



## District 5M-2 Cabinet Minutes

May 19th, 2024

203 S 2nd St

Le Sueur, MN 56058



4:00 pm Social/4:30 pm Dinner/5:00 pm Meeting

The May cabinet meeting of the District 5M-2 Lions was called to order by DG Christy Trutnau at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1VDGE Shermaeyne Cross. District Governor Elect Lisa Kaufmann gave the invocation. Protocol was established by DG Christy Trutnau. District Governor Christy Trutnau welcomed the cabinet to the spring meeting. Roll call showed 38 cabinet members in attendance. Guests were introduced by DG Christy Trutnau.

Motion by PDG Blank, second by PDG Wickenhauser to adopt the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by IPDG Bleckeberg, second by Lion Breimhorst to accept the minutes of the February cabinet meeting as emailed. Motion carried.

Motion by IPDG Bleckeberg, second by Lion Breimhorst to accept the treasurer's report as emailed. Motion carried.

Council of Governor's Report – DG Christy reported on changes to the delegate status policy as voted on at the Multiple Convention in April. Delegate status of PDGs has been reinstated and does not count as part of the club delegate count. Sitting district governors will also have a vote. Approved renaming of International Parade Band Fund to International Parade.

Raise by \$1.50 Multiple dues (\$1.00 in July and \$.50 second half of year). This will end in 2029. Being done to raise funds for our Multiple hosting the international convention in Minneapolis for 2029.

### **Comments - DG Christy Trutnau**

Tree planting project – every district participating, except one. Make sure service project data is being input correctly. The goal is 10 trees per club. The trees can be planted or donated to meet goal. To date, 98% of clubs are reporting service projects on the website. Please continue to keep service project information up to date.

Membership is at -8. This is actually an increase of 31 members from the last cabinet meeting.

Communications – none received.

### **Old Business:**

5M-2 Dues increase breakdown- DG Christy Trutnau

Due increase was approved at the Mid-Winter Convention. The dues breakdown needs to be approved by the cabinet. (See the last page of the minutes). Motion by PDG Wickenhauser, Second by IPDG Bleckeberg to approve the breakdown as printed. PCC Thies state that all money goes into the administrative fund and the leadership team can make the determination on how it is used annually.

Discussion on whether it was necessary to have a motion regarding the breakdown. By having the extra dues go to the administrative fund, it gives the leadership team the flexibility to direct the funds to items and programs as needed. The \$3.00 increase approved at the Mid-Winter Convention gives the budgetary discretion to use funds as needed.

Motion was ruled out of order.

### **Mid-Winter Convention overview- Lion Sue Vos**

Income: \$22,559.25 – Expenses: \$26,725.45 resulting in a \$4166.20 shortfall. The balance came from the administrative fund. Raffle raised \$2743

Convention account has been audited. PPC Thies moved to accept the report. PCC Kaufmann seconded. Motion carried.

Progress on goals- DG Christy asked that cabinet members provide an update on progress when making reports.

**LCIF** – PDG Anna Wickenhauser: provided an update on the two LCIF grants that were applied for. Both LCIF grants were approved (\$100,000 to Shakopee Lions for Miracle Field; Hunger Grant to purchase a delivery van for Food Shelf \$66,000+)

DCGE grant --- encouraged clubs to check balances (\$5000 in club and individual donations per year to be eligible for a grant).

### **New Business:**

#### **Electronic Registration / Square- DGE Lisa Kaufmann**

- Asking permission to allow setting up a Square account to allow for processing credit card transactions at Mid-Winter Convention. There is a small fee per transaction - 2.6% + \$.10/payment (compared to Signup genius which is \$8.50/person). Upfronts fees can be taken out of technology budget, transaction fees can added to what is billed.
- Motion by PDG Wickenhauser, second by IPDG Bleckeberg to establish a Square account for processing convention registrations. Motion carried.

**Supplies** – printer: can it be appropriately recycled? It has not been used in several years. In the future we can reimburse for paper and ink for use of personal printers if needed. Laptop – also has not been used – IT chair will take care of the disposal, fees to be paid for from the technology budget.

**District Cabinet Position** – DGE Lisa Kaufmann would like to add the IPDG as an officer. Often they are asked to serve on the cabinet, however would be beneficial to have them as an officer. They have valuable insight that would be beneficial. PCC Thies stated that other than DG, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, there are not officers. The DG has the ability to appoint chairs, cabinet positions as needed.

### **Zone Reports: DGE Lisa Kaufmann**

#### **Zone 1 - Lion Emmy Koch**

Thank you to New Auburn who hosted the Spring Zone Meeting on April 29th. We had around 45 members attend. PCC Glenn Kaufmann presented Lions 101. It was very informative. This was my last Zone meeting. I have enjoyed being the zone chair for the last 3yrs. Thank you for giving me the opportunity and trusting me to be your zone chair.

I am looking forward to my new adventure on the Cabinet. My focus will be the Special Olympics. As the chair person, I am passionate about this program because of the way it has touched the lives of so many including people who are close to me. I can't wait to share more info with you. Zone 1 Chair Lion Emmy Koch

**Zone 2 - Lion Don Wickenhauser** – provided update on goals

**Zone 3 - Vacant**

**Zone 4 - Lion Perry Mulcrone** - report not submitted

**Zone 5 - Lion Jennifer Malecha** - report not submitted

**Zone 6 - Lion Rose Ann Valdez** - provided update on goals.

**Zone 7 - Lion Darlene Breamer**

Meeting Location: Wells Community Center, Wells, MN Meeting Date: April 10, 2024 Clubs in Attendance: Amboy, Blue Earth, Minnesota Lake, Waterville, Wells & Winnebago,

Absent: New Richland and Waseca

Amboy 4 (Pres & Sec)

Blue Earth 2 (Pres & Sec)

Minnesota Lake: 11 (Pres & Sec)

Waterville: 5

District Chairs: 4

DG, 1st VDG, and 2 nd VDG elect

#### **WHAT HAVE THE CLUBS DONE SINCE THE FALL ZONE MEETING?**

**AMBOY:** 16 members. Gave \$600 to help a local family in need. Held several fundraisers. Worked packing lunches for the Back Pack program. Raised money doing a half time shoot out at basketball games.

**BLUE EARTH:** 24 members. Hold a Recognition night for students at Blue Earth Area High School and served a dessert. Held several pancake breakfasts. Have a club newsletter. Try to do something in the community every month. Raised \$7,000 for BEA Football field's Crow's Nest and Scoreboard. Collected 500 pairs of eye glasses.

**MINNESOTA LAKE:** 18 members. Gave out 75 dictionaries to 3rd grade and gave out 701 Liberty Day books to the 5th graders at Maple River School. They collected eye glasses and Hearing Aids. In November they put up a sharing tree and over 70 gifts were purchased by the community for children. Held a Community Bingo night. Made donations to the Parade of Green. Made a \$200 donation to each of 3 area food shelves.

Gave 4-\$500 scholarships to seniors at Maple River School. Cleaned road ditches. Worked on the Old Mill Trail.

**WATERVILLE:** 64 members, Dictionary project, donated to After Prom party, did Bingo 3 nights a week, cleaned up a park and walked road ditches. Had a pancake breakfast. Raised money for Pickleball Court. Supply bingo equipment for other community

fundraisers.

**WINNEBAGO:** 10 members. Collected and recycled pop cans. Usually 600 to 1,000 pounds at a time equals about \$400 four or five times a year. Support Genesis School and BEA schools. Work at the Winnebago Fun Fest. Guest speaker (1 of 2) Lion Chuck Tolzmann spoke to the group about the Minnesota Lions Children's Cancer Foundation.

Guest speaker (2 of 2) Lion Dr. Wendy Goldsmith spoke to the group and showed slides on the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. 2nd VDG Elect Shermayne Cross and 1st VDG Lisa Kauffman addressed the group. District Governor Christy Trutnau addressed those in attendance. Wells Lions hosted the Spring Zone meeting. Lion Dawn Navara owner of Jake's Pizza catered a Pasta Buffet which was very good for a cost of \$15. They sold tickets during social time. Tickets were drawn later and cash prizes were given out. They did some tail twisting. Extra money raised went to DG Christy. I think that having just two chairmen speak about their foundations was a good idea. I thought this was well received by the clubs. Club Health Assessment thru April showed 183 members. We added 10 but dropped 12 members.

Report submitted by: Zone 7 Chairman Darlene Breamer

**Zone 8 - Lion Ebenezer Howe III** – provided update on goals

## **Cabinet Reports: 1VDGE Shermayne Cross**

**Can Do Canines:** Lion Ruth Ann Marsh & Lion Denise Treu

**Whelping Center** – two dogs have gone to have litters. This brings the total to 7 litters. Can Do Canines would like to increase the capacity of the whelping center and potentially move to New Hope.

**NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:** An Open House will be held on May 18, 2024. Open houses are held quarterly at Can Do Canines' campus in New Hope. Potential clients, volunteers, or anyone interested in supporting the organization is invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability. Registration is not required, and all are welcome to attend. Lions members are especially invited.

**Program Highlights:** Can Do Canines certified Team 900 in 1st quarter 2024

Facility Dogs - was officially added as the 6th program at Can Do Canines after a 1-year pilot program. A facility dog is trained to work at a designated location with a variety of people. This type of dog is typically placed in a hospital or with a community service provider. Like our other dogs, Facility Dogs are task-trained, but the tasks they perform are done for someone other than their handler.

**Parade of Green:** A Total of \$104,880.00 has been raised at the Mid-Winter Conventions of the MD5M Districts through their Parade of Green donations. Can Do Canines wishes to thank each of the 314 clubs that have donated.

**Can Do Woofaroo!** - Saturday, September 14, 2024 - Festival and Fundraising Walk vendors, assistance dog demonstrations, activities, prizes, a one-mile walk, and more! Get involved with this engaging event by attending, creating a fundraiser, starting or joining a team, donating to an individual or team, making a general donation, or volunteering at the event.

**Constitution & By Laws: PCC Brian Thies**

At the Multiple Convention, a dues increase of \$1.50 per year was passed to facilitate the funding of the 2029 International Convention which will be held in Minneapolis. As part of an ongoing process, I will continue to work on the update of the 5M2 Constitution and By Laws.

**District Activities:** PDG Eunice Rucks and Lion Rose Thies

I am asking that people report any deaths in their club when they occur. This makes the job so much easier in January. We then document them for further information.

Thank you, PDG Eunice

Continue to use the 5M2 district activities email to promote continuity

**Environment:** Lion Diane Hesse

Environmental Photo Contest

The 2024 5M-2 Environmental Photo Contest went well, and twelve wonderful photos were submitted by members of 5M-2 clubs. The winning photos were:

Prize	Winner	Club
1st Place	Lion Abby Marquart	Jordaness Lions Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Lion Sandra Kelley	Carver Lions Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Lion Shana Meyers	Shakopee Valley Lions Club
Peoples' Choice Award	Lion Jan Eibs	Green Isle Lions Club

Other Items: Multiple MD5M came up with a challenging environmental service project this year: 500 trees to be planted by each District in the Multiple! Though the task sounds daunting, it requires that each club in District 5M2 plant approximately 10 trees, which is definitely doable!

On March 15, an email was sent to 5M-2 club presidents and secretaries to get the word out about the project.

Respectfully submitted, Lion Diane Hesse

5M2 Environmental Chair

**Global Extension Team (GET):** IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg & Brian Rykhus

Lion Brian Rykhus has stepped away. Still working on Credit River as a new club.

**Global Leadership Team (GLT):** IPCC Glenn Kaufmann & DGE Lisa Kaufmann

5M-2 Zone Chair and new club officer training was held Saturday, 4 May at Bethany Lutheran College. There were six faculty and 74 attendees, to include 6 of the 8 Zone Chairs. This year there was a mini-Lions 101 provided by DGE Lisa Kaufmann in the first hour. Second hour covered a new style of Program Chair/Trustee discussions...SPEED LEARNING! Third/last hour was spent in individual role training (President/VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and Zone Chair), to include emphasis on the new portal.

**Global Membership Team (GMT): PCC Brian Thies & IVDGE Shermayne Cross**

The end of the Lions' year is fast approaching, but there is still time to make our District Membership positive. At this point, we are only down -13 members.

We should continue to be diligent about retaining our members, so we don't succumb to the deadly June Drops.

**Global Service Team (GST): Lion Julie Beckius & Lion Brooke Tahedl**

"Buddy Bag" – District 5M-2 Wide Service Project

In the spring of 2023, our district was awarded a \$10,000 Grant through the LCIF District Community Impact initiative, supporting Lions service and humanitarian efforts in their communities. Our grant dollars were used for a district wide service project, "Buddy Bags"; showing the strength and commitment to serve across the district.

The goal of the Buddy Bags project was simple, to put a smile on a young child's face and bring them comfort!

The "Buddy Bag" project description:

When a child faces an unknown, whether it be an illness or some other type of trauma, causing them panic, be frightened, or unsecure. The Lions Clubs of Dist. 5M2 want to work together to create Buddy Bag to aid in addressing this need; providing a bit of comfort for a child.

Buddy Bag Contents

Book—"Betty Becomes A Lion"

Lion Stuffed Animal

Fleece Blanket

This district wide service project was worked on throughout the '23-'24 Lions fiscal year at both fall and spring Zone meetings. Every club in District 5M-2 brought bags back to their communities for distribution; we bagged a total of 500 bags! Bags were distributed to police departments, fire stations, hospitals, churches, food shelves, and other organizations serving families and children.

\$10,000.00 Grant

\$25.75 interest

Total \$10,025.75

Expenses:

500 bags \$605.00

500 Blankets \$3,232.11

500 Books \$3,300.00

500 lions \$3,558.60

Total Expenses

\$10,695.71

\$669.96 was transferred from the Quest budget to cover the remaining budget dollars for the project.

**Global Membership Approach (GMA) Champion: PDG Joan Blank** - nothing new to report.

**Historian:** PDG Steve Wasserman – Nothing new to report

**Journey for Service:** PDG Mike Vos

This year's Journey for Service was held on May 1, 2, and 3. District Governor Christy, Sue and myself completed our trek through the District meeting with Club representatives collecting monies to support our foundations. We put on 802 miles and collected \$14,400. Our expenses were \$ 243.13 which is less than most years because it worked out to be home each night, not needing a motel. This leaves a net profit of \$14,156.87.

We again had 100% participation and want to thank all the clubs for their support. At this time District Governor Christy has not designated how these monies will be distributed.

PDG Mike Vos, Journey For Service Chair

**Leader Dogs:** Lion Loretta Klenke & Lion Lori Kurtz

Leader Dog for the Blind is preparing for their Teen Orientation and Mobility program to provide Cane training and promote a guide dog in the future. Also preparing for their Teen Summer Camp experience to provide a sense of normalcy in the life of a visually impaired individual.

Leader Dog is always looking for puppy raisers and sponsor a puppy program to raise funds to train and raise puppies for placement.

Thank You for all your support to Leader Dog for the Blind on the Parade of Green. All clubs have been notified if they have a Founders award forthcoming. A few years ago, Leader Dog changed its policy and no longer accumulates funds for future Founders award. Clubs must apply for the award during the Lions year. I am proud to say I visited 3 clubs this year.

**LEO Clubs:** Lion Hilary Wickenhauser - no report submitted.

**Liberty Day:** Lion Ebenezer K. Howe III

Presented statistics on the number of Liberty Day books that have been distributed since 2014. Planning to order more books. Encouraging clubs to distribute for September 17, Constitution Day.

**LCIF:** PDG Anna Wickenhauser

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Can I get a big WooHoo! We received approval for the Matching Grant for the Shakopee Lions/Shakopee Valley Lions for their Miracle Field in the amount of \$100,00. And we also received the Hunger Grant for \$75,000. The clubs involved were Chanhassen, Carver, Chaska, Cologne and Victoria Lions. Their clubs gave \$5,000 each towards the purchase of a refrigerated van for the Bountiful Baskets Food Shelf. Congrats to everyone involved.

We are \$10,000 dollars short of meeting our goal for this year to LCIF.

I have requested the clubs in our district that are close to \$5000 DCG be sent to me from LCIF And I will be reaching out to clubs that are close. For every club that donates \$5k to LCIF in the Empowering Service Category will get 15% back to their club for a DCG Grant in their clubs

account. It can be used for any Humanitarian purpose (this includes all of the individuals donations to equal \$5k)

If you need any assistance with your club balances contact me.

We also have our LCIF Telethon coming up on June 2 from 10-2 pm. This is a virtual event hosted by Lions Virtual.org To register for this event go to [telethon.org](http://telethon.org). Also remember that your contributions are tax deductible and go towards your Melvin Jones Fellowship account.

If you want to make an online donation, June 27 is the last day. After June 3rd mail them directly to Lora Snow at 300 W. 22nd St Oak Brook, IL 60523. Please make a copy of any or all donations to LCIF. With the New Portal and the staff being stressed by that it is nice to have a copy of any correspondence.

**Long Range Planning:** PDG Harry Klenke

We as Lion's must continue to plan things to help our communities. Times have changed and we need to change with them. We need to reassess what our clubs are doing and what new needs our communities have. Individually we need to think of ideas that may work for our clubs. Many Clubs have lost their local newspapers, so planning needs to be done on how to get club projects and advertising out to your local communities. Hopefully some other the publication source arises to assist with communications.

Facebook and 5M2 newsletter may be other avenues to promote our clubs' projects.

Reminder to clubs to attempt to get new members and attempt a new project. Zone meetings attendance is great place to steal other clubs' ideas. Our clubs need to plan in advance when they are working on projects like doing Kidsight, because other clubs may want to use camera's and some may want to get started with Kidsight and need help.

Respectfully submitted, PDG Harry Klenke

**Midwinter Convention: Lion Julie Beckius and Lion Elizabeth Maiers** - no report submitted

**MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation: Lion Chuck Toltzman & Lion Kris Ziskovsky**

Parade of Green – over \$15000 (\$16, 785 donated from 5M-2). \$ 97928.26 – donated since 2018 – one of the largest contributors, unfortunately also one of the districts with the largest number of matching grants. \$110,000 donated to Children's Masonic Hospital

**MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Steve Jobe & Lion Mary Mayer**

Thank you all clubs that participated in the parade of Green we raised the following amounts: Minnesota Diabetes Foundation \$14,253 and 5m2 Diabetes \$4,730

Strides ran from February1 to April, and we wanted to raise \$50,000 dollars. /I am happy to report we met this goal, thank you to all the individuals and clubs that participated to make this possible.



The Three Lion's Foundation of Diabetes, Vision and Hearing have created and ordered a new triple sign for the Minnesota State Fair booth. The design is simple to serve as a backdrop to people being able to ask questions.

The new 2024-2025 Co-chairs of the Diabetes Foundation from 5M11 Jim Johaneson and from 5M2 Steve Jobe

The foundation in March awarded over \$100,000 dollars to 4 research grants to include, new medications and life style changes that give the biggest results.

Please remember if you have club members that may be interested in "Helping to Prevent Pricks" Shirt. They cost \$25.00 for size small to -X-large and an additional \$2.00 more for larger sizes. Please have them email Lion Steve at the following email [Jobedc@hotmail.com](mailto:Jobedc@hotmail.com) . I need 20 shirts to be able to order them.

**MN Lions Hearing Foundation:** PDG Kathleen Bleckeberg & Lion Wanda Breimhorst

4-25-2024 ~ I presented at the Zone 8 spring meeting on MN Lions hearing foundation.

5-1-2024 ~ I participated in the round robin at the Officer Training in Mankato to all the Presidents, VP, secretaries, and treasurers present.

Have been working with D-feet walk chair Lion Wanda Bremhorst on this years D-feet walk at the University of Minnesota Arboretum on June 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted, IPDG Kathleen Bleckeberg

**MN Lions KidSight Foundation:** PDG Harry Klenke & Lion Margie Jacobson

Kidsight is going well. Many of the Lions clubs that are doing Kidsight are working hard at it. Many days we have all four cameras being used. We need to get more clubs on board with this great project. We are going to have another training in Arlington on Wednesday May 22. We will start at 6:00 P.M. getting people signed in and getting to know each other. We need to know approximately how many people are going to attend so we can put together some informational papers. You need to ask lots of questions because we usually forget to tell people some important things like last time, we forgot to tell people to fill out reports to be sent to the directors. We will show people how to operate the cameras' and give you a chance to operate them. That is a good time to ask more questions.

Your clubs have been very generous to the Kidsight Foundation and we thank you. Many clubs have given enough money to be eligible for a Kidight award for one of your members. We also have available Partnership awards for people who have been helpful to our program. We are thinking of given the Prior Lake school nurse this award. To get information about these awards go on MD5M Kldsight site and you will find the forms that need to be completed for each screening. 5M2's day at the State Fair is Thursday August 29. We need lots of Lions to sign up. If you can't make that day you can sign up for other days. Below is the contact information for signing up for the Minnesota State Fair. Again, Kidsight Volunteers will receive FREE admission to the State Fair VIA snail mail. Please let us know if you are unable to get signed up for the State Fair.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D45ADAC2FA7F58-48608689-state#/>

Thank you for Lion Margie's assistance with Kidsight the past few years, she was a great director. We will have a new Director next year. Her name is Carrol Oraskovich from the Norwood Young America West Carver Lions. She will be the contact beginning July 1. Her email is [cro1547@yahoo.com](mailto:cro1547@yahoo.com).

**MN Lions Vision Foundation: Lion Wendy Goldsmith & Lion Hilary Wickenhauser**

Parade of Green – over \$17,000  
Eye Ball on October 25  
Thanksgiving for Vision – October 26  
Dr. Wendy will be the new chair of the foundation

**Newsletter: Lion Missy Meidinger** -- no report submitted.

**Project New Hope: Lion Darlene Wondra**

We are getting ready for our Sandstone retreat in June. We are looking forward to our new location, April 2025 at Lake Shetek, southwestern Minnesota. We have had very successful Care Givers Retreats. We are still looking into places to hold retreats. We are filling up our retreat due to the PR committee with ads on the TV and radio. We will be having a committee retreat the day before our July meeting.

**Protocol: Lion Meg Tibodeau**

Updating of protocol is taking place

**Public Relations: Lion Meg Tibodeau & Dave Sebesta**

Commented on efforts that Albert Lea Lakeview Lions is doing within their community to build an inclusive playground in Albert Lea

**Social Media: Lion Dave Williams** -- no report submitted.

**Special Olympics: Lion Lori Nelson** - no report submitted.

**TEAM Sheehan Foundation: PDG Joan Blank**

Donations from 5M2 for this Foundation have been impressive. The Parade of Green totaled \$7,106.30 for Club donations and \$1,040 from personal donations for a total of \$8,146.30. That is fantastic and the second highest in the multiple.

At the Cabinet meeting at Mid-Winter, I had the honor to award pins for a \$100 or more donations to PDG Anna Wickenhauser, Lions Monkey and Hilary Wickenhauser, PDG Kathleen Bleckeberg, DGE Lisa Kaufmann and PCC Glen Kaufmann and Lion Ebenezer Howe. I have since awarded pins to PDG Diane and Lion Duane Kroells. Medals for donations of \$1000 or more were

presented to PID Debra Wasserman, PDG Steve Wasserman and PDG Mary Ferleman. Many thanks for the unbelievable support given to IPIP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan for Foundation.

The grant application has been approved and finalized and is ready for release June 1, 2024. Clubs should reach out to their District Director for an application. Any club looking for a 50/50 matching grant up to \$3,000 is eligible. The application will soon be available on the teamsheehan.foundation website. This website is still a work in progress. Once Lion Lori Sheehan is back home, she will begin updating the website.

The Board approved to award up to \$21,000 (20% of the fund balance) during the next Lions year (2024 – 2025). It will be exciting to be able to finally award some grants.

### **Technology: Lion Todd Schansberg**

Kept the 5M-2 website updated with important dates, monthly newsletters, and general clean-up and organization. Posted pertinent information to the 5M-2 Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Emailed numerous notifications about 5M-2 functions as well as the monthly newsletters.

Attended the Mid-Winter Convention and assisted with the presentations.

Updated the Mid-Winter Convention opening Powerpoint presentation with new photos submitted by the clubs in 5M-2 and ones pulled from recent newsletters.

I have been working with the new Lions Portal to learn it and offered help other clubs with their transition to the new Lions Portal.

Following the Mid-Winter Convention, I will reach out to more clubs to determine what sources of technology they are using and work to share these with all the clubs in the district.

Provided Secretary training at the New Officer Training that had a focus on the new Lion Portal.

Attended the Zone 4 Spring Meeting and provided an update on the new portal.

**Youth Exchange: Lion Jim Walters** - no report submitted.

### **Youth Outreach:**

**LCI Essay Contest** - PID Debra Wasserman - nothing new to report

**Peace Poster** – PDG Diana Kroells

I will be reaching out to clubs that have not participated in the Peace Poster Contest in the past few years. Last year 4 new clubs participated and I would like to add another 3. I am encouraging clubs to try it for at least one year in schools or youth organizations. I did participate in the “speed learning” sessions at the leadership training in Mankato on May 4 th .

The theme for 2024-2025 is “Peace Without Limits”. I am encouraging all Peace Poster chairpersons in their clubs to please read the rules carefully and submit only qualified

entries to the district in order to cut down on posters that cannot be judged due to not following the rules.

Thank you to DG Christy for allowing me to serve on the cabinet in the Peace Poster position and also thank DGE Lisa for asking me to serve as the Peace Poster Co-Chair along with Lion Tricia Gieseke next year.

#### **Write-Off:** Lion Deb Koehnen

I will continue to serve as Write-Off Chair person for 5M2 under DG Elect Lisa. We had 3 zones with essayists for the 2023-24 Lions year.

The three finalists read their essays at the Mid-Winter Convention in February. The winning essayists were: 1st place Zone 2 – Lauren Grimm – Watertown Lions; 2nd place Zone 7- Martha Price – Minnesota Lake Lions; 3rd place Zone 1 – Andrew Ruwersma – Lester Prairie Lions. We had essayists from 5 Zones last year and I look forward to at least that many zones to participate again.

I was able to present information on the Write -Off contest to Zone Chairs and Club Presidents during the 5M2 Spring officer Training letting them know that information will be sent to them in August. Information will include judging criteria, the topic of the essay, and information that can be used when approaching the schools to get their participation. The topic will most likely follow the mottos of the Lions International President for the upcoming Lions year.

#### **Recognitions- IPDG Kathleen and DG Christy**

Gifts to people that encourage IPDG Kathleen to “Be More”. Hand knitted socks – to Lion Sue and PDG Mike Voss.

Melvin Jones Fellow to Lion Pamela Koenen from IPDG Kathleen

Progressive Melvin Jones to Lion Sue Vos from DG Christy

Certificate of Appreciation from Dr. Patti Hill to PID Debra from DG Christy.

#### **Comments:**

o **PID Debra Wassermann** - July 19 – Welcome home party for Brian and Lori Sheehan. \$15 for dinner and dessert in St. Cloud

o **1VDGE Shermayne Cross** - Thanked DG Christy. She enjoyed the year, being each other’s service partners a few times. Please update information on the portal. Directory needs to be updated. Have a great summer.

o **DGE Lisa Kaufmann** – Newsletter has not been getting out timely. Pictures from LCIF Gala will be in the newsletter. Thank you to those who helped with officer training – Rise of the Pride Leadership Forum. Putting a face to the names of program chairs was helpful. GATT summit – several cabinet members attended. Full day of training in Parkers Prairie. Monthly meetings for the “G” (GLT, GST, etc are coming back)

Work in being done on having a District email address for use by leadership team. Access will change as leaders change. Helps to maintain continuity.

Loss of community newspapers – social media options

o **DG Christy Trutnau** - Thanked the cabinet for the opportunity to serve as District Governor. Has been a goal for 10 years. Thank you to the cabinet members for serving.

Motion by Lion Mayer, second by PCC Thiess to adjourn. Motion carried.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Cabinet Meetings:

- Sunday, July 28th, 2024 - Time & Location TBD - Spouse/Partners/Significant Others  
Welcome

- Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 - Time & Location TBD - Bring a Lion Guest to Experience a Cabinet Meeting

- Friday, February 14th, 2025 - Time TBD, Location: Mid-Winter Convention, Country Inn & Suites, Mankato

- Sunday, May 18th, 2025 - Time & Location TBD

## District 5M-2 Membership Dues

### History & Information

- Last dues increase 2002, set at \$8.60.
- Inflation has gone up over 70% in the last 21 years.
- If dues would have kept up with inflation they would be \$14.68.
- Budget has a shortfall in excess of \$12,000/year for the last x years.
- Within four or five years we will deplete our savings.
- District membership of 2,268 as of 10/1/2023
  - 10/1 net gain 3
  - YTD net loss 18

### Recommendation

Team of PCCs, PDG, Cabinet Treasurer and current DG, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs met to find a path forward. Below is the recommendation for a phased-in approach to a dues increase beginning with the 2024 Lions year.

#### July 2024 (\$3.00 increase)

5M-2 Administrative Fund	\$5.70 → \$8.30 (+ \$2.60)
5M-2 Adult Companion Fund*	\$0.50 (No increase)
5M-2 International Convention Fund*	\$1.00 (No increase)
5M-2 Special Fund District Convention*	\$1.40 → \$1.80 (+ \$.40)

#### July 2025 (\$1.00 increase)

5M-2 Administrative Fund	\$ 8.30 → \$9.10 (+ \$.80)
5M-2 Adult Companion Fund*	\$0.50 (No increase)
5M-2 International Convention Fund*	\$1.00 (No increase)
5M-2 Special Fund District Convention*	\$1.80 → \$2.00 (+ \$.20)

#### July 2026 (\$1.00 increase)

5M-2 Administrative Fund	9.10 → \$10.10 (+\$1.00)
5M-2 Adult Companion Fund*	\$0.50 (No increase)
5M-2 International Convention Fund*	\$1.00 (No increase)
5M-2 Special Fund District Convention*	\$2.00 (No increase)

2027-2031 + 5% inflation adjustment each year.

Anticipated 5M-2 dues

2027	\$14.28 (+ \$.68)
2028	\$14.99 (+ \$.71)
2029	\$15.74 (+ \$.75)
2030	\$16.53 (+ \$.79)
2031	\$17.35 (+ \$.82)

\*Beginning with the 2024-2025 District budget, these expenditures will be funded at the level of the amount based on the membership. A maximum for each account will be determined. If membership grows, these amounts per members might be able to be reduced and overage shifted to the administrative fund.