

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2016
St. Peter Community Center; 600 South 5th St., St. Peter, MN**

Call to Order: DG Steve Wasserman called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 1st DG Nancy Mathwig.

Invocation: Led by 2nd VDG Diana Kroells.

Establishing Protocol: DG Steve Wasserman established protocol.

Welcome: DG Steve Wasserman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Special Presentation: DG Steve Wasserman presented PDG Marvin Grimm a plaque and pin for his DG year of service.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 29 in attendance and 17 absent, 3 guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Steve introduced Lion Jack Webster, Lion Duane Kroells and Rosemary Thies. Welcome to all guests.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with change of next meeting to 2 p.m. Friday, February 10th at Mid-Winter Convention; Cathleen Williams, seconded by PDG Joan Blank; **MC**.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve by PDG Marvin Grimm, seconded by Lion Lori Klein; **MC**.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Sue Vos presented her report. All clubs have paid their first half dues. (Attached at the end of the minutes) Motion to approve by Lion Brian Thies and seconded by PDG Mike Vos. **MC**.

Council of Governor's Report: DG Steve Wasserman reported on the October meeting in Detroit Lakes at the Holiday Inn. They acted on a contract for the Assistant Secretary; approved the budget; approved funding for changes to the MD5M website – it will be updated, improved, and function better on tablets; approved the submission of the Kidsight grant to Lions International; talked about train to Chicago for the International Convention (there will be a Lions Car on the train) the cost is \$203.40 round trip need to fill the car. Taking the train would be an economical and fun way to travel there. Transportation to the hotel would probably be on your own. In addition there was a significant amount of training for 1st VDGs and 2nd VDGs.

Call for 2nd VDG Candidates: Lion Brian Thies declared his candidacy for 2nd VDG.

Communications: None.

Old Business:

- **Arlington Lions Grant Request** – PDG Eunice Rucks – The grant for \$35,000 was approved by LCI. The building is not going to be started until April and will be done within two months. In 2009-10 a grant was received for a room in Glencoe, there was some confusion whether the grant was properly closed. And they were suggesting that we couldn't receive a new grant. After much scrambling to find paperwork it was found that it had been completed and International did have the paperwork that they were requesting.
- **PNH Bike-A-Thon** – Lion Jack Webster reported on the bike a thon; \$9,280 was raised at the event.

Jordaness sent a check to Project New Hope directly, money is still being turned in, looks that the goal of \$10,000 will be surpassed and it looks as though it may reach \$11,000. There are shirts for sale \$10.

- **Kid Sight** – DG Steve Wasserman reported that the LCIF grant has been submitted, haven't heard for sure that they will get it. It looks as though the cost of the screeners to the Districts will be reduced. PDG Dennis is expecting that the grant would be approved, he is expecting to know by December, place the order for the screeners in December and have them available to the Districts in January. There will be a seminar at midwinter about the screeners and training to use them. 2nd VDG asked a question about what ages these screeners are for. They are designed for ages 3-6.
- **District Policy Manual** – PDG Harry Klenke is heading up this committee. There is nothing to report at this time. Volunteers: Lion Nancy Mathwig (ex officio), PID Debra Wasserman.
- **Other Old Business** – None

New Business:

- **Lunch at Midwinter for Leo Mariah & Family** – Leo Mariah from Northfield has been selected as a Leo of the year. We would like to recognize her at the midwinter. There is no budget for this at this time. Motion was made by Lion Anna Wickenhauser to pay for the lunch for her and her family (up to 3 guests) to come out of Youth Activities, PDG Marvin Grimm seconded. MC.
- **Cabinet and PDG Dinner during Midwinter** – The invitation is not on the registration form for the midwinter. DG Steve will be sending an invitation to the dinner. It will be soup and pie. He wants to use some money that is in the budget for Cabinet expenses to offset the cost of the meal. Let him know if there are any objections to this idea.
- **MD5M Convention Bid** – The Council Chair requested the DGs to go back to their cabinets and ask if they would be interested in putting in a bid for the 2019 and 2020. We had talked about putting a bid in for the 2021 Convention. PID Maynard made a motion that we not put in a bid for the 2019 and 2020, seconded by 2nd VDG Nancy Mathwig. MC.
- **District Wide Peace Project** – The Council Chair challenged the DGs to have some project in their Districts that promotes peace and understanding. The cabinet needs to think about this and bring forward ideas.
- **Other New Business** – None.

Region/Zone Reports: 1st VDG Nancy Mathwig facilitated.

Region 1 Sandy Schneider – The Region 1 meeting was held on September 13 at St. Victoria Church and was hosted by the Victoria Lions. The attendance was exceptional. An unusual departure from the normal was we had Lion Brian Sailsbury come and talk about the MN Lions Eye Bank. He himself was a recipient of 2 eye transplants from there. Everyone is having a fantastic Lions year so far but we can always have more members! Ask one! The Zone 2 and 3 meetings are coming up. Hope to see you all there!

- **Zone 1** Lion Connie Rau – Zone 1 Membership report; 10 active clubs (includes Hutch Lioness)

This year

Opening balance.	278
Added members.	10
Dropped members.	8
Closing balance.	280
Net Gain.	2

Losses include the passing of PDG Elvera Trettin from Stewart and Plato Charter member Harlan

Wilkins

Fall Zone 1 meeting hosted by New Auburn Lions was Sept.28, 2016. We had a Presidents and Secretaries only meeting. All 10 clubs were represented with 27 total attending. Members expressed how much they liked this style meeting and most participated in our discussions. Lion Loretta and Lion Julie were there to encourage attendance to the Mid-Winter Convention to celebrate 100 years of Lionism. Most Clubs are already planning Centennial Legacy Projects. 2 major suggestions: Need more notice on Region meetings and could we have a Saturday morning Region meeting (no night driving)

Zone 1 clubs brief list of events: Brownston replaced the American Flags along the street; Glencoe had a supper; Hutchinson participated in Taste of Hutchinson and Vision screenings; Hutch Lioness shopped to benefit McLeod County families in need; Lester Prairie will be selling Christmas Wreaths; New Auburn held their annual Roast Beef Dinner; Plato had 2nd annual Octoberfest and planning New Years Day Pork Chop dinner; Silver Lake Highway cleanup and Fall Brunch; Stewart Food Shelf donation and Meat Raffles coming up; Winsted packed 50 backpacks for Military families, cook outs added Walking Tacos; Most Clubs also reported funding the Dictionary Programs in schools.

Her goals are to visit each club (most are scheduled) and to ensure each club plans and conducts a Legacy project.

- **Zone 2** Lion Brenda Fritzke reported that 5M2 Zone 2 has 7 Lions Clubs and 2 Leo clubs. As of August 2016 we have 518 Lion Members and 32 Leo members. The Watertown Leo's Chartered on Sunday, October 2nd at The Watertown Community Center. The Victoria Lions are celebrating 50 years of service on Friday, October 28th, 2016. Held at St. Victoria Catholic Church in Victoria, Social Hr. 6:00, dinner at 7:00pm. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Cologne Lions hold their Octoberfest on October 22, 2016 at the Cologne Community Center. Chanhassen Lions will host the 5M2 Fall Zone 2, at the Chanhassen Legion on November 9th. The meeting will be open to all club members.

Carver Lions will be hosting another Purse Bingo November 5. All of the clubs have been active with their fall city clean up and adopt a highway.

- **Zone 3** Lion Christy Trutnau – Zone 3 has 8 clubs, with a total of 379 members; Our Zone is down 1 member this month; Belle Plaine- 29 members, Jordan- 52 members; loss 1 member, Jordaness 53- members; added 3 members, loss 2 members, NEW- 47 members; loss 1 member, Prior Lake- 40 members, Shakopee- 115 members, added 2 members, Shakopee Valley- 16 members, loss 1 member, Veseli- 26 members, lost 2 members.

Zone 3 meeting was held Tuesday October 11th at Kingsway Retirement Center in Belle Plaine. There was a speaker at this meeting; Lion Darlene Wondra with Project New Hope came and talked to us.

Region 2 Lion Lori Klein – The Region 2 meeting was held on September 22nd for about 90 lions and hosted by the St. Peter Club. All clubs were present except one. There are 19 clubs in Region 2 and currently at a loss of 13 members. All the clubs are active and for this year have reported 2453 hours that Lions have served, this is only the first quarter. As it gets closer to the Mid-Winter, with help of the Zone Chairs, monitoring of any unpaid dues balances with LCI will be communicated to assure all clubs are in good standing for participation at the convention. This is a new change and the monitoring will be used to help clubs understand this new process. All clubs will be encouraged to develop report for the centennial service projects and reminders to ask a person to attend a meeting with the hopes of bringing in new members.

- **Zone 4** Lion Charlette Abbas – At this time, all 6 clubs in Zone 4 have been visited. She happily to reported that all 6 Clubs received the 4 diamond patch for the Centennial Challenge Project! Each club is well on its way to receiving it again this year. Courtland, Gibbon, Lafayette, Nicollet, Winthrop, and St. Peter have served their communities for a total of 276 years! Unfortunately, our numbers are down. We have 250 as at this point as another Lion has died in our Zone. Yet, we did gain 2 new members thanks to Nicollet Lions.

The Zone 4 Fall Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, in Lafayette. This was not a

traditional meeting, as only Presidents and Secretaries were invited along with the DG and 1st & 2nd VDGs. We sat around in a circle, ate pizza, and discussed a variety of topics. All 6 clubs were present and all participated in the discussions. I did have each club take part in the overall running of the meeting. Lion Charlette thought it went over very well. Every club went away with information to take back to their other club members.

All 6 clubs were represented at the Region 2 meeting that was held on September 22.

Lion Charlette did help St. Peter with beer selling at the Band Fest in St. Peter. This is what she likes most about being a Zone Chair, she gets to help other clubs! And she is willing to help other Zone 4 Clubs with their projects. She couldn't be more proud of the clubs in Zone 4!

- **Zone 5** Lion Dean Williams – No report.
- **Zone 6** Lion Brian Rykhus – As of Oct. 21, 2016 Zone 6 has 202 members, down four members from 206 reported at beginning of fiscal year.
Zone Chair goals thus far are:
 - a. Each Lions Club in Zone 6 increase by one net member – Two clubs have net increase in members, three clubs have net decrease, one has no change.
 - b. All Club visits completed by Midwinter Convention.
 - c. Assist Clubs in Zone 6 with questions or needs related to Lions Centennial.
 Zone meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27 in Montgomery. Clubs in Zone 6 opted for a traditional meeting. Two Clubs in Zone 6 are celebrating 95 Year Charter Anniversaries this month – Faribault Lions (10/11) and Northfield Lions (10/24).

Region 3 Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg gave the following report: Region 3 meeting was held on Sept 8th 2016 at the Moose Lodge in Albert Lea, MN. Membership as of Oct 19th Region 3 has a total of 586 members a loss of 12.

- **Zone 7** Lion Pamela DeMarce – No report
- **Zone 8** Lion Diane Beckmann – No report. DG Steve reported that the Zone 8 meeting is scheduled for November 7 in Waseca.
- **Zone 9** Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg - Spring Zone 9 meeting was held on Monday October 10, 2016 at Wedgewood Cove in Albert Lea MN. It was host by the Albert Lea Noon Lion. PDG Joan Blank was guest speaker on orientation. Membership at this time is: Albert Lea ~ Added 0, Dropped 1 = Loss of 1; Albert Lea Cloverleaf ~ Added 0, Dropped 0, = no gain; Albert Lea Lakeview ~ Added 0, Dropped 0 = no gain; Alden ~ Added 0, Dropped 2 = loss of 2; Blue Earth ~ Added 0, Dropped 2 = loss of 2; Kiester ~ Added 0, Dropped 0 = no gain; Minnesota Lake ~ Added 0, Dropped 0 = no gain; Wells ~ Added 0, Dropped 3 = loss of 3 – Zone 9 is at a loss of 8, As of Oct 19th 2016 at total of 212 members.

Committee Reports: 2nd VDG Diane Kroells facilitated.

Can Do Canines: Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg reported that on Sept 17, 2016 the Annual Woofaroo was held at the Can-Do-Canine New Hope location
300 guests participated in the walk \$52,000 was raised to help train more assistance dogs for people with disabilities

A flight to nowhere took place in September at the MPLS International Airport to help acclimate future assistance dogs to new surrounding and experience situations they may encounter when placed with clients with disabilities.

Can Do Canines trained and placed 24 specially-trained dogs this quarter. The last graduation of the year was held Oct 22nd in New Hope.

The Fetching Ball will be held Saturday November 12th

The next tails to tell will be held Oct 27th at 11 am, Nov. 19th at 10 am and Dec 15th at 11 am

On Sept 8th she attended the Region 3 Meeting

On Sept 22nd she attended the Region 2 Meeting

Lion Deb Koehnen reported that Can-Do-Canines will have their fall graduation this Saturday. They will graduate 12 new teams. Lion Deb made two club visits since our last meeting. The visit to Hamburg included Can-Do-Canines client Kelli with her dog Justine. Kelli has a mobility assist dog to help her with her struggles from Parkinson's disease. She also visited the Jordan club with Steph Oxley and her dog Trek- a newly-graduated team. Trek is a mobility assist dog trained to steady Steph as she walks. She awarded 4 members of the Jordan club a Top-Dog award – recipients were Luke Hennen, Nick Boyle, Anthony Oldenburg, and Jeff Kubesh.

Centennial Service Challenge: DG Steve Wasserman: Goals for 2016-2017

- **That 100% of clubs in the district qualify for four diamond Centennial Service Banner Patches**

So far, three clubs have qualified for the four diamond patch. Seven clubs have reported on projects in three areas of the CSC.

- **That 50% of the clubs in the district conduct a Centennial Legacy Project**

So far, six clubs have been credited with Level 1 projects, and two with Level 2 projects.

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Harry Klenke reported that we don't have issues that some Districts in other countries have of dispute over who is going to be 2nd Vice District Governor. We have no issues at the moment in our District or at the Multiple District level. He has not spoken with the Lions who were going to help with the Policy Manual. One thing that is mentioned is the Registration Fee we charge. It is to cover expenses for the band and hors d'oeuvres on Friday night and if we pay for entertainment on Saturday night. Other Districts charge for Friday night and then you need somebody to check if people have paid for the evening. Also we try to keep our meal cost's down for the members. We need to look at the District Budget to determine how Zone and Region Chairs and Cabinet Members should be reimbursed.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that she distributed all of the 2016-2017 Bird Pins to all of the clubs at the Region meetings. She also had Snowman and Bird Pins for sale at the Region meetings and the Zone 5 meeting.

Each club president received a letter stating how they are to get the information to her should they have a death in their club. This individual will then be included in our Necrology Service at the District Convention."

Goals:

- 1) To continue to have Bird Pins and Snowman pins available for sale for our Lions members.
- 2) To continue to keep clubs informed as to how to report deaths in their clubs so that these deaths will be included in our Necrology Service at the District Convention in February.

Environmental Photo Contest: Lion Kate Pattison and Lion Evelyn Grimm - Application was published in the last newsletter and upcoming ones as well.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman – Report on goals:

1. To make all club presidents aware of the International Theme and District Governor Goals by August 1, 2016.

Completed. See August Cabinet report for details.

2. To establish and have all clubs aware of a District Mentoring Program by August 1, 2016

Completed. See August Cabinet report for details.

3. To establish and have all clubs aware of a District “New Member Kit” by August 1, 2016

Completed. See August Cabinet report for details.

Note: Region and Zone Chairs received all documents listed in the above 3 goals.

4. To have all clubs file at least one activity report on MyLCI by October 1, 2016.

54 clubs have filed at least 1 report with 9 not having filed.

5. To have at least 4 Lions trained to present the District Orientation Program by October 1, 2016.

The District’s Orientation program has been updated by PDG Joan Blank in consultation with the DG and GLT Coordinator. Several presenters have been recruited and will receive training immediately after this Cabinet meeting. Although the October 1 completion date wasn’t achieved, PDG Joan has been presenting the Orientation program around the District.

6. To have at least 30 clubs have the District Orientation Program presented at a club meeting by June 30, 2017.

a. **Orientation:** PDG Joan Blank reported that one of DG Steve’s goal is have 50% of the Lions Clubs in 5M2 host an orientation presentation. She has attended the Region 1 and Region 2 meetings promoting two different orientation presentations. To date the following clubs have had an orientation presentation: Norwood Young America West Carver; Mankato Sunrise Lions; Zone 9; Hutchinson Lions.

b. She will be holding a training session after the 5M2 Cabinet meeting on Sunday, October 23rd to Lion Anna Wickenhauser and Lion Wanda Breimhorst as they have volunteered to help present an orientation session.

c. Other clubs that have had an orientation presentation are: Faribault Lions, Nicollet Lions, and Cologne Lions. This calculates out to 19% of the goal being met.

7. To have at least 40 clubs qualify for the Club Excellence Award for the 2016-2017 Lions Year.

8. To hold monthly DG Team Meetings, including GLT and GMT every other month with Liaisons giving reports in alternate months.

Several formal meetings have occurred. Many pre and post event conversations and email exchanges have been keeping communication strong.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported our District governor has some goals for our district for this lions year:

1. Have less dropped members at the end of year then the five year low we already have 78 at the end of the quarter. Goal is 46.
2. Have more new members then the five year high it is now 32 at end of quarter. Goal is 36.
3. Have at least 3 new branch clubs at the end of year at the end of the quarter we had 19. It is now 20 and the paperwork has been sent in to LCI for a new club, the New Prague Area Lions Club. Tentative charter date will be January 8th. One new Leo club in Watertown. St. Peter Lions are looking at starting a campus club at Gustavus Adolphus College. Time to start work in a new area to start a Lions club.

Historian: VDG Nancy Mathwig had nothing new to report.

Journey for Service: PDG Mike Vos will continue the process that Lion Jack Webster and PDG Gordy Affield followed; the dates will be April 5-7, 2017.

KidSight: PDG Rick Wagener reported that it was great to tell everyone about 5M2's newest project

KidSight. It created a lot of interest from the clubs that needed to connect with their communities with a very worthwhile project.

The Multiple District has hit a snag in the fall timeline. We will be applying for a LCIF matching grant for \$100,000.00 in January. This is contingent on our \$100,000.00 grant from the Lions Vision Foundation that is needed as the matching part of the LCIF grant. Part of the LCIF criteria is that the project can't be started before funds are sent. Which means we can't order our screeners just yet. So, my fellow Lions, we are in a "limbo" state right now until January.

The intention is to still have the Region chairs be the "holders" of the screeners and each club will have their own project chair. We will train the project chair to operate the screener (it is pretty simple) for them to set up your own hometown project.

We feel it is very important that your club take the lead in this project because it is for your community and your club should benefit greatly. What PDG Rick would like to do is have any club or clubs (co-sponsorships) that are interested in this project to contact him and get some of the ground work done to make this a timely process when the grants are available.

LCIF: Lion Brian Thies - It has been a productive quarter. He was able to attend all three region meetings to inform our members of all the happenings of LCIF.

In addition, he has been able to answer questions from clubs regarding their contributions to LCIF as well as the number of Melvin Jones Awards that are available to be presented.

On his calendar he has a number of club visits scheduled, but is always willing to fill in more dates to keep all members updated on LCIF.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hespenheide said a big Thank you to everyone who made a donation, multi-year pledge or grant to help us reach our \$14.5 million goal! Though fundraising is over, we are still working on the renovation of our kennel into a Canine Development Center that will strengthen the training process of our dogs allowing them to develop the skills and characteristics necessary to handle the responsibility of being a guide dog. After all, our Leader Dogs have the immense responsibility of being the eyes of their human companions.

Her Goals are: to visit as many of the Clubs as possible this year and to help Lion Emmy in getting to know more about Leader Dogs for the Blind.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser – There were 14 Leos from 5M2 along with her and Lion Hilary who attended the Leo Conference in Annandale. There were 67 Leos in all who attended. They completed all the Centennial Service Goals at Camp.

- Watertown Leos had their Induction Ceremony-well attended
- Cologne Leos named a puppy through Can Do Canines and she graduated yesterday. Her name is Cleo and she is a Hearing Assistance Dog.
- Watertown Leos have been busy raking leaves and are hosting a Halloween Dance/with a food drive today.
- Cologne Leo are busy getting to their SDG Goals. They have met 8 out of the 17 so far. Their Legacy Project is a planter they have adopted in town-planting flowers for the summer, now it is a Scarecrow with recycled materials. Going forward it will be old tires painted to represent a snowman.

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt and Lion David Sebesta – Lion Denny has attended two Region meetings and talked about the Liberty Day Program, extended an offer to visit individual clubs and to talk about the Liberty Day Program. He has given out 767 Liberty Day Books so far.

Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Arlene Richter reported on her goals and accomplishments thus far:

- To establish an email contact list to use for "blast emails"; to be used for reminders related to Hearing Foundation events (Fall and Spring Tours and D-Feet), and to send current Foundation

club balances to inform and encourage eligible clubs to give HF awards during the fall and after mid winter.

- She has received and is getting ready to make her first contact with the clubs informing them of their club HF balances for award purposes.
- To submit an article to the newsletter.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that they were able to attend 2 Region meetings and book three future club meetings. They were also able to attend the Counsel of Governors meeting. There Lion Cathleen was able to share the upcoming 6 year research between the University of Minnesota and two middle schools following 6th grade students who will be receiving Quest training.

Lion Janet Knakmuhs reported that she is in the process of drafting a letter to email the club presidents in the southern ½ of the districts asking when a good time would be to meet with them and asking them to contact their charter schools. They will be emailed this week and she will follow up in 7 to 10 days if there is no response.

Mid-Winter Convention Committee: Lion Loretta Klenke, Lion Julie Beckius reported that Zone three has been meeting monthly, the first Tuesday of the month in Jordan, to plan for the convention on February 10, 11 and 12th in Mankato at the City Center Hotel. Every club in our zone is vested in this project. The theme is “Celebrate the Legacy”. When one thinks of the word “legacy” we think of something handed down from a predecessor or from the past. Melvin Jones built the legacy of “service”. We, as Lion’s, will celebrate Melvin Jones dream of service to others in Mankato. Would you please consider joining us and fellow 5M2 Lions to celebrate?

We will not only remember our many service projects but we will remember how music has always had a place within our history. Music not only sets the mood of an event, but throughout history, music has communicated not only our cultural beliefs, but has communicated our views on current events of the time. It is truly a universal language. So we are incorporating music into the weekend.

Please reserve your rooms early by calling the “City Center Hotel” at 507-345-1234. Please register early. You will note the registration form does not give a break on the “All Meal Package”. The committee decided to keep all food prices as close to what the hotel is charging for the meal, therefore we could not give a break. The break comes with the registration fee. Registration is \$10 if postmarked prior to December 15. December 16 – January 31 the fee increases to \$15. After that date, the fee will be \$20. This is an attempt to assist the hotel with food and numbers for meals. We must be good guests and register early.

You can find registration forms in the newsletter, and on the 5M2 website. DG Steve, Lion Debra and Zone three are waiting to welcome you to a “fun, affordable and eventful” centennial celebration in Mankato in February. Hope to see you all there.

As of 10/19

- 40 people registered for the convention
- Hotel rooms booked:
 - Thursday night – 21
 - Friday night – 49 (5 poolside still available)
 - Saturday night – 45 (7 poolside still available)

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – Lion Kevin attended the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation’s quarterly meeting held in Brooklyn Center, MN.

Jean Gorell from the University of Minnesota, had a presentation on the work that is being done at the University of Minnesota in regards to diabetes research.

World Diabetes Day events will be held on November 5th and 12th at 8 sites throughout the state, none in 5M2.

A diabetes research update will be held on April 8, 2017 at the University of Minnesota, everyone is encouraged to attend to hear about the research that is going on at the U.

Next Foundation meeting is December 3, 2016 in Brooklyn Center, MN

Goals for the year:

- 1- \$1,000 in calendar sales----- \$1000 so far
- 2- Visit minimum of 6 clubs----- visited 4 so far
- 3- Attend all Foundation meetings----- attended 2 so far
- 4- Attend ADA expo ----- attended
- 5- Attend all cabinet meetings ----- attended 1 so far
- 6- Attend all region meetings ----- attended 2 of 3
- 7- 100% club participation at Parade of Green --?

MN Lions Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Diana Kroells – Autumn has been a busy season. Diana attended three region meetings. Mary attended two region meetings. They encouraged our clubs to include our programs in their meeting schedules.

There were no fall tours this year but Thanksgiving for Vision is set for Saturday, October 22, with the usual format University faculty presentations followed by lunch and a program including donor and corneal recipient presentations.

Both attended the quarterly Foundation meeting October 1 in St. Cloud. Reports were given by the University principals. Highlights:

- Dr. VanKuijk stated that the Surgery Center (at its temporary location) is now functioning. Dr. Olson performed the first surgery there on September 26. He stated that teaching can now be done the way it should be.
- Grants and fellowships were stated by Dr. VanKuijk.
- Site for the new surgery center is now chosen. An architect is chosen and we are now in the design phase. The center will be located right off the Green Line adding to its accessibility. MLVF has made two of its payments to the \$4 million dollar pledge.
- New website is up and quite well developed – mlvf@mnlionsvisionfoundation.org. Current information is added regularly.
- MLVF has made a \$100,000 grant to Kidsight. Monies will be used to apply for matching LCI funds and then purchase of the two machines (two manufacturers). FYI – Kidsight now operates as a separate entity
- Work is still being done to re-issue “The Spectacle”.
- Still searching for a signature fundraising project. However, MLVF will be serving with the Anoka Lions in the beverage booths of the Halloween Tent Event. Several directors will be working, including Lions Diana and Duane and me.
- Long range plan was again presented in a “very close to finish” format. This has been a major effort by several directors and will be an excellent tool.
- The public relations committee with working with Lion Jennifer, communications director, on the development of an official logo.
- Staff mentioned that the Eye Bank statuses in our country are evolving as bigger and better units geographically. The expense of staff and equipment has forced some smaller eye banks to close their doors. As a premier facility, the MN Lions Eye Bank will see future changes of expansion geographically – more info to follow.
- Eyeglasses were again delivered to Rosholt.
- State Fair wrap up – all seemed to go well.
- Director Mike Berneck displayed a simple vision screener unit being made by the Nisswa Lions – an unbelievable useful tool. For more information, check out the Nisswa Lions website.

Super highlight: Dr. Hou, Eye Bank Medical Director, explained (and we tried to understand) PDEK – a corneal transplant process of only the back layer of the three corneal layers. This will be a medical advancement of quicker healing. If this happens as hoped and scheduled, MN Lions Eye Bank will be the first in the world using this procedure.

PDG Mary has continued with the monthly article “Viewing Forward” for our newsletter.

Next quarterly meeting is set for January 14, 2017 in St. Cloud. Lions Diana and Mary are honored to represent 5M2.

2nd VDG Diana asked that the Cabinet keep PDG Mary in their prayers as her mother was rushed to the hospital recently and will need heart surgery.

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that she has been getting a lot of information submitted for the newsletter but can always use more, especially about Club activities. All newsletters have come out on time and were full of information. Please continue to send information to her from your clubs, zones, regions, committees, etc. Goals continue: getting newsletter out on time; continuing to provide timely information to all Lions in 5M2.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra attended the quarterly meeting. The retreat in Stewartville was very well attended. She took 25+ quilts, 7 stuffed bears and several patriotic pillow cases that were given out. They are now taking reservations for the retreat the first weekend in December in Brainerd.

Her goal of visits – a presentation was made at a zone meeting.

Protocol: IPDG Marvin Grimm — His goal is to have all clubs in 5M2 aware that Protocol is something that can be used as a guide to have all clubs doing the same setup for meetings. The revised guidebook for protocol is available from me if your club does not have one. The placement of the US Flag and club banners as well as seating for special meetings is part of Protocol.

Public Relations: Lion Shirlene Hinden no report.

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank reported that she was hoping to attend a training session put on by the Multiple District Special Olympic chairs, in July or August, but the training session was canceled.

From July - Her goal this year is to identify all the Special Olympic teams we have in our district and to promote each one to the clubs that are in the surrounding area. She does have a few speaking engagements already lined up starting in September. Progress: She has asked our District Chairperson, Lion Laura Maki, for a printout of the different teams in 5M2, but has not had much success. She did speak to the Prior Lake Lions and connected with the local Special Olympic Team in Prior Lake and forwarded the tail twisting money the Prior Lake Lions had given her for speaking. She had another speaking engagement for the Northfield Cannon Valley Lions in October, but that was rescheduled for next year.

From July - She also plans to form another team for the Polar Plunge in February. She is hoping to increase our group from 10 to 15 plungers. Progress: She spoke at Region 2 and 3 about Special Olympics and the Polar Plunge in February. She will be undertaking this project in December and January.

Technology: Lion Laura Maki reported that her 2016-2017 Goals are:

1. Work with DG Steve to get a working copy of Directory downloaded to my computer.
2. Update the Project flyers for the website Projects page with new Chair person's info.
3. Increase number of clubs who have websites.
4. Increase number of clubs who have a presence on facebook. DG's goal is to reach 75%.

After the first quarter of the year she is pleased with the progress on the goals for this year. She has a working copy of the directory that has allowed her to create the email lists. DG Steve also informed her that he could appoint her as an admin on the Districts MyLCL page. This has been very helpful and she has been able to more efficiently assist several club secretaries with making corrections and reporting on their club MyLCL's page.

The Project flyers have been updated and in addition we've added Lions Kidsight.

She has helped one club add an e-clubhouse website and working with another. I have several club visits planned to assist clubs on creating and learning how to manage their facebook pages. See our current numbers in the chart below.

Year	Clubs with website of some	Percentage	Clubs with e-clubhouse site	Percentage	Clubs with facebook	Percentage

	type					
Jul-16	40	62.50%	28	43.75%	29	45.30%
Oct-16	43	67.19%	29	45.31%	42	65.63%

She continues to upload club fundraiser flyers sent to me on the website, send out the monthly newsletter, etc.

Write Off: Lion Christy Trutnau – As a reminder: Clubs should be done judging their essays by October 31st 2016 and passed onto the Zone chairs by November 5th 2016. Zone chairs should have their judging done by November 30th 2016 and passed on to the Region Chair by December 5th 2016. Region chairs need to have their winners sent to Lion Christy by **January 10th, 2017**.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Jim Walters reported his goals include: finding more host families in 5M2, creating promotional material for the project, and continuing to promote the 501C3 Lions International Youth Exchange Camp Spicer Foundation. There are already 13 requests for spots to be held from 7 countries for 2017 so the process begins to find enough host families and find them earlier.

Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported below is the text of an email posted on a statewide listserv accessed by most Minnesota Teachers of the Visually Impaired. I have received questions from several of them and hope to see a number of essays submitted. A follow up/reminder email regarding the coming deadline has been posted.

Dear Teachers,

Below is information about a writing opportunity that may be appropriate for a student you know or work with. Lions Clubs are sponsoring this contest giving students the chance to write on the theme of “A Celebration of Peace”. This is a particularly appropriate theme because we Lions are celebrating our 100th anniversary. Please take the time to read the following information and consider if you have a student who could participate. I know your time with students is limited, so you may find it helpful to share the information with parents.

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2016.

Local prizes are awarded as well as one grand prize of \$5,000. A Lions club will need to sponsor an entry, so please contact me and I will connect you with Lions in your area.

Essays will be due to a Lions Club on November 1, 2016 in order for them to meet the submission criteria to their District.

Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be automatically disqualified. Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student. Essay entries cannot have already been published. Any essays found to be plagiarized will be automatically disqualified and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Chairperson Lion Paula Stevens reported that “A Celebration of Peace” is the theme for the 2016-17 Peace Poster contest. The Peace Poster contest provides a great opportunity for clubs to work with the community youth to stress the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding. The contest encourages young people ages 11-13 to think about peace and to creatively express and share their vision with others.

The contest rules are on the 5M2 website and in the 5M2 newsletter and provided to all club presidents. Lion Paula will promote the contest at the Region and Zone Meetings that she is able to attend.

She has responded to several questions from clubs.

Over the next couple of months, Lion Paula looks forward to receiving the club's entries, sending the winning District poster to next level of completion, completing award process for second and third place posters and preparing for award presentation at Mid-Winter.

Her goal this year is to communicate with all clubs that do not submit an entry in order to increase participation in the contest. This goal will keep her busy during Mid-Winter and through the spring. She looks forward to growing and learning as a result of these communications.

Comments:

PID Debra Wasserman reminded us that we have a sitting director, Bruce Beck, who was at the Board meeting in October. We have a candidate who has received the nod to 3rd Vice International President Judge Haynes Townsend. An action that the Board did take in Nashville approval of 1st VDG Jack as acting DG in 5M8 with the passing of DG Judy Hoofnagle.

2nd VDG Diana Kroells discussed some of her travel confusions with GPS. One of her goals is to learn to use the GPS instead of UPS so she arrives at the right place and in a timely fashion.

1st VDG Nancy Mathwig reviewed her goals and her growth toward reaching those goals and the visitations she has made and will make coming up. She is learning a lot during this year and has been very busy in all aspects of Lionism. She has information available regarding Jungle Days bids for 2017 and 2018. She expressed thanks for all the serving that the Lions do in 5M2 and MD5M. Keep up the great work.

DG Steve Wasserman He can't believe he skipped over the Strategic Planning that he wanted to do during the meeting. There are sheets on all the tables for Cabinet members to fill in with positive aspects of the District as well as areas for growth. The DG team will be working on developing the strategic plan. DG Steve brought up the expense sheets on the tables as well. A question arose regarding mileage on that form. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to follow LCI rules of audit in regard to expenses paid (ex. mileage, meals, per diem), PDG Marvin Grimm seconded. Discussion followed. Lion Brian Thies made a motion to table this motion and refer it to the Policy committee, 2nd by PDG Mike Vos. MC.

His goals and status toward goals are located at length at the end of the minutes after the Treasurer's report. He needs help in meeting the goal of having Lions participate in the Mentorship program. We need to encourage our clubs to look at the criteria for Club Excellence Awards.

Being a DG is a pretty big job and he is trying to do the best he can. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to allow him to be the DG this year and also for their work in service and Lionism.

Next meeting will be Friday, February 10th at 2:00 in Mankato.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn was made by PID Maynard Rucks, seconded by Lion Lori Klein at 6:06 p.m. MC.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters

7:59 PM
10/13/16
Accrual Basis

**Lions International District 5M2
Profit & Loss
July through September 2016**

	Jul - Sep 16
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
District Dues	20,213.95
Governor Visits	275.00
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	67.62
Total Investments	67.62
Misc Income	554.00
Pins Sold	70.00
Project New Hope Bike A Thon	5,050.00
Total Income	26,230.57
Expense	
1st Vice District Governor Expe	22.00
5M Dues	9,084.75
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	700.00
Total Contract Services	700.00
District Awards	258.92
District Governor Expense	
Adult Champion Fund	1,888.36
District Governor Expense - Other	65.80
Total District Governor Expense	1,954.16
District Supplies & Operating	430.81
IPDG Expense	265.32
Kids Sight expense	8,425.00
Liberty Day Expense	1,093.75
Mid Winter Convention	6,000.00
Pins	
Governor Award Pins	165.00
Governor Pin	1,350.00
Multiple Pins-Snowman	393.00
Total Pins	1,908.00
Youth Activities Expense	73.80
Total Expense	30,216.51
Net Ordinary Income	-3,985.94
Net Income	-3,985.94

7:59 PM

10/13/16

Accrual Basis

Lions International District 5M2
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2016

	Sep 30, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	19,632.89
Money Market	
Activities Youth	13,625.29
Adult Campion	717.27
Budget Excess	13,681.01
Diabetes	4,991.93
District Conventions	3,691.40
Interest Income	1,834.02
International Convention	1,403.23
Kid Sight	829.00
Light on for Life	1,455.48
Multiplie Convention	4,000.00
Quest	30,462.35
Special Olympics	500.00
Youth Exchange	11,893.00
Total Money Market	89,083.98
Total Checking/Savings	108,716.87
Total Current Assets	108,716.87
TOTAL ASSETS	108,716.87
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	112,702.81
Net Income	-3,985.94
Total Equity	108,716.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	108,716.87

2016-2017 District Governor Goals**Service:**

1. That every Club in the District qualify for a Four Diamond Centennial Service Challenge Banner Patch during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

So far, three clubs have qualified for 4 Diamond Patches and another seven have reported on projects in three areas of the CSC.

2. That KidSight be developed as a Lions Centennial Legacy Project in the District and that at least one club in each Zone participate in a preschool eye screening during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

Money has been allocated for purchase of three screeners, we are waiting on the MD to obtain an LCIF Grant

**Leadership:**

1. That 50% of the clubs in the District host the 5M2 Orientation Program during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

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2. That at least one pair of Lions in each Zone complete the 5M2 Mentorship Program during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

None have been received as of yet.

Public Relations:

1. That at least 75% of the Clubs in the District have an active Facebook Page by the end of the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

We now have 42 Clubs with Facebook Pages (66%)

2. That all Clubs in the District conduct at least one event publicizing the Centennial of Lionism during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

No statistics at this time

Recognition:

1. That one member of each club be recognized with a “Legacy of Service” award.

These are being given at Club visits. So far, 8 Lions have been recognized at 9 Club Visits.

2. That at least one club in each Zone be recognized by the District for excellence in Public Relations during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

This recognition will be given at Spring Zone Meetings

3. That at least 60% of the Clubs in the District qualify for the Lions Clubs International Club Excellence award for the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

This will be determined after the 2016-2017 year is complete.

Personal:

1. To attend at least one non-meeting function at each club during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

So far, I have attended four non-meeting club events

2. That we see our grandchildren at least once each month during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

So far, so good. Seeing them next Sunday for Breakfast

3. That Debra and I have at least one “Non-Lion” fun day each month during the 2016 – 2017 Lions Year.

Pretty good so far. We stayed home this month, and did some things on non-Lion project lists around the house.