

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
**May 20, 2013**  
**St. Peter Community Center, St. Peter, MN**

DG Ron Dahlke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Harry Klenke.

**Invocation:** Given by DGE Joan Blank

**Welcome:** By DG Ron Dahlke

**Roll Call:** Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 34 in attendance and 17 absent.

**Introduction of Guests:** Lion Jean is the only guest.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** DG Ron asked the cabinet to please excuse the titles on the agenda. DGE Joan Blank will be going over her cabinet. Addition to new business would be speaker system for District 5M2. PDG Mike Vos moved to adopt the agenda with the addition, seconded by PDG Rick Wagener. MC.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report in succinct fashion as usual. We have actual income of \$71,028.16 and actual expenses of \$35,311.77. There is \$90,560.09 in the Special Funds Account and \$1,361.40 remaining in the Core 4 Grant. Question from PDG Mike Vos regarding why the income is so much higher than the expenses. The explanation is in the carry over from last year. It has been accumulating due to not using it for USA Canada Forum expenses. Motion to approve budget report by Lion Cathleen Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Dennis Hewitt. MC.

**Communications:** Acknowledgement received for the donation given to LCIF for the ID guest at Mid-winter. Thank you from the District Write Off Contestant winner.

**Old Business:**

- **District Newsletter Distribution Committee** – Report given by PDG Mary Spille. The newsletter will be emailed by Lion Laura Maki to the President and Secretary of each club and they will be expected to send it to the club members. Printed newsletters will still be available through subscription services. The District has been billing each club for two newsletters/month. Two individuals will receive a hard copy as well in the meantime.
- **Mid-Winter Convention Registration Fee Committee** – PID Maynard talked about the Registration Fee concern and that it was initially set up to help cover the cost for the Hors D'oeuvres on Friday night. The meal package is reasonable. DG Ron suggested that the Convention Committee each year keep in mind that this should be looked at each year.

**New Business:**

- **Wounded Warrior Program** – PDG Rick Wagener spoke about this project. There is a Wounded Warrior Baseball team that travels around and plays baseball against able-bodied teams and have won 80% of their games. They will be coming to Waconia and there will be several games and a large recognition program. The dates are July 12-13. No official requests for help have been sent out as of yet. There will be many events included and all branches of services will be recognized. The whole event will be free and open to the public. Posters are being printed and email communication will be forthcoming.
- **Speaker System for District 5M2** – DGE Joan Blank discussed the need for purchasing a microphone unit for District 5M2. The cost would be around \$150. There is one that has been passed around from year to year and DG to DG. DG Ron couldn't get it to work. Each of the past several DGs have purchased their own. PDG Mary Spille talked about the speaker system the Veseli Club used. It was more expensive but has more options included. DG Ron discussed the system he is using. Lion

Charlette Abbas made a motion that we purchase a speaker system for up to \$600, PDG Mary Spille seconded. PID Maynard suggested not getting too big of a unit or too complicated. Questions were discussed regarding how big of a system we would need and where else it could be used. PDG Tom Ferleman wants the old one if DGE Joan Blank can find it. DGE Joan will do some research and not purchase anything until after the August Cabinet Meeting. DG Ron will bring his system to that meeting, MC.

- **MD5M Multiple Convention** – Presently there is no bid for the 2016 Multiple Convention. PID Maynard Rucks asked if we may be interested in putting in a bid to host that convention in Mankato. 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Harry Klenke mentioned that perhaps the Mystic Lake Casino would be a good location. PDG Bill Curtis spoke up that we should pursue it with these two locations and see if the dates are available. Lion Janet Knakmuhs made a motion to pursue these two locations, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1<sup>st</sup>VDGE Harry Klenke. PID Maynard mentioned the dates for this convention: It needs to fall in a specific two week window of dates, MC. DG Ron Dahlke called for volunteers to compose a committee for this endeavor to bring information to the next cabinet meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> VDE Harry Klenke, Lion Janet Knakmuhs, Lion Janet Hall, PID Maynard Rucks (chair), Lion Charles Knakmuhs, PDG Marly Meskan.

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

**Region 1** Lion Marvin Grimm reported that Region 1 is a plus 8 on April 30. Zone 3 has a plus 20 new members which is outstanding. Zone 1 & 2 are both show a minus. Some clubs have lost several members, so there is room to gain new members. The Spring Zone Meetings were well attended and a lot of good projects were happening.

- **Zone 1** Lion Lynn Monger – reported that the Spring Zone 1 meeting was held on April 10, hosted by the Brownston Lions. Despite the potential of bad weather, all clubs were represented. There were 55 in attendance. Silver Lake Lions member Lion Stan Horstmann was named Zone 1 Lion of the Year. Current membership is at 268. Even though 15 members were added this year – 18 were dropped for a loss of 3 members since August. All 10 clubs in the Zone continue to be active serving their communities. She then thanked PDG Sue and DG Ron for having the faith in her to be Zone 1 Chair for the past two years. It was a learning experience that she did enjoy.
- **Zone 2** Lions Mark & Theresa Willems – Spring Zone 2 Meeting was held on April 17<sup>th</sup> with Carver as the host club. Over 70 people were in attendance. Excellent club reports of all activities and excellent representation by every club in the Zone. Thanks to the Carver Lions for hosting an exceptional, well organized Zone Meeting. Club membership continues to be an area of focus and all the clubs are working hard to post positive membership gains for the year. It's been a pleasure serving as Zone 2 Co-Chairs under DG Ron (e-submit).
- **Zone 3** Lion Wanda Breimhorst – Reported that there are 8 clubs in Zone 3 with a total membership of 374. The clubs in zone 3 added a total of 40 new members since the beginning of this Lion's year, lost 19 for a net gain of 21 new members.

Club visitations are almost complete. Her goal was to attend a function of each club and sorry to say that didn't happen but did manage to get to a few. Every club in my Zone is active and judging by all of their activities are truly keeping Lionism alive. This time of year scholarships are a part of several Lions clubs. Pretty sure the criteria for all of them have something to do with volunteerism. It was her pleasure this year to once again judge scholarship applications for one of the clubs in my Zone. Some very fine young people are coming out of our schools and I know the scholarships are much appreciated.

The Spring Zone Meeting was hosted by the NEW Lions in April. They had a smaller group and like to think that was due to the date change. Originally the meeting was scheduled for March and of course had one of our frequent blizzards which caused the date change. A huge thank you to DG Ron and the NEW club and the Rancho for accommodating the change.

Congratulations to Lion Donna Will of my club, the Jordaness Lions for being named Zone Lion of the Year. Donna is currently the Treasurer for our club and is one of our group that is instrumental in keeping our club energized.

**Region 2** Lion Dennis Hewitt, Region 2 Chairperson reported that Region 2 consist of Zones 4, 5, 6 and has 21 Lions Clubs and 3 Leo Clubs. Since the last Cabinet Meeting in February Region 2 Lions Clubs have

been busy and active, as always helping their own communities and the world through Lionism. Region 2 had three very good Spring Zone Meetings, each was unique and interesting. Thank You Zone Chairs for your reports and the Great Job you have done during this past Lions year. You can take pride in your Zones and the Leadership you showed.

From Zone 4, Charlette Abbas, from the Courtland Lions Club

From Zone 5, Nancy Mathwig, from the Arlington Lions Club

From Zone 6, Darlene Wondra, from the Montgomery Lions Club

This will be my last report as Region 2 Chairperson. So I would like to thank Governor Ron for giving me this opportunity to serve in this position and look forward to future involvement, thanks to everyone for the help and support. That would conclude my report.

- **Zone 4** Lion Charlette Abbas – At this time, Zone 4 has 271 members. 16 members were added overall; 7 members were dropped. All clubs but one was able to maintain or increase their membership. However, the one club that had a loss will be gaining a new member at the June meeting. So by the end of June, Zone 4 will have 272 members. (Goal 1: To maintain or increase membership. We will have increased by 10).

The Spring Zone 4 meeting was held in Lafayette with 45 Lions present. All Clubs were represented. It was a fun evening with a “walk around the block” adventure.

The clubs have all been working to complete their projects for the year – ditch walking, park cleanups, final fund raisers, scholarship presentations, etc. At this point, Zone 4 Clubs have designated at least 39 young people as recipients of scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1,000.

All clubs but 1 have submitted their activity reports. (Goal 2: Communication is only one sided for this one club. The rest respond to emails, snail mail, or phone calls.)

Clubs are also looking ahead to starting projects for the next Lions year: Installing new officers, Back-pack project, scheduling fundraisers both old and new, dictionary projects, Peace Poster Contest, hosting Youth Exchange picnic, setting dates for Halloween and Christmas events for youth, etc.

- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig reported “Greetings from Greensboro, North Carolina! I’m sorry I won’t be joining the Cabinet for DG Ron’s last meeting. I am in Virginia and North Carolina this week spending family time with my daughter as she moves onto the next phase of her education. I do want to thank DG Ron for asking me to serve as Zone 5 chair this past year.”

Zone 5 is at a net decrease of 12 based on LCI numbers as of April 30. However, all clubs remain very busy serving their communities. This was evident during the continued club presentations at our Zone 5 meeting.

The spring Zone 5 meeting was hosted by the Norwood Young America Lions club and was attended by all seven Zone 5 clubs. The program for the meeting again focused on an activity for which each club present has focused attention or funds. The format was again well received by those Lions present (e-submit).

- **Zone 6** Lion Darlene Wondra – A very informative and productive Zone 6 Spring meeting “Celebration of Service,” was held Monday April 30th, with 45 members and guests attending. Each club participated in the meeting, from leading the pledge, prayer, and song to tail twisting. Before the main meeting a President and Incoming meeting was held. Each club gave inspiring reports, with new ideas for fund raisers and service project that were designed to attract new members. Each club donated toward the large print books for the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library, spearheaded by the Faribault Lions, All participated in the Journey for Service, and donated to “after Prom” parties. Our Northfield Leo’s advisor also reported on their activities, 9 students are active in their Leo’s, she told us of the awards many of the Leos earned. Our Region 2 chair, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and District Governor Ron Dahlke addressed our members, also the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor elect.

Zone 6 has 6 clubs that include Faribault, Le Center, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Northfield, Northfield Cannon Valley, and Northfield Leo’s, we have 226 members. Lion Wondra has visited all 6 clubs.

**Region 3** Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 is composed of 3 zones. The 5/20/13 membership numbers for each zone are: Zone 7 – 157 members; Zone 8 – 220 members; Zone 9 – 232 members for a

total of 609 members (down from 621 last report). The Region 3 meeting was hosted by the Mankato Sunrise Lions at the Wow Zone. The turnout was good and so was the food. He thanked the Sunrise Lions and the Zone Chairs for a good year (e-report).

- **Zone 7** Lion Paul Gorman – No report sent.
- **Zone 8** Lion Allie Larson – Zone 8 has six clubs with a total membership of 220. The Spring Zone meeting for Zone 8 was held in Blooming Prairie with 26 members in attendance despite the bad weather. The survey, from the Fall Zone meetings, was reviewed. The program chairs for the Youth Exchange, Lions Chris and Janet Hall gave an excellent program on the function of the Youth Exchange. Many clubs in the Southern part of the district have little knowledge of its workings.
  - She has visited all of the clubs, but did not meet the goal of two visits to each club. Club exchanges and the schedule of Zone Meetings has been set for the next 4 years.
  - All of the clubs have been busy with their activities. Many generous donations have been given for a variety of needs, plus the Parade of Green.
  - She thanked DG Ron for entrusting me with the job of Zone Chair for this past year. She, also, thanked everyone on the Cabinet for all the help and encouragement they have given.
- **Zone 9** Lion Vern Breamer – Zone 9 currently has 232 members. This is a decrease of 10. Clubs are working at getting new members. Alden Club is again using the Ohio plan. Lakeview Lions are busy working on a membership drive. Minnesota Lake Lions have some people interested but have not committed to a membership.

The Spring Zone meeting was hosted by the Blue Earth Lions on March 12. Despite the cold weather and icy roads we had a good turnout. Lion Jim More from the Minnesota Lake Lions was named Zone Person of the Year.

Zone 9 will be hosting the 2014 Mid-Winter convention. The dates for the convention are February 7, 8 and 9. There will be a Mardi Gras theme for next year's convention.

PDG Mary Ferleman came forward to present a "Winner's Circle" award to DG Ron Dahlke for positive membership numbers as of March 31 and April 30. DG Ron stated that his name is on the award but it is because of the hard work of all members of 5M2.

#### **Committee Reports:**

DGE Joan Blank thanked DG Ron and Lion Jean for the desserts. She did proper protocol addressing the cabinet and introduced the Committee Chairs to give their reports.

**Can Do Canines:** Lions Darlene and Vern Breamer congratulated the clubs in the 5M2. We are over last year's donations. Lions Deb Koehnen, Vern and Darlene Breamer received "Top Dog" awards from Can Do Canines for our district having the largest % of clubs giving to Can Do Canines last year. Over \$9,000 was raised at the Parade of Green at this year's convention. You can continue to give money any time. Remember for every \$500 you can give a "Top Dog Award". Keep up the good work!

Visits have been made to Ellendale Lions, Faribault Lions, Blue Earth and Kiester Lion clubs. We attended the Spring on April 20 graduation in New Hope, MN. We were at the "Midwinter" MD5M convention in Rochester. Can Do Canines put on an excellent seminar. There were several puppies in training and also people who have had their dogs for several years. Their stories were heartwarming!

Next Tail to Tell Tour is June 8, 2013 at 10:00 AM. Take your club or friends to one of these events. Put Saturday Sept 7 on your calendar and attend Can Do Canines Woofaroo. Get a group together, get some pledges and go for a walk for Can Do Canines! More information should be coming soon.

Lion Deb Koehnen reported that the Waterville Lions earned 6 Top Dog awards and awarded them to club members. Their club contributions to Can-Do-Canines have been outstanding. She visited the Silver Lake club in February. Can-Do Canines had their spring graduation on April 20 graduating over 15 new teams.

The co-chairs are still looking to do more club visits. Visit the Can Do Canines web site.

**Computer & Technology Support:** Lion Laura Maki reported that the computer & projectors have been making the rounds, being used by several project chairs. This Mid Winter was her first convention setting up the equipment by herself for the convention. It went quite well and she thanked Lion Steve Wasserman and

Lion Joe Maki for their assistance. They discovered a slight glitch since the projectors are older, although they discovered what they need to do when it happens.

Lion Steve Wasserman asked Lions Lori Klein and Laura Maki to assist with training the secretaries at the Officer Training which was held at the Nicollet High School in their computer lab. Lion Maki has been asked to assist several Lions with getting their username and password created for access to My LCI so they are ready when their term as officer begins.

Clubs continue to send their posters regarding fundraiser events which are uploaded to our website and posted on the Facebook page.

She thanked DG Ron for asking her to serve in this role this past year (e-submit).

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Lion Harry Klenke reported that at the Multiple Convention four changes were made to the Constitution:

- Article V Section 2–In the Chairpersons absence, the Council Chairperson Elect shall be the chairperson of any such meeting. In the absence of the Chairperson Elect, the Vice Council Chairperson Elect shall be the chairperson of any such meeting.
- Article IX Section 3–Long Range planning shall be reviewed “Bi-Annually” instead of each year.
- Article V Section 1–Credential Certificates shall be mailed to the Club Secretary instead of the Club President
- Article IX–Under Support for Not-For-Profit-Corporations Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Inc. shall be added

**Conventions/USA/Canada Forum:** IPDG Susan Bowman reported that the USA/Canada Forum is September 19-21, 2013 in Overland Park Kansas. Overland Park is an easy 6-7 hour drive from most points in 5M2. If you want to attend, but prefer to leave the driving to someone else, the Wendinger Travel Agency in New Ulm has arranged a motor coach/lodging packages for your convenience. Please contact Wendinger Travel at 888-363-9104 for all the details.

Over sixty seminars will be presented including the “Presidents meeting the Club Presidents” session with incoming International President Barry Palmer. Keynote speaker Ed Hearn will conduct a seminar on “Conquering Life’s Curves”. Other keynote speakers are Dayne Steele, a serial entrepreneur, and motivational speaker; and Patrick Henry, who despite multiple disabilities, has excelled in many areas, his message: “are your obstacles real or imagined?” The USA/Canada Leadership Forums provide an outstanding opportunity to grow and hone your leadership skills, and network with fellow Lions, and have tons of fun.

The 2013 International Lions Convention is July 5-9 in Hamburg, Germany. Time is short, but still doable for planning a wonderful European experience with your Lions family. DGE Joan would love to see you in Hamburg and show her your support.

The goals for the year were to promote the conventions, which was done. We had 30 plus members at the MD5M Convention in Rochester, and a great turn out for the Mid-Winter (e-submit).

**District Activities:** PDG Eunice Rucks reported that as District Services Activities person she continues to sell both Bird and Hamburg Snowman pins. She also requested that if a club member passes away during the year, please make sure to let her know with a picture and a short bio.

**GLT:** PID Debra Wasserman gave this report on the GLT Goals:

1. To have joint GLT/GMT meetings on a quarterly basis to interact on those areas in common to both groups.

The 3rd quarter GLT/GMT meeting was held on March 17 via conference call. Members of the GLT/GMTs have been in close contact via email and in person regarding a number of GLT projects currently being worked on in the District. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter GLT/GMT meeting will be held after the Club Excellence Process (CEP) is completed later this month.

2. To explore the Club Excellence Process;

3 clubs, 1 per Region were selected to be contacted regarding CEP. All 3 clubs indicated their willingness, and necessary paperwork was completed and submitted. A Facilitator refresher was held on March 10 with 7 Facilitators, the DG, DGE, 1VDGE, 2VDGE, GMT

Coordinator and several Lion spouses attending. The refresher session was conducted by the District GLT Coordinator with excellent participant interaction. As of this date all 3 clubs have completed or will shortly complete the CEP. An assessment of our process and execution of CEP will be conducted in order to be prepared for expanding CEP next Lions year.

3. To promote the LCI Leadership Resource Center and the LCI Lions Learning Center beginning with the 2012-2013 Club Officers, suggesting they complete their respective LCI online training modules for their position in the Club in July, 2012, and that they identify and refer other members in their Clubs to explore the Leadership training possibilities online. (I will also promote attendance from our District to the MD5M Regional Leadership Institute in April, 2013 ;)  
5M2 filled its complement of participants for the 2013 Regional Leadership Institute held in April. 1 Lion also attended the Advanced Leadership Institute in Oakbrook in February.
4. To have a draft job description for Program Chairs for their review at the August Cabinet Meeting; This goal was accomplished. However, this was only step 1 of the position description development process. Work on editing has not progressed as planned. Editing of the draft descriptions was set aside as it turned out CEP became the main activity, taking more time than anticipated. Completing the position description development process should be carried over as a goal (officially or unofficially) into the next Lion year.
5. To increase the use of formal orientation programs by Clubs in the District.  
The trial run of the newly revised Orientation program went well in January. A few revisions were suggested and made after presentation to 2 clubs. An Orientation session was held during April's club officer training. (Presentation of the Orientation program may be a goal area to expand upon in the near future.)

**Independent from the "official" GLT goals:**

A post Fall Zone Meeting survey was conducted. All club Presidents and Secretaries were contacted twice and asked to complete a survey and to forward the opportunity to club members who attended the Zone Meeting. 35 responses were received. The DG Team, GLT Coordinator and Zone Chairs met during the MidWinter Convention. They discussed survey results and Spring Zone Meeting plans. Spring Zone Meetings went well with a variety of meeting topics and styles being utilized.

Training for 2013-2014 club officers was held on Sunday April 28 from 3:45 to 6:00. The Nicollet School was used as it provided access to a computer lab with hands on opportunity for the Secretary session. Approximately 150 Lions attended and enjoyed the baseball theme including a great ballpark meal. Particular thanks goes to the Nicollet Lions, Lion presenters DGE Joan, Steve Wasserman, Laura Maki, Lori Klein, Mike Vos, Sue Vos and Mary Ferleman. A post session survey was sent via SurveyMonkey to clubs asking them to forward it to participants. As of this morning, 35 responses were received. Secretaries were the predominant responders. A second email will be sent reminding Secretaries to forward the survey opportunity. The survey results will be shared with the DG team during the upcoming GLT/GMT conference call.

Zone and Region Chair training is scheduled for Saturday June 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Nicollet County Historical Center. The GLT Coordinator and DGE have discussed curriculum, handouts and food.

Cabinet Chair Training will be briefly presented at the August Cabinet Meeting.

**GMT:** PID Maynard Rucks reported that GMT has completed identifying three Lions clubs (one in each region) to be the first clubs in 5M2 to do the CEP program. The next part of the job was to get the three clubs on board with doing the program. All three clubs: Cologne, Norwood Young America and Waterville came on board. As far as the Extension of a new club at Madison Lake it is going very slow as we only have a couple of people interested, but Lion Dennis and PID Maynard will keep trying.

**Historian:** Lion Ken Farrell reported that at this point in time all of our District History files have been updated, following the Mid Winter Convention. All has been pretty quite in the Historian's corner, waiting for new information from the 5M Multiple Convention and upcoming club elections. He thanked DG Ron for

**Journey for Service:** Lion Jack Webster summarized his long bunch of “bs” (his words) into a very succinct report. He will again be chairing the Journey for Service. It will probably take place in early April. All Lions and clubs will be informed of the date at Region and Zone meeting, at the Mid-Winter Convention and also by a letter that will be mailed to each and every club right after the first of the year. Times, dates and locations will be given at that time and he will request the name and phone number of a ‘contact person’ from each club.

The 2013 Journey was another success, with a total of \$14,451 contributed by the clubs of 5M2. He thanked all the clubs for their support.

**LCIF:** PDG Rick Wagener reported that he is finishing up his visitations on May 15th at Carver Lions. 5M2 has raised close to \$16,000.00 during the year and Parade of Green combined. He sent out LCIF club balance reports to each club so they are informed of their account balances as of 4/1/13. He thanked DG Ron for having him as LCIF Chair. He enjoyed doing it.

**Leader Dog:** Lion Shirley Hespeneide and VDG Joan Blank reported that as far as their goals for this year:

- Lions Joan and Shirley did not have a chance to get together to Brainstorm as they had planned.
  - They did state that if DGE Joan had a net profit from the hospitality room at Mid-Winter convention, the funds would go to Leader Dog. DGE Joan is delighted to report that \$500 was collected which will be used to name a puppy for the Leader Dog puppy prison training program in Fort Dodge, IA. DGE Joan is submitting the name “Hespy” in honor of Shirley “Hespeneide” and the 13 years of service she has given to Leader Dog.
- They have a listing of clubs which they have given presentations. Both co-chairs have been busy with Leader Dog presentations.
- At this time, all but one club donated to Parade of Green. That club has been sent a letter asking if they could please respond.
- DGE Joan has asked Lion Shirley to continue as Leader Dog Co-Chair to help the new Leader Dog Co-Chair Lion Steve Wasserman learn the ropes.

There is news regarding Mark Mansell, who rode his bicycle from Portland, OR to Portland, ME last summer to raise money for Leader Dog. He raised over \$100,000 on that quest. Now he and his wife are taking on another challenge. They will be riding their motorcycles through 48 states in 24 days. They will be in Spring Lake Park, MN, on June 21. Joan spoke at the Silver Lake Lions Club and it sounds as if there may be a few Lions from Silver Lake and the surrounding area that will try to ride along with Mark Mansell while he is in Minnesota. If anyone else would like to attend, please let Lion Shirley know and she will get more information. We would like to remind them about Minnesota Nice.

Lion Shirley spent a good share of the Multiple Convention in Rochester with Lion Kathleen Breen from Leader Dog and Lion Bunny Tabbat, MD5M Leader Dog Chair and helped them with the Leader Dog Seminar. Found out that Leader Dog is researching the possibility of upgrading the kennels. It has been many years since there have been any changes. Will learn more in the fall.

It is with great honor to inform 5M2 that Lion Shirley has accepted the position of Multiple District Leader Dog Chair beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. 5M2 is fortunate to have another dedicated Lion on the Multiple Cabinet.

**LEO Clubs:** Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported that she has attempted communication with the Northfield Leos and Sibley East Leos with no luck.

GOAL: To make contact with the two Leos Clubs and get them online with their membership.

Cologne Leos have had a successful 1<sup>st</sup> year with a plus one membership. Looking ahead they are participating in many events: Relay for Life, D-Feet Hearing Walk, Can Do WoofaRoo Walk, Stiftungsfest

Gates, Carver County Fair Gates, Ice Cream Social, Glad Days, 363 Days Org., Park Cleanup/Weeding, LCI Website Completed, Attended Officer Training, Statewide Book Drive, Summer Reading Program.

The Cologne Leos are trying to raise money to sponsor a puppy with Can Do Canines and are selling items. Order forms are available at this meeting.

**Liberty Day:** Lion Mary Spille and Lion Charlie Knakmuhs reported that Shakopee Lions presented their annual spring program at Shakopee parochial schools. PDG Mary did Liberty Day presentations for the Carver Lions on May 1 and for the Veseli Lions on May 5. They have an inventory of several hundred booklets but a new order will probably be needed in August as usual.

**Long Range Planning:** PDG Tom Ferleman reported that MD5M has voted to review the Long Range Plan every other year instead of the current yearly review. He has enjoyed working with the clubs and being on the cabinet this year.

**MD5M Hearing Foundation:** PDG Mike Vos reported the last board of trustees meeting was held in St Cloud on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Since our last cabinet meeting the Foundation co-hosted the District Governor Elect tours of the Hearing Foundation, Vision Foundation, Diabetes Foundation, and Can Do Canines, also co-hosted with the Vision Foundation an evening Banquet for the DGE's.

The Steering for Hearing lawn mower ride is pretty well wrapped up with taking in over \$42,000.

The Hearing and Vision foundations were honored to give a personal tour of the Lions Children's Eye and Ear institute to our 1<sup>st</sup> vice International president Barry Palmer.

Coming up in about 3 weeks on June 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual fundraiser, the D-Feeet hearing loss walk at the U of M Landscape Arboretum. PDG Mike would like to encourage as many lions, family and friends that can to attend. This promises to be a fun event for all ages.

Finally, thanks to all the clubs who support the Hearing foundation with their generous donations, especially at this year's parade of green.

**Mid-Winter Convention:** DG Ron reported that the 2013 Mid-Winter Convention Committee did such an outstanding job that they will be returning \$2,191 of the \$3,000 advanced to them to run the Convention.

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation:** Lions Kevin Blank and Anna Wickenhauser – Lion Kevin reported that on May 10, 2013 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. Also at this meeting it was decided to do a fundraiser of raffling off an ATV for \$10.00 per ticket, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$500 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$250. Proceeds go toward the Islet Imaging Lab.

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 guest speaker was Dave Thoen, an islet transplant recipient. He gave a moving account of how Lions have helped him overcome a life dealing with "hypoglycemic unawareness" which caused him to live with uncertainty and fear of when his blood sugars would reach dangerously low levels. Dave went through the clinical trials of islet cell transplantation and is now almost insulin free.

In the past year 5M2 has donated over \$17,000 to the Islet Imagine Lab and \$2,700 through "Feed the Pig" campaign. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading contributor to the Islet Imaging Lab and top contributor in "Feed the Pig".

The co-chairs have met all of their goals for the year except taking a tour of Camp Needlepoint.

**MN Vision Foundation:** Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells and PDG Marlys Meskan reported that the MN Lions Vision Foundation held their board meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud. PDG Marlys and Lion Diana were both in attendance. At that meeting we were given the final decision on the future of the MN Lions All Star Baseball. PDG Bob Wharten who was with the All Star Baseball from the start was saddened to report there would be no 39<sup>th</sup> season involving the Lions. The benefits of the tournament toward the Children's Eye



Clinic, which was about \$20,000 annually, will be missed. The Vision Foundation is looking at a new fund raising event in the fall of 2014.

Lions Marlys and Diana have been busy doing club presentations and both have more scheduled. Lion Diana is excited that she was asked by a local church to speak at their upcoming salad luncheon. She is looking forward to telling some non-Lions about the great work we do at the U of M Eye Clinics and Eye Bank as well as at the Eye Glass recycling center. Perhaps we can recruit some new members.

Lion Marlys had an opportunity to visit the site for the new Retinal Imaging machine when she had a recent appointment at the Eye Clinic. This one of a kind, piece of equipment in the USA was made possible by a \$75,000 matching grant from LCIF. Thanks to all who helped with those matching funds. The Foundation also received over \$14,000 at the 5M2 Convention from club donations. Thanks to all.

July 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> will be the next Board meeting and training. We will be welcoming many new members this year. The next tour of the Eye Bank will be October 12 and the Thanksgiving for Vision will be October 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope to alert more club presidents and secretaries to the idea of giving a member of their club an opportunity to attend this event if they themselves cannot attend. It is an excellent opportunity for them to meet some of the staff and learn about all of the good work at the clinics and eye bank.

**Newsletter Editor:** PDG Bill Curtis reported that the clubs have been great this year with furnishing us with News Articles and Photos. He thanked Governor Ron for giving me the opportunity to serve the district as Newsletter Editor this past year. He received a plaque for the newsletter at the Multiple Convention from the Multiple Newsletter Chairs for great newsletters. He has met with the DGE Joan for next year and they have some great plans for the coming Lions Year.

At the Multiple Convention an award was presented to the 5M2 Newsletter editor and DG Ron presented it to PDG Bill at this meeting.

**Project New Hope:** New Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported she has visited and spoke at four lions meetings. One of them another club was visiting. She was invited to speak at an American Legion County Council meeting, but was snowed out. There is a Female Veterans Canoe trip in the Boundary Waters area in July. The single Moms do not feel comfortable coming to a retreat that is mostly male and complete families. We have not received our 501 3C as yet, as it still is being reviewed. She is enjoying speaking about Project New Hope and hope to volunteer at one of the retreats.

**Protocol/Public Relations:** Lion Paul Stahler stated that the Lions Club elections are over and the new Lions year is about to start. He encouraged a newly elected club president to include a public relations chairperson and committee in his or her list of appointees. The public relations committee is the face of the Lions club that people see and use to form an opinion about the value a Lions club brings to their town; that includes the Lions club members themselves.

In addition, the president should really monitor the actions of the public relations committee to be certain they are doing their job of getting the club's message out to the public. When there is a Lions club activity in town, an article or picture with a caption should appear in the local media. Words of encouragement and congratulations on presenting a kind picture of the Lions club in the media can go a long way toward having a successful public relations committee and Lions year (e-submit).

**Lions Quest:** Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that they were able to make a presentation to one club since our last Cabinet Meeting. We were able to attend the Multiple Convention in Rochester. We were disappointed that the Multiple Chair for Quest neither came, sent a report nor arranged for a display.

**Write Off:** Lion Jim Spille reported that the Write Off project has been completed for this year. He can make no plans or comments for next year since the project may not be active any longer. DGE Joan wants the project to continue so will assist in keeping it going.

**Youth Exchange/Youth Camp:** Lion Janet Hall reported they have done one club visit so far with two more tentative as of right now and also did a presentation at the Zone 8 meeting, with a lovely drive home. Have one outgoing student to Australia and have placed 5 students in 5M2 so far and have a possible 3 more families we are following up on for placements as 20 out of the 35 are placed so far. So if you know of

anyone who would like to host a youth, please see Lion Janet. And thanks to DG Ron for the opportunity.

**Youth Outreach/Peace Poster:** Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs – The Peace Poster theme for 2012 was “Imagine Peace”. Lion Janet and I received 38 posters from 27 clubs. This is up from last year when we received 33 posters from 22 clubs. We believe the extra publicity helped to get more clubs involved. Thank you Lions Laura and Bill for all your help on the website and in the newsletter.

The Peace Poster theme for 2013 is “Our World, Our Future”. Orders forms for the Peace Poster kits are available online and in the Lions magazine. Check with your local art teachers this spring so they can get the Peace Poster contest on their curriculum next fall. Then order your Peace Poster kits. Send teachers contest reminders in the fall as school starts.

Peace Poster information can be found on the 5M2 website under projects and will be updated with any new information.

The new Peace Poster Co-Chairs for 2013 are IPDG Sue Bowman and Lion Paula Stephens. They will both do an excellent job of promoting the Peace Poster Contest.

So...get your club involved-it is a project that brings your Lions Club together with area youth.

DGE Joan Blank thanked everyone for his or her reports. She passed out a list of Cabinet Members and mentioned the openings that she is still needing to be filled. She then turned the meeting back over to DG Ron Dahlke.

PID Maynard asked the DG to form a committee to research what other Districts do to assist people other than DGs, VDGs in attending our mid-winter convention, PID Maynard, VDG Joan Blank, VDG Harry Klenke, PDG Sue Bowman, DG Ron Dahlke, and Lion Steve Wasserman will comprise this committee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Comments:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Marvin Grimm gave his comments. This position was not planned in his retirement but he is trying to learn as much as he can and take advantage of every opportunity.

**1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Comments:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Harry Klenke talked about the camaraderie that he has witnessed at Zone and Region meetings and here at the Cabinet level. He acknowledged several projects and thanked various Cabinet members.

**DGE Comments:** DGE Joan Blank has been on the go-go-go. It was an honor to present the Zone Lion of the Year awards. New venue was used for officer training, she is hopeful that the officers were able to learn a lot and gain much from the training. Attended the Multiple convention and was able to put on her Blue jacket for the first time. She danke schoened everyone for the dues they have paid to allow her and Kevin to travel to Hamburg, Germany.

**DG Comments:** DG Ron presented a progressive Helen Keller award to Lion Jean Dahlke. He thanked all of the cabinet for the work that they have done this year and the great job that they did. He thanked everyone for the sympathy shown in the recent passing of Lion Jean's mother. Special thanks to the DG advisors: PDG Mike Vos, PDG Mary Spille, PDG Mary Ferleman...their assistance was very much appreciated by DG Ron.

### **Announcements:**

Short Diabetes meeting will be held after this meeting is adjourned. PDG Marlys Meskan recognized and thanked DG Ron for the year he led us.

The next meeting will be at Jungle Days, Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> in Belle Plaine in the a.m. (time to be determined).

PID Maynard announced that our multiple is only 150 members behind Pennsylvania to become number 2 in the nation.

Motion to adjourn made PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Jack Webster. MC. Meeting adjourned

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Respectfully Submitted  
Lion Cindy Walters