

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2011**  
**St. Peter Community Center, 600 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Peter, MN**

The meeting was called to order by DG Susan Bowman at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Joan Blank.

**Invocation:** Given by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Dahlke.

**Roll Call:** Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 46 in attendance and 9 absent.

**Introduction of Guests:** No guests in attendance.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Under Old Business: Core 4 grant; Governor's goals; Under Membership: Update, New Business: Liberty Day program Cathleen Williams moved to adopt the agenda with additions, seconded by Lion Janet Knakmuhs. MC.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Income proposed \$54,700 and actual income to date is \$46171.32; expenses proposed \$54,700, expenses to date: \$19,931.50. Motion to approve budget report by PID Maynard Rucks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jack Webster. MC. Audit is back from the auditor, there were no findings. Motion to accept the audit, VDG Ron Dahlke, seconded by PID Maynard Rucks, MC.

**Communications:** We sent flowers for PDG Mel Simon's funeral and we did get a thank you for that.

**Old Business:**

- **Polar Plunge:** The Polar Plunge was approved as an activity at the Council of Governor meeting this summer. There are two plunges in our District; one in Prior Lake and the other in St. Peter. The Shakopee Lions Club was recognized by the Special Olympics Organization as an outstanding service organization for their work on behalf of Special Olympics. They have been a strong supporter of the special Olympics for a long time. The website is [www.plungemn.org](http://www.plungemn.org). A question was raised regarding whether the International Director could be brought to the St. Peter plunge to view this since it is the same weekend as the 5M2 convention.
- **Governor's Goals:** Net gain in membership and/or sponsoring a new club (please let PID Maynard know if you have a possible new club or branch club); growth in activities on the web based reporting system; tree planting project numbers; Club representation at the Region and Zone meetings.
  - Personal goals: net + membership; reduce DG body mass by 30 pounds and adult traveling companion body mass by 30 pounds. Not doing so well at this point in any of these personal goals.
- **Core 4 Grant:**
  - Interim report: Lions Quest Co-Chairs for 5M2 attended 3 Lions meetings to tell them about the Lions Quest program and to inform them that there was to be a teacher training in August. That training has been scheduled for August 6, 2011 in Chaska, Minnesota. Twenty-four teachers and one Lion have expressed their intention to attend. Enclosed is a summary by one Lion sent to several teachers. Hopefully, the sixteen clubs visited in 2010 will bring additional funding to the district. Anticipated expenses for hotel stay, car rental, and facility rental have all been waived. Public school superintendents have been resistant to addition Lions Quest to their curriculum. The Lions Quest 5M2 program received \$4,585 at the Mid-Winter Convention. The training in August is expected to cost 5M2 \$281.79. The Core 4 Grant will be used to pay \$5,440 for the 24 teachers. A final report for the August 6, 2011

training will follow the training.

- Final Report: August 6, 2011 Quest Teacher Training was held at Guardian Angel Church, Chaska, MN with fourteen 5M2 teachers, one from 5M9; DG Sue Bowman, IPDG Eunice Rucks (Grant Administrator), 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Dahlke, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Joan Blank, Lions Quest Co-Chairs, Cathleen and Mike Williams. Funds used for the training were \$4,399 from the Core 4 Grant and \$281.74 from 5M2 funds for a total of \$4,680.74 to train 15 new teachers. Anticipated expenses for hotel stay, car and facility rental were waived. Schools currently carrying the program in 5M2 are: Cologne Academy, St. Bernard's, Guardian Angels, St. Joseph, St. Johns, Central Middle School, Glencoe/Silver Lake Middle School, and Preschool Place.
- Motion to approve the initial and final reports by PID Maynard Rucks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Marlys Meskan. MC.

### **New Business:**

- **Presentations:**
  - Certificate presented to PDG Eunice Rucks from ID Syd Scruggs for her work as DG during the 2010-2011 year.
  - Certificate of appointment presented to LCIF Coordinator 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Dahlke. Achieved 121% of the goal set. Kudos were given by PDG Eunice for the work VDG Ron did under her governorship.
  - Leader Dog certificates were presented to: PDG Eunice Rucks; Lion Shirley Hespenheide; VDG Joan Blank for their outstanding work in support of Leader Dog.
- **Council of Governor's meeting** – Newly elected ID Brian Sheehan was in attendance and told the Governors new info from International. The 207th and 208th countries recently came on board with Lions International. Many endeavors are being done in China to combat river blindness. New language being proposed for the International President and International Director is "Former" as opposed to "Past". MD5M Hearing Foundation asked for and received permission from the council of governors to apply for a \$75,000 grant to purchase equipment for the pediatric hearing center.
- **Membership** – DG Sue requested that every member strive to sponsor new members this year. We are down 38 members from last year at this point in the year. We need all the help we can get from every direction to increase membership.
- **Liberty Day program** – PDG Mary Spille would like to address the Cabinet regarding the Liberty Day program. This program is well sponsored in 5M2 by a few clubs (7 or 8). There have been three Liberty Day programs this fall, a couple of clubs sponsor programs every year. PDG Mary feels that maybe Liberty Day as a program needs to be revisited in regard to whether 5M2 wants to continue to sponsor this as an activity. Liberty Day books cost \$1/book. Minimum number of clubs involved, not sanctioned in Multiple 5M. 5M2 is the only district that has this as a sanctioned project. On the other hand, we, as good citizens, need to appreciate the Liberties that we do have as Americans and promote this in the elementary schools. PDG Mike Vos wondered if a better sponsor for this type of program would be service person's organization i.e. Legion, VFW, etc. Ellendale does it on Veteran's Day because there is a presentation already that day. Lion Darlene Bremer wondered whether books could be presented to teacher's to use in their curriculum without a separate program. If anyone has thoughts regarding what 5M2 should do in regard to this program, please email DG Sue or PDG Mary Spille. Also, check out the website: libertyday.org.

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

Region 1 Lion Marvin Grimm reported that the Region 1 meeting was hosted by the Cologne Lions on September 28, 2011. 20 clubs were represented, 5 clubs were no shows. There were 26 Cabinet Members and 72 Lion members in attendance for a total of 98 Lions. The Carver Lions will be getting 2 puppies soon to raise for Leader Dog.

- Zone 1 Lion Lynn Monger – There are currently 277 members in Zone 1. Initial contact has been made with all clubs. The Zone 1 Fall meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30 at the VFW in Hutchinson. Hosted by the Hutchinson Lions and Hutchinson Lioness. RSVP by Nov. 23. The Spring Zone 1 meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at Dubbs in Glencoe. Hosted by the

Glencoe Lions Club.

- Zone 2 Lion Mark Willems – Fall zone meeting will be November 3, 2011 in Victoria at the City Hall at 5:45 p.m. An email was sent to everyone, if you didn't receive it please email Lion Mark. He is busy setting up club visits.
- Zone 3 Lion Wanda Breimhorst – There are 8 clubs in Zone 3 with a total membership of 356. After a short interruption she is back in the process of visiting clubs. Half of the Zone 3 clubs have been visited. The Fall Zone Meeting is being hosted by the Prior Lake Lions and is scheduled for November 14, 2011 at McKenna Crossing, Prior Lake. The Jordaness Lions are hosting Lions 101 for new members and their "Social Cat". The Club's belief is that it is important that new members understand what Lionism is and an educated lion will remain a lion.

Region 2 Lion Dennis Hewitt, with Nicollet Lions Club, reported that he is pleased to be the Region 2 Chairperson for 2011-2012. Region 2 consists of Zones 4, 5 and 6, the region has 21 Lions and 2 Leo clubs. At this time he introduced the Zone Chairs and they gave a brief report for their zone.

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

From Zone 5, Diana Kroells, from the Hamburg Lions Club

From Zone 6, Brian Lieske, from the Lonsdale Lions Club

Region 2 Fall Meeting was held Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and was hosted by the LeSueur Lions Club. It was a very good meeting, well attended and nicely done. Everyone is busy with this fall/pre holiday season, many activities and events for the season as always. To all the Zones and Clubs, keep up the good work and have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all.

- Zone 4 Lion Charlotte Abbas –
  - Winthrop just did a 9/11 appreciation dinner for the firemen, policemen, and ambulance crews. What a great idea! Read the article in the Grapevine.
  - Gibbon is busy with their three gambling sites.
  - The next thing the Lafayette Lions are involved with is the Community Halloween Party, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30. It's co-sponsored by the Lafayette Area Lions and the LCS PROS (that's the parent-teacher arm of Lafayette Charter School) and is held at the school. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - Nicollet had a pork chop feed on October 15. They are currently painting a store front for Sue Fenske. And, they will be distributing dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Nicollet and Immanuel schools. They also completed their ditch walking project.
  - Courtland Lions walked ditches with the Courtland 4-H on September 24. Courtland had its Waffle Breakfast on October 16. They filled bags for Kids Against Hunger on October 17. On October 29, the Courtland Lions will have the annual Halloween Party for kids 0-9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. On November 14, they will be hosting Project New Hope. This event will start at 7 p.m.
  - St. Peter Lions Club also walked and cleaned ditches for their Adopt a Highway section of roadway (Highway 99 West) on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. They also sponsored a lunch for the Bicycling Around Minnesota nonprofit organization. Watch the Grapevine for further information on this. Lions contribute about \$10,000/year to worthwhile projects such as All Night Graduation Party, St. Peter High School Band sponsor, Area Food Shelf, Peace Poster Contest, Regional Treatment Center Christmas Fund, a children's Christmas party, After Prom Party and eye glasses for the needy. This event is one of many projects in which the St. Peter Lions Club participates.
- Zone 5 Lion Diana Kroells – At this time, Zone 5 is down in membership since the last meeting. We have dropped 12 members since July 1 and lost one to death. We have gained three new members. However, I am very confident that we will pick up new members soon as the Le Sueur Lions had a very well attended new member campaign with 8 new prospects and Arlington recently had 3 new prospective Lions attend their meeting. Some of the clubs have also had prospective members attend their meetings. Our family of Lions will grow again.
  - Zone 5 Lions have been busy during the last 3 months working at summer festivals, county fairs, state fairs, parades, bloodmobiles, Relay for Life events and National Night Out events. Two clubs, Green Isle & Arlington, together hosted a Grain Bin Safety demonstration.

- Zone 5 Lions have been very generous in their donations which include \$100 to a Harvest Festival at local school, \$500 to a girls fast pitch softball team, \$550.00 to Vision Honduras, \$450 to local school for Awards, \$215 to Project New Hope, \$250 to Leader Dog as well as donations to Camp Needlepoint, Diabetes Foundation, & Hearing Foundation. Many of the clubs have either donated money to their cities for the planting trees or have purchased trees and have planted them in keeping with International Presidents Tam's request to do so.
- Some of the clubs have already distributed their dictionaries while others have them ordered and will do so soon. Peace poster and write off contests are underway in a few of the clubs.
- I attended the Region 2 meeting in Le Sueur last month and I have visited 3 of the clubs and 2 more are scheduled at this time. Our Zone meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, hosted by the Henderson Lions and I hope to see some of the Cabinet members at the meeting.
- Zone 6 Lion Bruce Lieske reported that Zone 6 has six clubs consisting of Faribault, Lonsdale, Northfield, Northfield Cannon Valley, LeCenter and Montgomery. The clubs are busy with their fall projects.
  - Faribault has 50 members. Celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Northfield at the Faribault Legion. They also have completed their dictionary project, they help sponsor a local student for youth exchange and developed a new orientation program for club members and potential members
  - LeCenter has 45 members. They donated to Vision Honduras Project. They are hosting an Omelette Breakfast on Oct 30. They continue to honor local students quarterly. They are working on their fall ditch clean up
  - Lonsdale has 39 members. They are busy working on their Fall Pancake Breakfast for October 30. They have donated to the Community Halloween Party, Rice County Fair for Veterans night, Lonsdale Library, Eagle Scout Project. They walked in local parades in Lonsdale and Webster. They are working on dictionary project and completed ditch clean up.
  - Northfield has 32 members. They celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Faribault at the Faribault Legion. They donated to Youth Athletic Association, Scholarship for Senior. They work with Meals on Wheels to deliver meals to shut ins. They worked to help give eye exams and glasses to underprivileged Northfield school children.
  - Northfield Cannon Valley has 31 members. They completed their Jesse James steak fry which was a success again. They continue collect eye glasses and cell phones.
  - Montgomery has 36 members. They hosted a pancake breakfast on Oct 23. They worked their Kolacky Food Stand. They continue to help unload the food shelf truck every month. They completed the dictionary project. They will be hosting the fall zone meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Montgomery American Legion.
  - The clubs have been very busy already this fall. They continue to work on projects to serve their communities.

Region 3 Lion Bill Bowman reported that Region 3 consists of zone 7 (6 clubs), zone 8 (6 clubs) and zone 9 (8 clubs), resulting in 20 clubs and 627 members (up 6 members from 6/30/2011). The Region 3 meeting was hosted by the Lakeview Lions and held on September 7, 2011. 35 cabinet members and 51 club members signed in at the meeting for a total of 86 attending.

- Zone 7 Lion Paul Gorman – Fall Zone meeting is schedule for Thursday, November 10 hosted by the Amboy Lions at Weggy's in Lake Crystal. RSVP due October 28. The 5M2 Conference planning group is being led by Lions Dennis and Karen Sandersfeld. The group is meeting monthly and plans are progressing well. Lion Paul is scheduling club visits this week and plans to viist all clubs in November. Zone 7 has 6 clubs with 155 members. Highlight of the fall so far was Amboy's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- Zone 8 Lion Allie Larson – There are 6 clubs in Zone 8 with a total membership of 227. She will begin making club visits this fall. Her goal is to get the clubs to implement DG Sue's goals and activities, encourage the clubs to set up a web site, and get all of them to get their reporting in on time. The Fall Zone Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27, 2010 in Waterville at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at Gilligan's, (behind Casey's) rather than the Waterville Café. All are encouraged to

attend.

- Zone 9 Lion Lyle Hinz – Zone 9 is made up of 8 Lions clubs. He has visited four of the eight clubs already. All of the clubs are reporting online. Three of the clubs have e-clubhouse web pages with three others trying to get them setup. In July Zone 9 had 242 members and in September there were 245 which is +3. The Fall Zone meeting will be hosted by Minnesota Lake on November 9 at 6:30. The location will be the Lembke Building. The Spring Zone meeting will be hosted by the Albert Lea Lions. The date is April 9, 2012, location TBD. All the clubs in Zone 9 are working on projects. There have been a number of new projects taken on with great success. A number of the clubs are planning on planting a tree. By spring he should be able to report on the success of the tree project(s).

### **Committee Reports:**

**VDG Ron Dahlke thanked everyone for attending this Cabinet meeting [nearly all by name and letter title (ex. VDG, PDG, PID, etc)].**

Can Do Canines: Lions Darlene and Vern Breamer have connected with clients and service dogs of Can-do-Canines in their area. They visited the Nicollet and Courlland Lions along with Jean Lundquist and her Diabetes Assist dog Juno. The October District newsletter featured an article submitted by the Breamers. They worked with the Alden Lions for a Can-do-Canines fundraiser. They are planning to visit the United District Hospital in Blue Earth with Jean and Juno for diabetes awareness. The Breamers attended Region 2 & 3 meetings. Lion Deb Koehnen attended the Region 1 meeting and made a Can-do-Canines presentation to the Hutchinson Lions.

Computer & Technology Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that Lion Steve Wasserman and herself have made presentations on the new 5M2 e-District website and Facebook page at the three Region Meetings. They explained how popular the social networks are and how they can help get the word out about Lionism. They are encouraging clubs to utilize Lions Club International's free web services to create their own club web sites on the e-Clubhouse site. These are available at no cost to the clubs and are very easy to set up. Lion Steve also shared how to update the club activity information on the WMMR. Lion Laura has also been working on updating the information on the district's project pages and encouraged Project Chairs to submit current information to tell about their project. She has received several responses and is waiting for the rest.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Harry Klenke reported the International Board of Directors had many issues for their Constitution and Bylaws Committee to deal with, however nothing affecting our District. Much of what they are dealing with are battles regarding becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG in the far east. Lion Harry Klenke put his name forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for next year. Yay Harry.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: IPDG Eunice Rucks reported that the 5M2 Mid-Winter Convention is on February 10-12, 2012 at the City Center Hotel in Mankato. The Multiple Convention will be on April 27-29, 2012 at the Grand Casino in Hinckley, Minnesota. The International Convention will be in Busan, Korea on June 22-26, 2012. The USA Canada Forum will be held in Tampa, Florida on September 14-16, 2012.

District Activities: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that information regarding the 2012 Memorial/Necrology Service and the 2012 Mid Winter 1st Timers contest was shared with the clubs at the recent Region meetings. An informational letter regarding the Memorial/Necrology Service will be sent beginning this next week to those clubs with members who will be remembered.

Pins –The 2012 Busan Snowman pins and 2011-12 District Bird pins are available at a cost of \$2.50 each. The 2011-12 bird pin was distributed to all clubs at the recent Region meetings with an explanation about the billing via the 1st half district dues statement.

GLT: District Governor Sue and the GLT Coordinator, in consultation with 1VDG Ron and 2VDG Joan, set goals for the 2011-2012 year. Each goal has 4 to 5 objectives or activities to facilitate accomplishment of that goal.

1. **Increase use of formal orientation programs by clubs.**

The District GLT Coordinator and 2nd VDG are working together on this goal. The plan is to establish a

subgroup of 4 to 5 Lions enthusiastic about "Orientation". We hope to have the committee established in the next 2 weeks. We are considering another term rather than "Orientation" as part of our marketing strategy.

2. **Provide training for Club Officers, Zone Chairs and Program Chairs.**

The District GLT Coordinator and 1VDG have met to begin working in this goal area. The entire format of club officer training is being looked at. A change in location and content is possible. Marketing the training to clubs is also a high priority! Zone Chair and Cabinet Program Chair training has not been discussed yet.

3. **Develop and Implement mentoring program for emerging Lion leaders.**

A respected Lion has agreed to take leadership in the area of mentoring potential District leaders (Mary Spille). The District GLT Coordinator will work with her to develop a specific process/strategy. (Likely using the "leader profile" form provided by LCI.) Strategies for the sub-goal areas will be developed shortly. (e-submit)

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks reported that the GMT will be doing a short presentation at the zone meetings giving ideas for Membership, Retention and Extension. This presentation will be very short and is designed to give ideas to make clubs aware of tools that can be used to strengthen their club membership. Only time and monitoring will tell the story. Membership is every club members' responsibility.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported that as he has finished a draft of a special project for Governor Sue, on the District 5M-2 Family Tree. He e-mailed her a copy for her review, and now he is back to working on finishing up the District 5M-2 History files. (e-submit)

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster reported that he will again be serving as Journey for Service chairman for DG Sue. This is a pleasant assignment and one that he always looks forward to as a time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. This has always been a successful project and one that greatly benefits mankind and leaves a good feeling with all involved. The contributions by the Lions have made a huge difference in the lives of many people and the world is a better place because of your generosity.

He asked for everyone's support again this year in spreading the word of the Journey. As usual it will take place in early April, with the exact date being set later this fall. All Lions and clubs will be informed of the date at Zone meetings, the mid-winter convention and he will also get a letter out to each of the clubs immediately after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Times, dates, locations and contact Lions will be given at that time.

LCIF: Lion Ron Dahlke reported that as required by Lions Clubs International Foundation, he will be meeting with DG Sue and together they will review the LCIF activity in District 5M-2 for 2010-2011 and we will set goals for 2011-2012. These goals will include:

- the targeting Club Visitations,
- the education and promotion of LCIF ideals,
- the recognition of donations received through increased awareness of Melvin Jones Fellowships,
- the continuing of Club/LCIF Participation Level at 100%, and
- a determination of overall financial contributions to LCIF.

As mentioned, all Lions and Lioness Clubs, or member from each Lion and Lioness Club in 5M-2, did make a contribution to LCIF during fiscal year 2010-2011. This level of participation is highly noted and very much recognized by LCIF, and this is a major accomplishment for our District. I am confident that this achievement can be duplicated in 2011-2012.

At the Region Meetings, all Clubs were made aware of their amount of credit available toward Melvin Jones Fellowships/Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships. As of September 30, individuals and Clubs in 5M-2 have a cumulative balance of \$229,809.06. LCIF would like to see Clubs and individuals convert this balance to MJF and PMJF awards.

To help combat an old disease, the Measles Initiative has been announced by LCIF. Over 450 children die each year from measles and many more suffer permanent blindness, which is a devastating complication. LCIF will be raising \$10 million in order to receive a \$5 million matching grant (the largest ever received by LCIF) from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to fund this endeavor.

At the October LCIF Board Meeting in Hong Kong, the MJF program has been revised, in response to requests from Lions from around the world. Designated donations will be eligible for MJF credit through FOUR mission focused funds and a fifth fund for the area of greatest need:

- Disaster (donations to a specific disaster will still be accepted, but without MJF credit )
- Youth
- Sight
- Humanitarian Programs (includes donations to the Measles Initiative)
- Area of Greatest Need

He is available to make club presentations that are personalized using up-to-date report information provided by LCIF, which includes:

- Current and historical Club LCIF donation data,
- Campaign Sight First Phase II donation data,
- Melvin Jones Fellowship Listing,
- Grant history for District 5M-2, and more.

Also, updated disaster assistance information, both globally and locally, are provided from the LCIF Web Site. You belong to Lions International... but the Lions Club International Foundation belongs to you... This is your Foundation.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley and Lion Joan have attended all three Region meetings and have proposed a challenge to each Region of collecting \$295 to buy a Kapten PLUS, a GPS unit designed to allow more freedom of traveling to those who are blind. Our ultimate goal would be to purchase 3 units from 5M2. After the three Region meetings, we have collected \$207.18.

Lion Shirley has been encouraging the support of Leaders Dogs with her visit to Minnesota Lake, and upcoming visits to Mayer Watertown Dandylions and Kiester.

Lion Joan was invited by 5M1 to attend a Puppy Raising Day at the Rockwell City, IA North Central Correctional Facility on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. What an inspiring program! Leader Dog has been in partnership with the prison for the last 10 years, training up to 20 dogs at a time. The bond between the puppies and the inmates (trainers) has had a profound effect on many of these individuals, perhaps changing their lives forever. Joan could see how proud the inmates were with the training they had accomplished so far. As one inmate said "Working with these dogs give you a sense of responsibility and worth. It is definitely a way to give something in return for a lot of misery I caused when I was young." Iowa is the only state with a prison puppy raising program for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Figures received the Lion Bunny Tabatt, MD5M Chairperson: Lions Year July 1, 2010 – July 30, 2011; 5M2 – 1 Dog in District, \$15,932.04 was donated.

Lions total donations for fiscal year is \$127,326.07. MD5M is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the world for donations to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

LEO Clubs: Chair Lion Allen Heidorn reports that school is now in session and clubs are reorganizing and getting underway. Currently, we have three active LEO clubs in the district. The Sibley East JH's advisor is indisposed, but has a substitute during the interim. Lion Hislop is assisting with the Sibley East HS club. The Chaska Leos are still reorganizing, but could likely use some assistance. Lion Raser from Chaska has been advising. There is some information that the Northfield Leos may be trying to regroup.

The 4th Annual Leo Conference was held on Oct 20-22 in Hudson, WI. Also, a reminder about resources for Leo Clubs are available, such as The Leo Leadership Grant Program, Global Leo Conference, and the Leo Club Program Facebook Fan Page.

Again, December 5<sup>th</sup> is the International Leo Day – let's remember to include Leos on our projects and activities.

Liberty Day: Lion Mary Spille reported that she knows of three fall presentations: Hutchinson (5<sup>th</sup> grade), NRHEG (middle school in Ellendale), and Owatonna.

Have submitted an article for printing in The Grapevine this fall and the co-chairs hope to generating interest in more communities. Have also asked DG Sue to consider the future of Liberty Day in 5M2. 5M2 is the only Minnesota district to support this program.

Ordered a new supply of 900 books for use. Books are now \$1 per copy but are being offered to

clubs at their suggested donation. In the past, it was hoped that clubs would reimburse 50 cents per copy. This has been reported to DG Sue.

Lion Charlie Knakmuhs also reported that he has attended some of the zone and region meetings. There has been some interest in putting on a Liberty Day program but nobody has scheduled a program at this time. He is hopeful that more Lions Clubs will express interest in the program. The program started out good but as mentioned previously interest has waned.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that here is nothing to report at this time except that he is planning a display for the 2012 Mid-Winter Convention.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: PDG Mike Vos and Lion Arline Richter attended the quarterly meeting held at Michaels in St. Cloud on October 8, 2011. Dr. Beven Yueh introduced the new chair of the department of Ophthalmology, Dr. Erik van Kuijk, MD and PhD. Topics covered at the meeting:

- The fall tours were well attended with approximately 180 Lions and guests.
- Planning is still in progress for the MD5M Hearing Foundation "Walk Off Hearing Loss" fund raiser scheduled for spring.
- Dr. Yueh explained the research projects presented for funding, and the progress of previously funded projects. After some discussion the funding request for \$116,718 was approved.
- The first payment of our \$309,000 commitment to the Children's Clinic was paid to the sum of \$69,000.
- Other fundraising ideas were discussed as means of further support to our campaign.

PDG Mike and Lion Arlene have been doing some club presentations and are always willing to do more to promote the Foundation.

Mid-Winter Convention: Co-Chairs Dennis and Karen Sandersfeld reported that progress continues to be made for the Mid-Winter Convention which will be held February 10, 11, and 12, 2012 at the Mankato City Center Hotel. The registration materials will be included in the upcoming newsletter. The registration for the convention will be the same as last year, \$15 per person. Members who register On-Site will be charged \$20 this year. The City Center Hotel has installed a new policy for all groups beginning in 2012. Please note that reservations must be received by January 9, 2012 to receive the Lion's Convention discounted rate. Registrations received after that date will be booked at standard rates. District Governor Sue's theme for this year's convention is, "We Are Family." Plans are centering on that theme. They will continue to attend as many Zone and Region meetings as possible. They ask that you also encourage your zones and regions to attend as well. We look forward to sharing a great weekend with our Lions family.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Anna Wickenhauser reported Lion Kevin attended all three-region meetings and reported on what the Lion's Diabetes Foundation has been working on. Lion Anna attended the Diabetes Symposium presented by the Schulze Diabetes Institute at the Best Buy Headquarters in Richfield. It was very impressive. There was a panel of people who have received islet cell transplants. They answered questions and talked about what it is like to be "Diabetes" free...there were a lot of tears and over 500 people in attendance. Their goal is to have FDA approval by the year 2015 for routine islet cell transplants.

On October 8, 2011, Lion Kevin attended the Minnesota Lion's Diabetes Foundation meeting that was held in St. Cloud. The Foundation will be working on redesigning its web site to make it more interactive and appealing to the user. We have committed \$300,000.00 to fund an Islet Cell Imaging Machine. We have given 50K so far. The Foundation is asking for a donation from every club for the next three years of \$3.00 per member. We are also brainstorming clever and creative ways to raise money from the public...stay tuned.

On October 15, 2011 Lions Kevin and Anna attended the Diabetes Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center. There were many seminars and information booths for people that are living with diabetes to learn how to better cope with their disease.

Lion Anna has several club visits scheduled and will be working with Lion Kevin on getting information out to clubs regarding where their club is at toward earning a Dreamcatcher Award.



Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation/Children's Eye Clinic/ MAC: Co-Chairs Lion Jean Dahlke & PDG Marlys Meskan reported that the Fall Lions Tour on October 1<sup>st</sup> was well attended with 35 clubs represented. Dr. Jay Krachmer, Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology was honored with the highest level Progressive Helen Keller Award. He retired October 3<sup>rd</sup> after 19 years as Department Chair.

On October 8, 2011 the co-chairs met Dr. Erik van Kuijk at the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation meeting in St. Cloud. Dr. Erik has been appointed head of the Department of Ophthalmology within the University of Minnesota Medical School. He gave us his cell phone number in the event that anyone has a question or concern about an eye problem he can be called. The cell phone number is 409-939-3604. This was a practice that Dr. Jay also had.

Lions Jean and Marlys attended all three Region Meetings this fall. They let the Clubs in attendance know that they are available and willing to visit their club and give a MN Lions Vision Foundation presentation.

The co-chairs will be taking part in a Health Fair at our school on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. Thanksgiving for Vision is Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. All club presidents received an invitation. Hopefully, someone from each club will attend this very worthwhile event.

Again, they are available for club presentations.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported "WOW, what a month". DG Sue has gotten the word out to the clubs that we need "From the Field" articles. Well we have a whole newsletter of "From the Field". He then thanked the Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and committee people that have helped with passing the word to get your articles to him by the 20th of the month. The November Issue is full. It is being printed as we speak. Thank you again. DG Sue and PDG Bill are enjoying all the articles from the clubs (e-submit).

Project New Hope: Lion Donna Wolter was not in attendance and no report was submitted.

Protocol/Public Relations: Lion Paul Stahler reported that he attended three region meetings at which time he presented IP Tam's "Million Tree Project" and had a display about the tree project. At the Last Cabinet meeting information was available for Zone and Region Chairs on protocol for meetings and Lions Clubs wanting to start or improve their public relations departments. All the Region meeting facilities were handicap accessible.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike and Cathleen Williams reported that they finally received the bill from Annapolis Junction, MD. The missing 5th grade curriculum has been mailed. The total of \$4,399.00 will be taken from our LCIF grant. This amount covers the Instructor's expenses and teacher's materials used for the August 6, 2011 training held in Chaska. It also covers the grade-specific teacher's curriculum for all attending teachers.

Spring Point Project/Lions Lights on For Life: PDG Rick Wagener has received no new information on the Spring Point project. As of now, he has no programs scheduled (e-submit).

Write Off: Lion Jim Spille reported that he was unable to attend all Region Meetings. He did attend Region 2 and had VDG Dahlke represent him at the others. He does understand that VDG Dahlke is a step up from the chair. Lion Jim sent an introductory letter to all District Presidents. He had follow up kits to many District Clubs. He has sent a contact letter to all Zone and Region Chairs to have them proceed on local winners and offered to help all local clubs with their presentation to their schools. Local clubs are just beginning to name their winners. There is no official statistics on their success at this time.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Janet Hall reported that she and her husband, Lion Chris Hall, have the honor of serving as Co-Chairs of the Youth Exchange Program. Lion Janet attended YE training this past weekend in Chaska. They are looking forward to another good year placing students with Host Families in our District. The goal is to place more students than last year, which in our District was eight students. We also sent three students abroad last year, and have already had three students express interest in the outgoing program for this upcoming year. We are currently in the process of getting a letter out to the clubs, trying to set-up some club visits, we have one tentatively scheduled now. Plenty of dates available to

schedule a Club Visit, we are looking forward to visiting your Club.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs. All Peace Posters are due Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Co-Chairs will judge the posters on Thursday, November, 17<sup>th</sup>. DG Sue would like all posters to go to Lion Sheila Stahler, 18740 Panama Ave., Prior Lake, MN 55372. If you have questions, call Lion Sheila at 952-440-6920 or e-mail at [stahlers@hotmail.com](mailto:stahlers@hotmail.com). Or call Lion Janet Knakmuhs at 507-726-2210 or e-mail at [jclcmn@hickorytech.net](mailto:jclcmn@hickorytech.net).

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Comments**: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Joan Blank shared a bit of trivia with the Cabinet. The reign so far as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG has been awesome. She appreciates having two years as VDG before she is the DG. How young was the youngest recipient of a Melvin Jones – it was a 3 month old named Julio from Brazil. Thank you all for the work you do, thanks to Harry for throwing his hat in the ring.

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Comments**: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Dahlke didn't tell a joke. He stated that it is great to see the wonderful turn-out of the program chairs tonight. Thanks for your commitment to serve Lions not only in your clubs but on the Cabinet and the programs that you deliver. Everything you do does make a difference in someones life.

**DG Comments**: Thanks to Lion Laura for putting the two PID patches on the 5M2 banner. Zone person of the year applications will be sent out soon. Please encourage nominations. Brief Diabetes meeting after this meeting.

The next scheduled cabinet meeting will be in Mankato at the Mid-Winter convention.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cindy Walters