

District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2013
St. Peter Community Center, St. Peter, MN

Call to Order: DG Joan Blank called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 2nd VDG Marv Grimm

Invocation: Led by 2nd VDG Marv Grimm

Welcome: DG Joan Blank welcomed everyone to the cabinet meeting

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 43 in attendance and 8 absent.

Introduction of Guests: Lions Kathy Van Hove and Lion Don Van Hove – Kiester Lions; Lion Bill Vandersluis – Mankato Lions, Lion Chris Lund - Hamburg Lions

Adoption of the Agenda: Added new business item – confusion over reimbursements. Lion Janet Knakmuhs moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Lion Arlene Richter. MC.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Lion PID Maynard Rucks; 2nd by Lion Cathleen Williams. MC.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report in succinct fashion as usual. Total revenue so far is \$50,279.82 and expenses at this point are \$37,585.98. Balance as of 10/25/2013 is \$12,693.84. There is \$82,844.8 in the special funds account and \$6,047.08 in the Core 4 Grant. Three clubs are unpaid dues PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to approve, Lion Lori Klein seconded. MC. The audit has been completed without finding any discrepancies and taxes have been submitted. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to accept the audit; Lion Jack Webster seconded. MC.

Communications: DG Joan Blank thanked Lions Mary and Duane Pipping for assisting with the meals. Lion Wanda and Lion Dennis Hewitt made some bars. DG Joan made a special presentation to Lion Shirley Hesperheide a puppy has been named in her honor from Leader Dog...the puppy has been named Hespy. DG Joan read a letter from the man who will be training the dog. DG Joan also recognized that service dog Darwin has been placed and the Leos have raised enough money to name a dog as well.

Old Business:

- **New Speaker System** – Has been purchased and is being used tonight. The bill for the system was \$387. Thank you to 5M2 for allowing us to have a nice new sound system.
- **Leo Book Drive** – Leo Hillary Wickenhauser gave a report about their book drive. On October 8 20,000 books were collected from Lions clubs. \$874 was collected along with the \$500 from the cabinet toward their library in Africa.
- **Approval of payment for Quest Training** – PDG Eunice Rucks requested payment for the Quest training that happened in August. The bill is \$4500. PDG Marlys Meskan made a motion to pay this bill, Lion Cathleen Williams seconded. MC.
- **Bid for 2016 MD5M Convention** – PID Maynard Rucks reported that we are not able to host the conference because the dates are not open for the conference center in Mankato. Mystic Lake will not work either. Lion Bob Harms gave Maynard a couple of additional dates to check and he will do so.
- **Lap Top Computer for Mid-Winter** – Lion Steve Wasserman took the old, old, old computer from the district, cleaned it up and installed a spreadsheet to use for registrations for mid-winter. It is now with the Lion in charge of registration to use for mid-winter registration.

New Business:

- **Camp Sweet Life** – Lion Cathy Van Hove, Kiester Lions gave a presentation on Camp Sweet Life. It is the only camp in the State of Minnesota for kids with Type 1 Diabetes. Their website is: www.campsweetlife.org. Her email is: crvanhove@gmail.com and she would love to come present to your club. The Camp is held in August over 4 days and 3 nights. Their mission is: Enhancing the life of

young people and their families by providing fun opportunities for learning, connecting, and sharing.

They also offer monthly family activities. It is great support for the families and the students. The cost for the camp is \$200 for those that stay over night and \$100 for day campers. The capacity for the camp would be 100. This year there were 40 campers and 52 staff.

- **Mankato Lions/Recycling Glasses** – Lion Bill Vandersluis, Mankato Lions – Last year we made a motion to send our eyeglasses to the MN Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Sauk Rapids. That decision impacted the Mankato clubs because they used those eyeglasses as a fund raising project as well as a service project. They have been processing eyeglasses for over 25 years. It began with VOSH as their partner. The last VOSH trip that the Mankato Lions were involved with was in the 90's. They have the equipment to test glasses, and they clean and sort the glasses. They continue to provide eyeglasses for various trips to 3rd world countries. They have harvested the precious metals out of the eyeglasses as well. Averaging over \$2000 in sight requests and the salvation army provides them a room. He stated that this information may not have been available to this cabinet prior to making the decision to change where the glasses were sent. Perhaps the decision may not have been made. He would really like to have the Mankato Clubs continue with their practice of collecting the glasses from the mid-winter.
 - PDG Mary Spille asked if the recycling center was Multiple wide and PDG Mary Ferleman said yes it was. PDG Mary Spille made a motion to hold to our August decision; Lion Nancy Mathwig seconded. MC.
- **Golf Trophy** – Lion Chris Lund, Hamburg Lions – Proposed to establish a Lions Cup to be awarded at Mid-Winter Convention to the Lions Club with the highest point total from participation in Lion sponsored golf tourneys. The purpose would be to increase interaction between Lion Clubs in our District while increasing the number of participants at Lion sponsored golf tourneys. Following are the proposed rules:
 1. All team members must be current Lions to qualify
 2. Each qualifying team that enters into a Lion Sponsored Golf tourney will receive 10 points toward the Lions Cup.
 3. 125 addition points will be awarded to participating Lion teams based on performance.
 - 35 points for top team
 - 30 points for second best team
 - 25 points for third best team
 - 20 points for fourth best team
 - 15 points for fifth best team
 4. If less than five qualifying teams participate then those points will not be awarded; i.e. if only 3 qualifying teams participate only 90 points will be awarded.
 5. Lion Clubs can enter more than one qualifying team in Lion Sponsored Golf tourney.
 6. All points awarded qualifying teams go toward the club total and not the individual team.
 7. The Jungle Day tourney all points will be doubled.

A question was asked regarding who would pay for the trophy and would it be a traveling or purchased yearly. His vision is for the trophy to not be extravagant and to move yearly. The winning club to be announced at the mid-winter convention. DG Joan asked what he would like to see happen from here and he stated that if approved, he needs help knowing which clubs have tournaments and getting the information to them and the winning information back to him for the tally.

 - Lion Steve Wasserman made a motion to go ahead with the golf tournament; seconded by Lion Jim Spille. MC.
- **5M2 Constitution Update** – Lion Steve Wasserman gave a presentation on recommended changes to match LCI's constitution, Multiple District, etc. He compared our constitution to those and found many things that he thinks should be changed. He requested the support of the Cabinet to send the proposed changes to the clubs to be voted on at the mid-winter convention. PID Maynard suggested sending the file to the PDG's as they have a meeting coming up and they can look it over and see if there is anything that they would like to see changed. Lion Steve would like to get these changes voted on this year. Lion Laura Maki made a motion that Lion Steve send the file to the PDG and let them look it over at their

meeting December 1 and they can make a recommendation; Lion Diana Kroells seconded. PDG Mary Spille asked if the PDG's would make the decision. The consensus of the cabinet was yes the PDG's would make the recommendation and then Lion Steve would send the document to the clubs in time for them to look at it and be able to vote at the mid-winter. MC.

- **Special Olympics Chair Position** – Lion Laura Maki presented about the Special Olympics. Lions International has strengthened its ties with Special Olympics. She is asking 5M2 to consider adding a project chair to represent Special Olympics. Some other districts in the multiple have already done so. She stated that Lion Joe Maki has been involved in Special Olympics and just finished training as an ambassador. She feels that it would be a great use of his training to have him fill a position such as this. In assigning a project chair to Special Olympics she also requests adding this project to parade of green. PID Debra said that this is actually two issues; adding a position to the cabinet and adding to parade of green. Lively discussion followed. DG Joan tabled the discussion until the Mid-Winter Cabinet meeting.
- **Environmental Chair Position, Lions 100th Anniversary Chair Position** – DG Joan Blank brought these forward from the Council of Governors meeting. She tabled the discussion until mid-winter but the information about them is in the packet at each member's seat. Please read the information and come prepared to discuss at the next cabinet meeting.
- **Camp Confidence/Parade of Green** – Lion Jerry Wohlers sent a request to have Camp Confidence put on Parade of Green. PID Maynard Rucks made a motion to not add this project to the parade of green; seconded by PDG Mary Ferleman. MC.
- **Travel Reimbursement for CEP Facilitators** – PID Debra Wasserman exclaimed that she is so excited about this cabinet meeting since we are actually making decisions (and she said she was not just sucking up). She then talked about the Club Excellence Process. When a club signs up to go through this process they are assigned a facilitator or two. Currently there are 10 facilitators trained. The goal this year is to have two clubs involved in the CEP/zone. Our facilitators are really incurring some travel expenses that hadn't been considered last year. She then requested that there be an amount of money moved out of somewhere in the budget and put into GLT so that the expenses can be covered: mileage at .41/mile and assist in other expenses as occurring to provide CEP to the district. The current GLT budget is for officer training so additional dollars PID Maynard made a motion to set aside funds up to \$2,000 for the CEP funds specifically; PDG Tom Ferleman seconded. PDG Mary Spille asked if the clubs should cover some of the costs. PID Maynard said that they really want clubs to sign up and don't want them to have to incur expenses. MC.
- **Midwinter is coming** – Thinking about running for a second vice district governor? Lion Steve Wasserman declared his intention to run for second Vice District Governor.
- **Waconia Lions** sponsored the Wounded Warriors softball team in July. Channel 4 was there taping for "Life to the Max" with Mike Max. It will be broadcast on Saturday November 2nd at 11:05 pm.

DG Comments: DG Joan thanked everyone for the meeting. She really appreciates everyone's work. She introduced Lion Ron Theusch and welcomed him to the cabinet. He didn't make the last meeting. THANKS TO EVERYONE.

Next Meeting is February 7th at 2 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made Lion Jim Spille and seconded by Lion Dennis Hewitt. MC. Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lion Cindy Walters

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Wanda Breimhorst reported that Region 1 currently shows 1100 members. For the year, we added 26 members but lost 28 so we are down 2 members. She believes this will change shortly because it was reported at the Zone 1 meeting that several clubs have added members and she knows in Zone 3 new

members have been inducted. Currently Zone 1 has held their fall meeting, Zone 3 will be this week and Zone 2 coming up in early November.

The Region Meeting was held in October. 95 Lions attended and heard good reports from the project chairs.

A couple of activities coming up that she is aware of: Veseli is having a breakfast Sunday, November 3rd, The Jordaness Lions 24th Annual Fashion Show is November 23rd, Liberty Day will be held in conjunction with Veterans Day at the Jordan High School. Region 1 also had, what they call, Lions 101 this past week. This is an event designed to orientate new lions in our club as well as Lionism as a whole. A couple of prospective members attended this year and both decided it is a group they want to join.

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

- **Zone 1** Lion Chris Hall from the Glencoe Lions Club – He reported that membership in Zone 1 started out the month at 266, there has been one new member added so current count is 267. That is still down 2 for the year. He sent e-mails to the clubs, to set up a club visit, will have to follow up as he has no dates set as of yet. He will also check to see how their club visits are going. The Winsted Lions Club hosted the Fall Zone 1 meeting at the Blue Note Ballroom, October 23rd and there were a total of 72 Lions and guests in attendance. Very nice facility, and very good meal. There were 9 of the 10 clubs represented and Zone 1 has definitely been a flurry of activities, projects, and fundraisers as were reported in the Club Roll Call. Even had an opportunity to have a few words from a couple Cabinet Chairs. He thanked his guest speakers, Leo Hillary Wickenhauser, from the Cologne Leos Club, who gave a wrap up report on the Book Drive Project, and said a few words about their summer reading project and Lion Duane Yurek who gave an overview of CEP to all of the clubs. Next goal: to get some of the Clubs signed up for that program. And of course, he couldn't forget to mention the goat that made an appearance. Yes, the "goat" was a "gift" from Silver Lake to Winsted. He will have to follow up on that and see what happens next.
- **Zone 2** Lion Sandra Schneider reported that the Zone 2 fall meeting will be held on November 12 at Dahlgren Golf Course Traditions Restaurant with the Cologne Lions hosting. She has a visit scheduled at the Carver Lions on Wednesday November 9th to talk about the CEP Program.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – Zone 3 Opening Membership was 369. Close was 374 for an increase of 5 members. All Club Presidents & Secretaries have received an introduction e-mail along with their 2013-2014 Club Visit assignments. Once meeting visit date has been set she has asked the President or Secretary to e-mail me confirmation of the meeting date.
 - All Club Presidents & Secretaries have received an introduction e-mail along with a request to schedule her Zone Chair visit for 2013-2014 Club Visits. She had the honor of attending the Belle Plaine Lions meeting on October 8th and participating in the presentation of awards to club members and community members for their outstanding community service. Congratulations to all award recipients!
 - She also received an invitation to attend the N.E.W. Lions meeting on October 24th. It was a pleasure meeting Lions members & hearing about all of the interesting fundraising activities going on in our local clubs.
 - She has scheduled her Club Visit with the Shakopee Lions for January 22nd, 2014 and will schedule remaining club visits. Her goal is to have them all completed by the Mid-Winter Convention.
 - The Fall Zone Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th, 2013. Social Hour at 6:15 p.m. & Dinner at 7:00 p.m. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. A special thanks to the Jordan Lions Club for hosting the Fall Zone Meeting. The Spring Zone Meeting is being hosted by Shakopee Valley Lions Club and she has sent an e-mail with 3 potential meeting dates and are waiting on confirmation.
 - She continues to meet new Lions Club members and share information with others about all the good that we as Lions do for our local communities and the world!

Region 2 Lion Charlette Abbas, Region 2 Chairperson reported that the Region II meeting was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at Gustavus College in St. Peter, MN. 96 people were in attendance.. The Tail Twister questions centered on the Lions magazine and the "lion" mascot. \$96 was given to DG Joan who split it between the Can-Do-Canine and Leader Dog programs. Zone Chairs from Region II gave brief

number updates and then introduced their clubs. All clubs but 1 was present. Cabinet Chairs gave brief reports followed by the 2nd VDG Marvin Grimm, 1st VDG Harry Klenke, and finally by DG Joan Blank. DG Joan and Lion Kevin did a short presentation about the Mid-Winter Convention that will be held on February 7, 8, and 9. The theme is based on Mardi Gras.

Clubs were encouraged to participate in the “Book Drive”, the CEP - Club Excellence Program, and cabinet chair presentation.

Fall Zone Meetings either have or will soon be held. Zone 4 Meeting was on Tuesday, October 15 in Courtland. Zone 5 Meeting is on Tuesday, October 29 in Green Isle. And Zone 6 Meeting is on Thursday, November 14 in Northfield.

From Zone 4, Gene and Sharon Retka, from the Courtland Lions Club

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

From Zone 6, Lori Klein, from the Faribault Lions Club

- **Zone 4** Lions Gene and Sharon Retka – Zone 4 has 272 members (same as August) (change since August shown in parenthesis):

Courtland – 19 (-1)

Gibbon – 37 (same)

Lafayette – 48 (+1)

Nicollet – 64 (-1)

St. Peter – 69

Winthrop – 35 (+1)

The Zone 4 Fall meeting was held on October 15 at Courtland. We heard a presentation on the Club Excellence Process by PDG Mary Spille. Zone 4 clubs donated 1,142 books for the book drive put on by the Cologne Leo Club.

- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that based on reports from LCI, Zone 5 began 2013-14 with 232 members. To date, Zone 5 is minus 2 with 230 members.
 - She has completed 5 of her 7 club visits with LeSueur and Norwood Young America scheduled in November. During each visit she has briefly explained the Club Excellence Process and have been assisted by PID Maynard Rucks, PDG Mary Spille and PDG Eunice Rucks at their respective clubs. To date, Arlington Lions Club has voted to participate in CEP beginning in March 2014. The Norwood Young America Lions Club was the Region 2 club to participate in CEP during the 2012-2013 year. As always, she is impressed by how busy all the clubs in Zone 5 are in their communities.
 - She distributed the interclub visit schedule to each club during her visit. This year they have been assigned a club within the zone to visit but have also been given the option to look outside Zone 5 and arrange a visit to a neighboring club in another zone.
 - To her knowledge, two of the zone 5 clubs participated in the Cologne Leo Book Drive. Arlington Lions collected 207 books and Henderson collected “a back of the van full” of books.
 - Fall Zone 5 meeting is Tues, October 29th hosted by the Green Isle Lions. The program for the Zone meeting will consist of 2 young Arlington students, Parker and Paige Pflanz, who have attended Camp Needlepoint; Leo Hilary Wickenhauser, Cologne Leos, on their summer reading program and update on the Book Drive; Leader Dogs for the Blind puppy raiser, Elaine Tohal from LeSueur and PDG Orville Trettin on the Lions eye glass recycling he uses for Vision Honduras.
 - Spring zone meeting will be Monday, March 31st, the fifth Monday of the month hosted by the LeSueur Lions Club.
- **Zone 6** Lion Lori Klein – An informational meeting about Club Excellence Process was held in early August with all clubs present. More detailed presentations were offered if clubs requested. All clubs were represented at the Region 2 meeting in September. Fall Zone 6 Meeting is scheduled to occur on November 14th in Northfield at Jesse James Lanes. Invite has been sent. Club visits by Zone Chair are occurring and being scheduled. Spring Zone 6 Meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2014 in Montgomery.

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

	7/31/2012	12/31/2012	7/31/2013	10/31/2013	Change from July
Zone 7	154	154	161	163	2

Zone 8	233	219	218	219	1
Zone 9	244	239	231	234	3
Total	621	612	610	616	6

Our Region 3 meeting was hosted by the Winnebago Lions club on Monday, September 30 at the Applewood Restaurant in Mankato and there were 79 members in attendance. The Zone 9 meeting had 31 members in attendance and was hosted by the Cloverleaf Lions. The Zone 7 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 in Vernon Center and the Zone 8 meeting will be held on Monday, November 4.

From Zone 7, Lion Janet and Charlie Knakmuhs

From Zone 8, Lion Robert Hunter

From Zone 9, Lion Ron Theusch

- **Zone 7** Lions Janet and Charlie Knakmuhs – There are 163 members currently in Zone 7. They are all very busy, and the zone meeting was held on Oct. 22. The spring meeting is scheduled for March 25th, hosted by the Mankato Lions. We have all our club visits scheduled.
- **Zone 8** Lion Robert Hunter – There are currently 219 Lions in Zone 8. This is an increase of 1. Our zone meeting will be at the New Richland City Hall on Monday, November 4th, hosted by the New Richland Club. The Waseca Lions Club was featured as the “Club of the Month” in the October, 213 issue of Lion Magazine (Page 8). This was due to the persistence of the club Publicity Chair who decided to submit the material to the magazine.

Membership detail:

	August	September	October
Blooming Prairie	61	61	61
Ellendale	21	21	21
New Richland	28	28	28
Owatonna	18	18	18
Waseca	41	41	41
Waterville	49	49	49
Total	218	218	219

- **Zone 9** Lion Ron Theusch – 6 new members have added to region 9. Albert Lea Cloverleaf, Minnesota Lake, and Alden recruiting new Lions.

Match Strikes were awarded to the following Lions: Lions John and Cindy Volz of Minn. Lake; Lion Maxine Daley of Minn. Lake; Lion Mary Ferleman of Albert Lea Lakeview.

Wells Lions are actively organizing a new member campaign and seeking a Leader Dog for one of its community members.

Please remember that the Zone 9 Fall meeting will be at Big Island Grill in Albert Lea on Monday, October 7th, hosted by the Albert Lea Cloverleafs. Please bring your inner Luigi for the spaghetti dinner and presentation on the Club Excellence Program.

Committee Reports:

Can Do Canines: Lion Deb Koehnen reported that she attended the Lions Chairperson Training on Saturday, Sept. 21. The day was packed with an overview, goals, reports, brainstorming, and 3 wonderful testimonials from clients and their service dogs. 5M2 was recognized as the leader in the Multiple with 96% of our clubs contributing to Can-Do-Canines in 2012-2013. Also mentioned - the Cologne Leos raised enough money to name a puppy. We will advise when the name is announced.

In 2014 Can-Do-Canines will be celebrating 25 years of providing assistance dogs. Look for an open house sometime in the summer. There have been 37 teams placed in 5M2 during that time. They will be looking for ways to increase contributions in 2014 to help close out their capital campaign and recognize 25 years. Future goals include obtaining reliable vehicles for transporting clients/dogs, improving the breeding program, and increasing training staff.

Another aggressive goal is to increase the number of teams graduating by 10 per year. At that rate they will double the number of teams in 4 years. Currently there are 181 potential clients on a waiting list. 5M2 chairs continue to work on setting up club visits.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Steve Wasserman reported that he has completed a review of the 5M2

Constitution, comparing it with the LCI Standard District Constitution and the LCI and MD5M Constitutions. After having done so, he concluded that it would be a good idea to revise our constitution to be more consistent with the LCI Standard District Constitution, while retaining any provisions unique to District 5M2. Doing so would make it much easier for future Constitution & By-Laws chairs to do the comparisons and be assured that the 5M2 Constitution was not in conflict with the LCI Constitution.

He did find some provisions of the 5M2 Constitution where substantive changes may be desirable.

They include:

1. Officers of the District: Exclude the Club Presidents and Secretaries in the list of officers, and adding that the officers must be members in good standing of clubs in good standing in the district.
2. District Governor's Cabinet: Make the Committee Chairs voting members of the Cabinet as is our practice.
3. District Governor's Honorary Committee: Indicate that the Immediate Past District Governor shall (as opposed to may) be the chair.

He prepared a marked-up copy of the 5M2 Constitution showing the insertions and deletions necessary to bring our constitution substantially in line with the LCI Standard Constitution, retaining the existing language where we are unique, and making the proposed substantive changes as delineated above. He attached that document to this report.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Ron Dahlke reported A very successful USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum was held at Overland Park, Kansas, September 19-21, with a large contingency in attendance from MD 5M and from District 5M2. Plans are already being made for the 2014 Forum to be held September 11-13, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The 2014 Mid-Winter Convention Committee, consisting of Club members from Zone 9, is busy with plans for an educational and entertaining event February 7, 8, and 9, 2014 at the City Center Hotel, Downtown Mankato. More details will be made available in upcoming issues of "The Flame", and also on the District 5M-2 WebSite.

The MD5M Multiple Convention will be held April 25-27, 2014 at Jackpot Junction Convention Center, Morton, MN. This event is hosted by the Milroy Lions Club and the Lions Members of District 5M3. Convention registration and hotel registration information is available on the Multiple 5M WebSite. Lions Clubs International is making plans for an exciting 97th Lions Clubs Annual International Convention from July 4– 8, 2014 in the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. More information will be made available for this convention opportunity in issues of "The Lion" magazine and on the LCI WebSite.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that she has received only two memorial info's for the Memorial Ceremony. DG Joan has sent her a report of deceased members from January 2013 and there are others. She will be contacting those Club Presidents and asking them to forward the information. She continues to encourage clubs to report their deceased members.

She has Bird Pins and 2013-2014 Snowman pins available for sale. They are again priced at \$2.50. She attended the three Region Meetings and sold several there.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman reported on her goals.

1. **2 clubs in each zone will complete the Club Excellence Process. (18 clubs in 9 Zones.)**
In August 1 Zone Chair held a meeting with club Presidents and others, including both the GLT and GMT Coordinators, to present CEP. All clubs in the zone received follow up information including 2 personal presentations by the GLT Coordinator. As of this date 1 club in this Zone is committed to beginning the CEP in the 2nd quarter. Several clubs may follow later in the year. The District GMT Coordinator presented on CEP at each of 3 Region meetings in September. Several clubs expressed interest in further information. The GLT/GMTs met on October 2 to plan for follow up presentations to individual clubs and at Fall Zone meetings.
2. **Offer a seminar at the Mid-Winter Convention on leadership opportunities within our district.** DG Joan and PID Debra have been in conversation.
3. **Develop a plan with Region/Zone Chairs to meet IP Barry Palmer's goals towards Zone Chair Awards.**

Zone and Region Chairs have been made aware of the award through meetings, personal contacts and via email. A significant number of the Zone Chairs are new to their job and the DG and GLT chair are working to not overwhelm them. At least 1 Zone Chair did submit the 1st quarter application for the Presidential zone Person Award. We hope others will be able to submit application forms in the 2nd quarter.

4. Encourage Zone chairs to have CEP speakers at their fall Zone meetings.

Most if not all Zone Chairs have made arrangements for speakers. At least 2 clubs in Zones who have already had their fall meeting have requested a CEP presentation at a club meeting. The GMT and GLT Coordinators are working on this.

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

The 1st quarter GLT/GMT meeting was held on September 4 and the 2nd quarter meeting on October 2. Both meetings were held at the City Grill in St. Peter.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that GMT has been working to get clubs interested in having a CEP presentation for their club. Pitches for the CEP were given at the three Region Meetings and at the zone meetings that have been held so far. Those pitches have had some results both have someone come to club meetings, or to have a CEP program started in the future. There has not been any Extension work done yet at this time.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that he is happy to report that things are going pretty good, with just a few loose ends to tie up.

He has had only a few queries from clubs this summer. Hopefully with the 5M-2 History information on the Web site, lions/clubs can access the information they are looking for. But please contact him if you need some help.

Part of his dream has been fulfilled, getting most of the 5M-2 History records updated and posted on our Web site. It has been a pleasure working with Lion Laura to accomplish this task. She has been working very hard at getting the formatting done and he thanked her for that.

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster will again be spearheading the Journey for Service, this is his 23rd or 24th year! The Journey for Service will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9 with breakfast with the Faribault Lions – Lions Debra and Steve Wasserman hosting. The trip will continue the next two days --- April 10 and 11. The final stop will be at the Lions Park in Northfield, scheduled for about 11:30.

He is once again asking for support of the Cabinet members to make this another successful Journey. This will be his 'Farewell' Journey for Service as he has decided to relinquish the position to a younger Lion so that someone else can share the great experience of visiting all of our great clubs in 5M-2. He is looking forward to this final 'jaunt' with Lions Joan and Kevin.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that he attended 2 Region meetings and informed clubs as to their balance for any Melvin Jones awards. He gave a program to Glencoe Lions club. So far this quarter, LCIF has received \$4,800.00 in donations. He is planning on getting out a request letter to donate to LCIF at the Mid-winter convention.

Leader Dog: Lion Steve Wasserman reported that he has completed the following activities since the beginning of the 2013-2014 Lions year:

1. Obtained and reviewed the DVD that contains several videos suitable for presentation to clubs, as provided by Leader Dogs for the Blind.
2. Obtained the five year donation history of all of the clubs in District 5M2.
3. Spoken at the Region 2 meeting.
4. Spoken at the Zone 7 and Zone 9 meetings, giving each club a business card indicating their cumulative 5 year donation history and the criteria for eligibility to present a Founders Tribute.
5. Spoken at the Amboy Lions Club.

Lion Shirley Hespenheide reported that she has been going to most of the Zone meetings with her display. She had a Puppy Raiser in Le Sueur to her meeting to speak and the puppy raiser will also be speaking at

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser has a tentative date scheduled in January to meet with the Wells Lions club about the possibility of starting a Leo Club at their new high school. Hutchinson and Glencoe-Silver Lake are also exploring the possibility of Leo Clubs in their schools. She has a tentative date scheduled to visit the Sibley East Leo Club and will be working with Lions Nancy Mathwig and Eunice rucks about getting their high school Leo Club revamped and functioning.

Liberty Day: Lion Mary Spille reported since August, a Liberty Day presentation is planned for early winter in NYA; to be sponsored by the four area clubs. Middle school programs are also anticipated in Veseli and two parochial schools in Hamburg and Norwood Young America. Still need to follow up with Sibley East and Glencoe Area regarding potential there. No other activity on the north end of the district.

Lion Dennis Hewitt, co-chair reported that he is excited and enthused to be on the Cabinet this year and part of the Liberty Day Program. So far this Lion year he has attended all three Region Meetings and presented our program and with Lion Mary at Region 2. The Jordaness Lions are doing the program and are giving 180 books to their school. Ellendale Lions is also are doing the program and needed 80 books for their school.

He attended the Zone 4 meeting Oct, 15th, in Courtland and presented our program and the Mankato Lions Club meeting Oct. 17th, they are seriously thinking of getting the program started in a surrounding school. He attended the Nicollet Lions Club meeting Oct.12th, they are starting the program at the Nicollet Public School 6th grade, He gave them 25 books to get going. He attended the Zone 7 meeting Oct. 22nd at Vernon Center, and talked about the program. He is planning on visiting the Wells Lions Club in January to present the program and is planning on visiting the Ellendale Lions Club this winter.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that the MD5M Long Range Planning Committee is in the process of updating the MD5M Long Range Plan. Each committee chair is currently updating their section of the plan and forwarding it to the chair of the committee. It will then be put together and the final draft will be presented to the Council of Governors at their March meeting.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Arlene Richter reported that the Lions Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees met in St. Cloud on Oct. 5, 2013. After the pledge, adoption of the agenda, and roll call, the secretary, treasurer, and Canadian Lions gave their reports.

Lion Dr. Bevan Yueh gave a summary of the department's proposed research projects, including the objective, an explanation of the process, and cost of each project. After some discussion it was decided that this information, as well as an update on previously funded projects, would be compiled and made available to us online for future reference.

The secretary introduced DropBox.com to the group. It will be used to share Hearing Foundation information among the board members. This information, including the project summaries from Dr. Yueh, can then be referenced by the trustees for use on special projects, or taken to share with other Lions at club presentations.

Other Old Business covered included:

- D-Feet Hearing Loss Fundraiser – total raised = \$107,000+.
- State Fair Booth – Good showing of volunteers and public interest.
- Cochlear Picnic – Well attended. Volunteers provided good food and fun activities for the children. Attendees shared their stories and mutual support.
- Trustees signed up for committees.

New Business included:

- Dr. Yueh's research requests – funded
- Hearing/Vision Tours – Staffed
- Speaker Request Forms – Handed out. They included forms to request U of M doctors, or patient testimonials for district conventions.
- Professional quality videos of patient testimonials are in the works.

Upon completion these will be made available to trustees for use at club visits.

- Multiple Convention – Discussed

- Website – Reviewed
- Legacy Fund Request – Tabled (more information needed)
- Next Meeting – February 1, 2014, at St. Cloud, MN

Mid-Winter Convention: Lions Vern and Darlene Breamer reported “LET THE GOOD TIMES ROAR!” The 5M-2 Mid-Winter Convention, February 7, 8 & 9, 2014 plans are well under way! We have gone to 2 Region meetings and 3 Zone meetings to get the word out about the 2014 Mid-Winter Convention. We are planning on attending the next 5 Zone meetings. DG Joan has covered 1 Region meeting and 1 Zone meeting for us.

The committee has been meeting once a month in Alden, MN. We have a lot of hard working Lions from Zone 9 on our committee. The Lions from various clubs have stepped up to the plate to make this a fun convention!

Registration forms are ready. They should be in the next Fire Up newsletter and be available on the web site. This form must be mailed to Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg, 67194 County Road 46, Alden, MN 56009. Registration for the hotel is on your own. Forms will be made available for you to fill out and mail to the Hotel.

We are encouraging Lions to sign up for the Early Bird Special. This is a reduced price for early registration. We are having a Mardi Gras theme and are encouraging everyone to participate by wearing a costume and or a mask! We will also be offering some interesting food choices! Friday night entertainment will be the “Tuxedo Band” and Saturday night will be “Crazy Airwaves”.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Emmy Koch – The chairs reported that they attended the Diabetes Foundation meeting in St. Cloud on October 5. Most of the discussion was on the raffle “Wanted” where the trustees were instructed to sell tickets on behalf of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation. The “reward” will be that the funds generated will go towards research for finding a cure for diabetes. Lion Kevin has been attending all Zone meetings and promoting the raffle. He will be continuing to sell tickets until the Multiple in April when the drawing will be held at Jackpot Junction.

Lion Kevin does have one club visit scheduled with the Waterville Lions Club in January.

Lion Emmy did a presentation at the Plato Lions meeting on Diabetes. They had a pork chop dinner and the proceeds will go to the Diabetes Foundation.

MN Lion Vision Foundation: Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells and PDG Marlys Meskan reported that the MN Lions Vision Foundation held their board meeting on October 5th in St. Cloud. PDG Marlys and Lion Diana were both in attendance. Dr. VanKuijk informed them that the second retinal imaging machine has arrived and that they have ordered plaques to put onto the machines stating that the donations came from the Lions. They were excited to show Lions Clubs these machines at the tour on October 12. PDG Marlys has been screened with the new retinal imaging equipment. Thanks to all Lions Clubs for the generous donations. It was noted that donations from Lions clubs have decreased over the past years from 25% of the budget down to about 7% of the budget. The Foundation has work to do to increase club donations as well as to give information on a “Deferred Giving Program.” It was not yet decided whether or not a mass mailing to all Minnesota Lions would take place encouraging estate bequests.

Long Range Planning & Public Relations committees discussed a new fundraising walk to take place next year in the fall. A subcommittee was formed on which Lion Diana is a member. They are working with a professional fundraising company called Anderson Race Management. More news will follow as time gets closer.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the State Fair on 5M2 day in the MN Lions Vision and Hearing booth.

PDG Marlys and Lion Diana attended all 3 of the Region meetings this fall. We passed out our business cards and informed all clubs on Helen Keller Funds and also encouraged them to award someone in the club a Helen Keller. Those filling out the applications are encouraged to type them so they are legible. All clubs were encouraged to send someone to the Thanksgiving for Vision on October 26. The Donor Recognition Program will be held October 27th. PDG Marlys and Diana have a few club visits scheduled and more clubs will be contacted.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported that this year's newsletter is going good. Lion Laura Maki is sending it to the Membership Chair in each club.

District Governor Joan is doing a great job with furnishing PDG Bill with material for the newsletter. The clubs have been great this year with furnishing News Articles and Photos.

We have been on schedule with most of the deadlines. Remember that if you want an article in the newsletter it must in to him by the 20th of the month. Also remind clubs that if they want their fundraiser in they need to get it in early and remember that the newsletter usually gets out by the 1st to 5th of the month and anything that is occurring during the first week of the month needs to be in the month before.

Subscription notices to clubs are sent out and are returning with their subscriptions.

Project New Hope: New Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that at the beginning of October we held another successful retreat in southern Minnesota. Project New Hope is so much more than the couple of retreats we offer to Veterans. We had a booth at the State Fair and also helped at a "Stand Down" with volunteers and donation of money the BBQ dinner there. We still have not obtained our 501C3, which is frustrating as we lose donation from gambling funds and grants.

Technology & Computer Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that this has been a busy fall with assisting new Region and Zone chairs getting their Fall Meeting letters created and sent out to Cabinet members and Club Presidents and Secretaries. She also helped put together agendas for several.

Several club secretaries were experiencing problems logging into MyLCI and asked for help. She was able to resolve their issues thanks to DG Joan who has added Lion Maki to the list so she can log into MyLCI and better help with issues.

At the three Region meetings she tried to collect missing emails for officers of clubs. She has been sending the district newsletter digitally to Presidents and Membership Chairs. Some clubs don't have Membership Chairs listed so asked for an alternate person. Clubs were also encouraged to send their fund raising posters and she has been receiving many more than last year to post on the website and Facebook.

Lion Ken, our Historian, has sent her more files and she is working to put them in an attractive format to post online. It is a work in progress, as Lion Ken knows. Work has begun with the Convention Committee to create a fillable registration form. It will still need to be printed out and sent in but can be filled out on the computer.

Lion Steve Wasserman, MD5M Technologies Operations Consultant has informed District Computer Chairs that the "How Are Your Ratings" and "Community Needs Assessment" components of the CEP are available for us to use via MD5M Survey Monkey website. This may be a helpful method to collect that information to our CEP coordinators and they can contact Lion Maki for assistance in setting it up for our district.

Public Relations: No chair for this presently.

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille reported that he completed all opening steps for the project: contacted all Presidents and Secretaries from all clubs, contacted all Zone and Region chairs and he is now waiting for response.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall reported that she and Lion Chris attended a Youth Exchange training on September 29th. There were many ideas shared with the other YE chairs.

She will be sending out letters to all the clubs in the next few weeks asking if they know of anyone who would be interested in being a host family. She will also be contacting those families who have hosted in the past. She is hoping to have families lined up so when the applications come in she can send them on to the host families right away and ease some stress right away with the students so they know before two weeks of arriving who they will be staying with.

She will also be asking if there is any interest in any outgoing students as they will need to be started before the end of the year.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Paula Stephens from the Cologne Lions and PDG Sue Bowman from the Albert Lea LakeView Lions reported that they are about to wrap up this year's Peace

Poster contest "Our World, Our Future". All club entries must be received by November 15, 2013 to PDG Sue Bowman. All clubs are asked to review the contest rules to insure their contest winner meets all the requirements. The 5M2 winning district poster will be forwarded to the Multiple District Council Chair for further judging. The winner of the 5M2 Peace Poster contest will receive \$300 and will be recognized with a plaque, and a certificate of appreciation at the Mid Winter Sunday Brunch, joined by four family members.

They attended all three region meetings with a Peace Poster display and information and continue to promote the program at many of the fall zone meetings.

Thank you to PDG Bill Curtis for his help with providing information in the newsletter and also Lion Laura Maki for including the information on the website and sending clubs Peace Poster information via the email.

They are really looking forward to viewing and judging the artful interpretation of "Our World, Our Future" created by the young people in District 5M2.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that they were able to attend all three Region meetings and did a brief program at the Zone 4 meeting. They did a presentation at the NEW meeting and they have several zone and club meeting visits scheduled.