from LCI, Zone 5 began 2013-14 with 232 members. To date, Zone 5 is a plus 2 with 234 members. Four of the seven clubs are at a plus in membership to date. All clubs continue to be very busy in their communities. Arlington completed CEP a couple weeks ago.

The Spring Zone 5 meeting was Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and was hosted by the Le Sueur Lions at the Caribou Gun Club, a wonderful venue for meetings. The program for the Zone meeting consisted of short presentations by each club on a project or fund raiser completed during the current Lions year. The presentations included a more in-depth look at what goes into the planning for each event and not only the monetary outcome.

Zone 5 is also home to the Sibley East Jr and Sr High Leo Clubs. The Jr High club is the oldest Leo club in our district. The Sr High club has re-organized this year and along with the youth development club recently donated \$250.00 from a fund raiser to both the Arlington and the Green Isle Lions scholarship funds.

She thanked Governor Joan for asking her to serve again as the Zone 5 chair. Zone 5 is a great zone with many busy Lions who donate many, many volunteer hours to their communities and beyond.

- **Zone 6** Lion Lori Klein – The Spring Zone meeting was on April 29, in Montgomery with all clubs present and focus was on sharing a service project that is unique to the community. The Northfield Lions Club has completed the Club Excellence Process. During the next year, continued work with other clubs in the zone will be a focus to help them consider going through the process. All club visits have been completed and was warmly welcomed by all. Fall Zone meeting is set. It will be on October 23 in Northfield at the Eagles, with more details coming closer to the date. Current membership for Zone is 212 members, currently a loss of 14. Email to club about promoting membership will be sent to work on improving this deficit for the year.

**Region 3** Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 is composed of 20 clubs and 616 members. The following table gives the membership history:

	6/30/13	12/31/2013	5/14/2014	Change 6/30/13	Change from 12/31/13
Zone 7	160	161	166	6	5
Zone 8	218	219	221	3	2
Zone 9	233	236	229	-4	-7
Total	611	616	616	5	5

Region 3 Zone Chairs have completed their zone meetings and their clubs are all getting ready for their Spring and summer projects.

From Zone 7, Lion Janet Knakmuhs

From Zone 8, Lion Robert Hunter

From Zone 9, Lion Ron Theusch

- **Zone 7** Lions Janet and Charlie Knakmuhs – Zone 7 started the year with 160 members and as of today, have 167 members. Lake Crystal added 10 members, Amboy is plus 5, Key City no change, Sunrise a plus 1, Mankato is a minus 2, and Winnebago no change. Have completed all club visits, and the clubs have completed their visits as well. The clubs are winding down, they have done well in fundraising and contributing to the parade of green. They thanked DG Joan for allowing them to serve on her cabinet.

- **Zone 8** Lion Robert Hunter – No report.
- **Zone 9** Lion Ron Theusch – No report.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Can Do Canines:** Lion Deb Koehnen and Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer reported that Can Do Canines are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. The Parade of Green raised over \$9,000. They still have a few clubs that did not participate but will work on that for next year. At the Multiple Convention another \$2292.66 was raised for Can Do Canines. The co-chairs have attended 4 zone meetings since the Mid-Winter Convention and the Multiple Convention. They attended the Can Do Canines Appreciation Luncheon on April 5.

Can Do Canines finished their Capital Campaign on December 31, 2013. It was in 2009 that they started to raise \$4.4 million dollars to rebuild the current building. The building project has been completed. The building was dedicated at the May 17, 2014 Graduation with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Sunday they graduated 17 new teams. They are on schedule to graduate 46 teams this year. Of the 17 teams that graduated on Sunday 11 of the dogs were from their breeding program. Six of the puppies were raised in the prison program. Two of the people received their 2<sup>nd</sup> dog from Can Do Canines.

There are about 180 people on the waiting list. They are adding another prison to help raise the puppies. This will bring up the total of dogs raised in the prison to 50.

Can Do Canines raised \$1,150,000 in 2013. Lions raised \$141,000. District 5M2 had the highest percentage of clubs (96%) donate in the 2012-2013 year. Top Dog Awards were given to PDG Ron Dahlke, Deb Koehnen, Vern and Darlene Breamer.

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Lion Steve Wasserman reported that proposed changes to the 5M2 Constitution were presented and approved at the Midwinter Convention. Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws were furnished to all clubs at Officer Training. These changes align the 5M2 Constitution more closely with the LCI Constitution and the LCI Standard District Constitution. This will make it easier to find information in the 5M2 Constitution and compare it to the Standard District Constitution, making it easier to maintain in the future.

Lion Steve's plan is to review the By-Laws next year and propose changes to align them with the Standard District By-Laws as furnished by Lions Clubs International.

**Conventions/USA/Canada Forum:** No report.

**District Activities:** PDG Eunice Rucks reported that the Bird Pins are being ordered for 2014-15. There are Toronto Snowman pins for sale. Remember to let her know if you have anyone who passes away in your club and remind your club members. A letter will be going out to all of the clubs this fall indicating this information also.

**GLT/GMT:** PID Debra Wasserman and PID Maynard Rucks reported:

**1. 2 clubs in each zone will complete the Club Excellence Process. (18 clubs in 9 Zones.)**

As of this date, 3 clubs have completed CEP: Northfield, Zone 6, Veseli, Zone 3, Arlington, Zone 5.

NEW, Zone 3 and Glencoe Zone 1 will complete CEP by July 1. Additionally 8 more clubs have verbally committed to CEP. Several of these may begin their sessions yet this year, with the others scheduled for Fall 2014. All club Presidents and Secretaries were sent a CEP reminder email after the MidWinter Convention. Numerous clubs requested presentations after receiving the email. A Facilitator briefing was held on March 30 with a number of new and several returning participants.

**2. Offer a seminar at the Mid-Winter Convention on leadership opportunities within our district.**

ID Steve Glass and PDG Cindy Glass presented a seminar titled...Finding Them and Keeping Them for Life.

**3. Have quarterly joint GLT/GMT meetings, including the DG Team.**

3 quarterly meetings have been held. The 4<sup>th</sup> will be held in June.

2014-2015 Club Officer training was held on May 4. Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and

Treasurers met in office specific sessions. All Lions were invited to attend and participate. Region and Zone Chair training is scheduled for May 13.

**Historian:** Lion Ken Farrell reported that his dream as the 5M2 Historian has been completed for the most part. The dream was to research, document and post the history to the website, for everyone to be able to see and use. He was happy to report that the history is posted, thanks to a lot of help from fellow Lions. There may be a few blank spots here and there, where information was not available, but he decided to roll with the information that was available and catch up on the missing data as it is found. Yes, there were a few glitches along the way and if you see one, please let him know.

**Journey for Service:** Lion Jack Webster reported as the retired chairman of the highly successful Journey for Service. In April they completed the 2014 Journey for Service in spite of Dist. Gov. Joan's plea to continue for another week because of the good food, wonderful 'hair days' and great Lions support the entire trip. Thanks to Lion Kevin's 'Power of Persuasion' (threats, I believe) they finally got her out of the van and headed for home. Thus ended his 24<sup>th</sup> and Final Journey for Service, and he encouraged continued support for this project in the future and hope that Lion Gordy can enjoy this project as much as he has. But just because he's not on the District Cabinet next year, YOU ARE NOT GETTING RID OF ME!

A huge Thank You to PDG Larry Meskan who got him started as his Cabinet Sec./Treas. and to the 41 other Past District Governors who asked him to serve . . .

**LCIF:** PDG Rick Wagener reported that District 5M2 has a 99.3% participation for donations made to LCIF. He gave presentations at two zone meetings this spring. He thanked DG Joan for the opportunity to serve as the LCIF chair and looks forward to working with DGE Harry this coming year.

**Leader Dog:** Lion Steve Wasserman reported that he was pleased to see that 56 clubs donated a total of \$10,268 to Leader Dogs for the Blind at the Parade of Green. As of March 31, Leader Dogs for the Blind has recorded donations from 60 clubs in 5M2 for a total of \$11,059.25. It is his goal that by the end of the year, we will once again be a 100% district.

PID Debra and Lion Steve participated in the Regional Coordinator Training for the upcoming Kennel Campaign held in Rochester Michigan on February 21-22, 2014. He also assisted with the District Coordinator Training held in Glencoe on May 10, and will continue to serve as Technical Support for the Campaign in the 2014-2015 Lions Year.

Lion Shirley Hesperheide reported that she has attended most of the Zone meetings and spoken regarding the things going on at Leader Dog; such as raising puppies in prisons and the impact it has on the inmates that are raising them, also the capital campaign for renovation of the kennels that will be starting soon. She has been asked to continue to be Leader Dog Chair next year to help the new Leader Dog Chairs, Bruce and Denise Lieske.

**LEO Clubs:** Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported on the Northfield and Cologne Leo activities. Lion Anna also extended her gratitude to DG Joan for her year on the cabinet and is looking forward to next year on DGE Harry's cabinet.

Northfield Leos that they just had their annual banquet with the Northfield Lions. They have four new members. They presented four International Lions Young Leaders in Service awards (three gold ...100 hours and one silver...50 hours). They presented 4 appreciation awards to people who helped them during the year. They had a bowling party funded by a Northfield Lion member. They played table tennis with members of the Northfield Senior center and have continued to volunteer at the senior center. The Leos are tracking their volunteer hours each week.

The Cologne Leos are working on Reading in the Park, Glad Days Booth and Fair parking fundraiser.

**Liberty Day:** Lion Mary Spille reported that she gave Liberty Day presentations to Green Isle club at their April meeting and to Arlington club at their May meeting. Hoping for next year! Thrilled to have Hamburg Lions present a program to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at local parochial school. Delivered Constitutions to Wells club. Lion Denny knows more about that presentation. Thinking it probable that another order for Constitutions will

need to be placed in August, dependent on fall requests. PDG Mary also gave an update on Lion Jim. He had a stroke 10 days ago and is recovering slowly. He will be in the hospital for a very long time. He was very thankful for bouquet of flowers from the Cabinet.

Lion Dennie Hewitt reported that he attended several Zone Meetings and told all present that he is available to come to their club meetings and tell about the Liberty Day Program. Several club presidents have expressed interest and he thinks he will be initiating the Liberty Day Program in a local school. He continues to work and promote the Liberty Day Program and is hoping to have quite a few more programs next school year.

**Long Range Planning:** PDG Tom Ferleman reported that since the last cabinet meeting he presented a program to the Waterville Lions. He has enjoyed working with the clubs and being on the cabinet this year.

**MD5M Hearing Foundation:** PDG Mike Vos reported he and Lion Arlene Richter attended the spring meeting of the Lions Hearing Foundation. It was called to order on April 5, 2014 at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, MN with 23 members in attendance.

The first order of business was to recognize and thank five members of the board which will be leaving their positions at the end of this Lion's year: two trustees, which have served for six years, plus the Foundation Chair, PCC Frank Loken, and three other trustees.

This acknowledgement was followed by an adjournment for a breakaway planning session for the upcoming D-Feet fundraiser. During the meeting details concerning sponsorships, publicity, logistics, Leo participation, entertainment and games for kids, food, and volunteer duties were discussed. Things are coming together and it looks as though a fun day will be had by all.

The regular meeting resumed after the D-Feet session. Items covered during the rest of the meeting follow:

- Deferred Giving Letter – Letter samples were reviewed, amended, and passed
- Vision & Hearing University Tours – Members volunteered to be guides
- MD5M Convention – Tables, supplies, volunteers, and scheduling were discussed
- Canadian Trustee Report – The report gave information on hearing aid distributions, monies

raised by past projects, current projects underway, and plans for future projects.

One major change they are working through is the government's elimination of the Provincial Audiologist position. Dr. Sharon Ritterman, who has held this position for years, and who has made trips to address our foundation, will be greatly missed as she was the core that kept the Lions programs and the Provincial programs working in sync – all for the benefit of those dealing with hearing loss.

**Mid-Winter Convention:** Lion Vern Breamer reported that the books have not been officially closed yet but everyone had a great time.

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation:** Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Emmy Koch – Lion Kevin reported that in March 29, 2014 he attended the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Meeting that was held at the University of Minnesota's Center for Magnetic Resonance Research. At this meeting, a \$50,000 grant was given to the University for a project (Correcting the underlying autoimmune diseases that cause diabetes) headed up by Dr. Brian Fife.

Tours of the Imaging Lab and the Immunology Lab were given in the morning and afternoon. After lunch various Doctors and researchers gave presentations on what is being done at the University in the hope of finding a cure or preventing diabetes.

The Foundation's raffle to raise funds for research at the University was a huge success, over \$60,000 was raised. The winners for the ATV and cash prizes were announced at the 5M Multiple Convention that was held at Jackpot Casino in Morton. (Sorry none of the raffle tickets that he sold won, however all will be winners when diabetes is defeated!)

The next Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation meeting will be on July 12, 2014 at Micheal's in St. Cloud.

**MN Lion Vision Foundation:** Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells and PDG Marlys Meskan reported that The MN Lions Vision Foundation held their board meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud. Both PDG Marlys and Lion Diana

were in attendance. It was a bittersweet meeting for PDG Marlys as this was her last board meeting. She was presented with a plaque showing the appreciation of the entire board for her commitment to the board during the past 6 years. She will be greatly missed. The board members also said goodbye to PDG Mary Ferlmann who has served as the secretary for many years. She has truly been a great asset to the Vision Foundation and will be missed by all.

The Board approved two grants to the MN Lions Eye Bank, one for \$1000 for plaques & engraving of awards to be given to funeral directors to show appreciation for their part in facilitating the gift of sight through eye donations. They hope to award approximately 10 per year. The other grant is for \$160,000 for the purpose of expanding the Retinal Imaging Center. A "Dynamic Vessel Analyzer" will be purchased to allow the researchers to study and understand Diabetic Retinopathy.

A Spring Donor and Family Recognition Program was held on April 6<sup>th</sup> and the Lions Tour was held on April 12. Lion Diana served as one of the tour guides. The fall tours will be eliminated due to limited parking during fall sports on campus and a decline in the number of attendees.

A fund raising event is being planned to raise money for Pediatric Research. A committee is exploring a "curling event" at the Blaine Sports Center. 2014 Olympian curlers have been contacted and are willing to assist with the event. More will follow on this new exciting fundraiser.

We were extremely thankful to the Lions of 5M2 for the generous donations to the Parade of Green. A total of \$16,440.00 was received.

PDG Marlys and Lion Diana were able to attend 5 Zone meetings to inform the club members about the work of the Vision foundation. They alerted Lions to the "You plus \$2" donation program for Eye & Organ Donation Education. March was National Eye Donation month, April was Donate Life month and May is Recycle (Eyeglasses) for Sight month.

The next training session and board meeting will be July 18-19.

**Special Presentation:** DG Joan recognized PDG Marlys Meskan and PDG Mary Ferleman for their work on the Vision Foundation with wonderful gifts. Photos were taken.

**Newsletter Editor:** PDG Bill Curtis thanked District Governor Joan for allowing him the privilege to serve the Lions of 5M-2 in his 30<sup>th</sup> year as Newsletter Editor.

He and DG Joan have had a great year informing the Lions of 5M2 what is going on in the District. Informed Lions make for a great Lion. They have been receiving lots of photos and stories from the clubs. DG Joan has been great on furnishing new and exciting things for the newsletter. Vice District Governors, Harry and Marv have been on time with their articles and have done a great job of furnishing photos and items for the newsletter. Communication is the name of the game.

It has been a challenge this year with the passing of his wife, but we got the job done and on time.

He then thanked Joan, Harry and Marv for everything they have done to make the newsletter a good communication information newsletter.

**Project New Hope:** Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that she continues to give club presentations promoting Project New Hope getting the word out for veterans to attend our retreat. The clubs have been very generous in their donations, too. She is planning on attending a retreat this coming weekend in McGregor, MN.

**Technology & Computer Support:** Lion Laura Maki reported that she continues to send out mass e-mails to inform club presidents and secretaries of various things going on in the district and transform the district newsletter into a digital format for sending out to club Membership Chairs and posting on the 5M2 website. Clubs are encouraged to submit their fundraising posters to be added to the website and facebook page. She continues as well to assist officers with access issues to MyLCI.

She set up the projector equipment for presentations by speakers during the Mid-Winter Convention. The projectors and screens have been used quite a bit this spring by Project Chairs and CEP facilitators. If you are aware of a need to use one of them, please let her know as soon as possible or at least a week or two in advance so arrangements can be made.

She then thanked DG Joan for helping us getting Fired Up to Follow our Dream and looks forward to being part of DGE Harry Klenke's team next year.

**Write Off:** No report.

**Youth Exchange/Youth Camp:** Lions Chris and Janet Hall that 5M2 has three outgoing students this year, 2 from Stewart going to Australia and Italy and 1 from St Peter going to Belgium. Very anxious to hear about their trips when they return. We still have about 14 incoming that are looking for host families, if you or someone you know could help out let me know we are getting down to the wire and these students are needing to purchase their tickets soon.

**Youth Outreach/Peace Poster:** Co-Chairs Lions Paula Stephens and PDG Sue Bowman reported that the Peace Poster contest theme for 2013-2014 was "Our World Our Future". They received 41 posters sponsored by 27 clubs. The participation was up from last year and we are confident the interest in the project will continue.

They did contact all participating clubs requesting their ideas for best practices for the Peace Poster Contest. The feedback was limited, but the ideas will be passed on to the clubs. They will continue encouraging all clubs to start or maintain sponsorship of the Peace Poster.

"Peace, Love and Understanding" is the Peace Poster theme for 2014-15. Kits are available through LCI on line and in the Lion magazine until October 1.

Thank you to all the clubs that sponsored the Peace Poster Contests, it is a great way to bring Lions and youth together. Thank you to DG Joan for the honor of serving on the cabinet, we are Fired Up for the Peace Poster Contest!

**Lions Quest:** Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that since the Mid-Winter that have made two club visits and attended the Multiple where Cathleen was able to pinch hit for the LCIF Lions Quest specialist and with Lion Steve's able assistance presented a 45minute Power Point presentation.

They will be on Governor Elect's cabinet next year and hope he will announce that he has found a southern area co-chair.

**Special Presentations:** DG Joan thanked all of the program chairs for the work done this year. Don't forget to take home your final "Fire Up" gift of the year.

Two more special presentations:

PDG Mike Vos for work on the Hearing Foundation, in addition to q-tips he was given a table top display to promote the d-feat event.

Lion Jack Webster for his work on Journey for Service – he was given a stop sign and a new watch. DG Joan also gave a thank you card and \$1 for each year of Lion Jack's 24 years Journey for Service plus \$1 for being the woman behind the man. There was a slide show of this year's Journey for Service along with a rousing chorus of "Jack's Been Everywhere Man".

### **Comments:**

2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Steve Wasserman is looking forward to following in the footsteps of the current DG as well as the DGE, and VDGEs! 5M2 if the best district in this Multiple. He is very proud of the district, the DG and the district Leadership coming forward.

1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Marv Grimm thanked DG Joan for the honor of being on this Governor's team. He has learned a lot and knows he still has a lot to learn. He is looking forward to the upcoming years.

DGE Harry Klenke thanked DG Joan. 5M2 had the most people at the multiple convention...we do travel well. He is looking forward to next year serving as DG. It is his honor to work for the members of 5M2. He plans on following many of the programs that are in the works.

DG Joan Blank brought up Lion Kevin to assist in handing out checks from Journey for Service. She was able to spend \$15,000 in about 20 minutes. On behalf of Lion Kevin and herself she thanked the cabinet for an awesome year. They have been on a great adventure all year long. They will not miss jumping in the car straight from work to get to the next event but they will miss the great people they have met and being inspired by the clubs activities. DG Joan will miss desserts and the many laughs they have had this year. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



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Next Meeting is scheduled for during Jungle Days in August

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cindy Walters