

District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2015
St. Peter Community Center, St. Peter, MN

Call to Order: DG Harry Klenke called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by DG Harry Klenke

Invocation: Led by DGE Marvin Grimm

Welcome: DG Harry Klenke welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 37 in attendance, 20 absent and 2 guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Harry Klenke introduced Lion Loretta and Lion Evelyn and thanked all who helped with the meal.

Adoption of the Agenda: Add short presentation by PDG Joan under xxx Business, Under New business add budget for Mid-Winter, Motion to approve agenda Lion PDG Bill Curtis; Lion Charlette Abbas 2nd. MC.

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

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report showing income of \$55,023.49 to this point and expenses of \$37,157.83. The account balance on 4/23/15 was \$17,865.66. There is \$99,753.04 in the special funds account and \$1547.08 in the Core 4 Grant. Motion to approve was made by PDG Tom Ferleman, 2nd by PDG Gordy Affeld. MC.

Communications: DG Harry Klenke presented IPDG Joan Blank her District Governor's plaque.

Old Business:

- **2016 MD5M Convention Report** – PID Maynard Rucks and Lion Nancy Mathwig.

Since the Mid-Winter Cabinet report the following items have been completed or initiated:

- Hotel contracts with 4 Mankato/North Mankato hotels have been reviewed by Multiple Legal Consultant and approved by the Council of Governors. Hotels are the same as 2011 – Hilton Garden Inn (convention hotel), Mankato City Center Hotel, Best Western Hotel – North Mankato, and Holiday Inn Express; April 22-24, 2016.
- Possible speakers have been discussed and follow up is in process.
- PID Maynard, PDG Mike Vos and 2nd VDGE Nancy met with the Verizon Center staff and caterers as well as the visitors bureau staff to discuss various questions regarding menu and needs.
- Larissa from Visit Mankato, PID Maynard and 2nd VDGE Nancy presented information on the 2016 convention during last weekend's MD5M convention general membership meeting.
- Pre-registrations of 144 were taken at a \$10 reduced rate (\$90.00). PDG Joan's flashing display in addition to the properly outfitted Lion, wearing his life vest and paddling his canoe was a great hit! Thanks to everyone who worked the registration table and helped promote the 2016 convention.
- **Newsletter Update** – DGE Marv Grimm promoted the newsletter. Cut off date for July 1 newsletter is June 15. It will be sent out electronically to anyone who is interested in receiving it. We are not limited to the number of pages and it will be electronically in color. Email address is: 5M2newslettereditor@gmail.com
- **Chanhassen Update** – DG Harry announced that Chanhassen Lions are now part of 5M2. Tomorrow night DG Harry will be going to Chanhassen Lions for a club visit. They will be in Zone 2.
- **Regional Lions Leadership Institute** – DG Harry recognized all the cabinet members who attended the Regional Lions Leadership Institute. The next one will be two years. There is more information in several cabinet members reports.
- **Conference Call** – DG Harry talked about the capability to access the conference call instead of traveling to meet face-to-face. If you have a need to use it contact 1st VDGE Steve Wasserman.

- **Youth Committee Report** – 2nd VDGE Nancy Mathwig gave the report. The committee minutes are attached at the end of these minutes.

2nd VDGE Nancy made a motion:

- That these guidelines be approved and incorporated into the 5M2 Policy Manual and be distributed to all clubs and cabinet members.
- That these budgets be forwarded to the Budget Committee for inclusion in the 2015-2016 District Budget.
- That these budgets, in summary form, be reported on as part of regular budget reports to the 5M2 Cabinet.

Seconded by Lion Wanda Breimhorst, MC.

- **U of M MN Dental Association Contact 5M** – 5M3 PDG Dan Snobel gave a presentation on this project of providing dental information to Lions Clubs – there is a need to educate the public. Many dentists do not accept patients on medical assistance. Physicians, nurse practitioners, etc. look at teeth now as part of well child visits. They can refer the patients to a dentist who will accept these patients. He asked for our support in bringing this educational program to our communities through our Lions clubs and other service clubs. Lion Dennis Hewitt made a motion allowing PDG Dan Snobel to contact clubs to talk with them and send newsletter information; PDG Rick Wagoner seconded, MC.

New Business:

- **Possible TV Ads** – DG Harry and Lion Loretta did a little research about the ads. CC Earl was responsible for getting this accomplished. CC Earl's group applied for a grant, got the money and they placed the ads. The grant process is changing in that you need to have matching grants now as well. CC Earl stated they didn't think that it was worth doing to gain members. Lions saw the ads but it was unclear whether it made an impact on any others. Conversation followed regarding social media, streaming media, and how people get their information these days.
- **Presentation by IPDG Joan Blank** – IPDG Joan presented a gift to DG Harry and District 5M2. Lion Wayne May gave 5M2 a Lions bell.
- **2016 Mid-Winter Budget** – PDG Rick Wagoner made a presentation and a motion that we approve a budget of \$3,000 for the Mid-Winter next year at this time. Seconded by Lion Mike Williams, MC. The committee is working on a Guinness Book of World Records of the most red/black plaid shirts at a Lions convention. This will happen at the Saturday Lunch, hopefully. Among other exciting and fascinating activities.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Wanda Breimhorst thanked the Zone Chairs: Zone 1 Chair, Chris Hall, Zone 2 Chair, Sandra Schneider and Zone 3 Chair Jen Malecha, they have done an exceptional job. Region 1 had 1107 members added 70 but dropped 91 we now have 1086.

The Chanhassen Lions Club has joined Region 1. The club will be in Zone 2. We are looking forward to getting to know them and working with them. Zone meetings have been held in Zone 1 and 3. Zone 2 is scheduled for this week. In March Lion Wanda attended the Leadership Conference along with 4 other Lions from Region 1 Lion Christy and Lion Julie from the Jordaness Lions, Lion Jennifer from the Veseli Lions and Lion Paula from the Cologne Lions. There were also several other Lions from 5M2. She personally thanked DG Harry for inviting her to attend. Don't want to forget Past DG Joan. None of us were in her sessions but heard nothing but good things. We all agreed it was excellent training. Attached to minutes is an article Lion Mary put together for the local paper. Please take time to read it at some point as it captures how we felt about the training. All the clubs in Region 1 continue to work together for community projects and fundraisers.

- **Zone 1** Lion Chris Hall from the Glencoe Lions Club – Currently, Zone 1 membership is at -2, leaving us at 274 members. But there's still time to finish the year with a plus membership. Clubs are having membership drives, information meetings open to the public, and looking for new members all the time. Clubs are also busy planning their summer projects, highway clean-up, cookouts, dusting off their floats,

and installing new officers. Out of curiosity, he looked up family units, and Zone 1 has 46 family units. Lion Chris has an upcoming club visit to the Hutchinson Lions Club that he is looking forward to. Recently, he attended the MD5M Convention at the Airport Marriott. It is always good to see familiar faces, and to make new acquaintances. Back on March 23rd, Zone 1 had their spring Zone meeting which was hosted by the Glencoe Lions, and had PDG Dan Snobl as our guest speaker, promoting the Minnesota Oral Health Project.

- **Zone 2** Lion Sandra Schneider thanked DG Harry for allowing her to serve as Zone 2 Chair on his cabinet. It has been a great year. She reminded everyone to include the Chanhassen Lions in their communications as they are now a part of our District. The Spring Zone 2 meeting will be held on April 29 at the Hollywood Roadhouse in New Germany.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – Current membership in Zone 3 is 369. Since the first of the year Belle Plaine has 3 new members, Shakopee Valley has 1 new member and the Veseli Area Lions have 2 new members. Lions in Zone 3 have been very, very busy! All Zone 3 Lions clubs were represented at the MidWinter Convention in February. The Belle Plaine Lions celebrated their 25th Anniversary on April 21st. The Jordaness Lions hosted the Spring Zone meeting on March 9th and a very successful Bingo Fundraiser on April 17th. The Shakopee Lions visited the Prior Lake Lions. Lion Jennifer recently attended the Belle Plaine, Jordan, Jordaness, Prior Lake & Shakopee Lions club meetings & of course she attends the Veseli Area Lions meetings on monthly basis. She has club meeting visits scheduled with the N.E.W. Lions and Shakopee Valley which will complete my 2014-2015 club visits. The N.E.W. and Veseli Area Lions delivered trees to New Prague Area 4th graders on April 24th in celebration of Arbor Day and 4th Grade Foresters. The Shakopee Lions are hosting a Softball Tournament at the end of May. The Veseli Lions are hosting a local and sectional Pitch, Hit and Run Competitions in May and then our 36th Annual 4th of July Celebration. Feel free to check out Zone 3 Lions Club web and Facebook pages for other club activity information! Lion Jennifer was also able to attend the Lions Leadership Institute March 26th – March 29th with Lions Wanda, Julie and Christy from the Jordaness Lions and 70 other Lions from our Multiple District and learned so much and made new Lions friends and now she is able to say she's been to Mahanomen, MN. The institute is a wonderful learning opportunity and she highly recommends attending the institute when you can!

Region 2 Lion Charlette Abbas, Region 2 Chairperson, thanked DG Harry for allowing her to be a Region Chair! She has acquired much information about Lionism and hopes to continue to learn about being a good Lion. She is grateful that DG Harry encouraged her to attend the Leadership training this past spring. There were long days, but so rewarding! She came back with so much more that she wanted to do for her club as well as others.

Region II has 701 members as of April 20. There have been 37 new members, but we are still down 15 for the year so far, but I know we can make that up in the last 2 months of this Lion year. Lion Charlette knows that there are Clubs that have new members but have not gotten them recorded as of yet. Clubs have been exceptionally busy this year and she knows they will continue to support Lionism by serving their communities, district, state, nation, and world.

All spring Zone Meetings have been held and were great inspirations to those who attended. Zone Persons of the Year were selected in each Zone. These people need to be highly praised for all they do for their Clubs. Zone Chairs will give you more information.

Zone 4: Lion Brenda Jones

Zone 5: Lion Jim Spille

Zone 6: Lion Lori Klein

- **Zone 4** Lion Brenda Jones – Zone 4 held their Spring meeting on March 19th in Winthrop, hosted by the Winthrop Lions. There were over 40 Lions in attendance, with each of the 6 clubs represented. Lion Mary Nicklay of the Courtland Lions was named Zone Lion of the Year! Zone 4 currently has 259 members in 6 clubs. Three Lions from Zone 4 recently attended the MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Mahanomen, MN. Lions Brenda Jones and Charlette Abbas from the Courtland Club were students and PDG Joan Blank from the Nicollet Club was on the faculty!
- **Zone 5** Lion Jim Spille – Zone 5 is alive and well after a shaky start. Records show that there are 235 members though this is slightly inaccurate as two new members were added by the West Carver Lions last night. The spring meeting was hosted by the Henderson Lions and the Hamburg Lions are next in

line. A few visits were made. He is scheduled to induct officers at Arlington.

- **Zone 6** Lion Lori Klein – Zone 6 had its Spring Zone meeting on April 21st hosted by Le Center. The program focus was Youth Programs and all clubs enjoyed the evening of information. Membership is currently at a loss of 5. All the clubs are active in completing projects and fundraisers. The Clubs have been challenged during the final quarter of the 2014-15 Lions Year to continue to Ask 1, conduct a membership night and complete all 4 Centennial Service Projects. She then thanked DG Harry for the opportunity to serve on his cabinet.

Region 3 Region 3 Chair Lion Paul Gorman reported that he has attended Zone 8 and 9 meetings but missed Zone 7 due to being in Colorado a few days. He was impressed with the quality and quantity of activities reported at the Zone meetings. He will depend upon the Zone chairs to update the membership information today.

- **Zone 7** Lions Janet/Charlie Knakmuhs – Zone 7 has 163 members. Zone meeting was held March 24th, weather was horrible but had a great turn-out and meeting. All clubs have been busy with membership and fundraising. She thanked DG Harry for allowing her to serve on his cabinet.
- **Zone 8** Lion Robert Hunter – No report sent in.
- **Zone 9** Lion Ron Theusch – No report sent in.

DG Harry gave out pins to all of the Zone/Region chairs in attendance at this meeting and a photo was taken.

Committee Reports: DGE Marvin Grimm handed out his cabinet list and mentioned that he will order disks for those that would like them. He is not setting time limit but requested that the reports be kept short.

Can Do Canines: Lions Deb Koehnen, Kathleen Bleckeberg, Vern and Darlene Breamer reported that Lions Kathleen and Deb attended the Can-Do-Canines **spring graduation on April 25**. Sixteen teams graduated. It was the first graduation that Deb has been able to attend. There was a first for the ceremony as well. A released prisoner, Keith Ward, from the Faribault prison system had presented Rich Sheehan a seizure and mobility assist dog, "Journey." Keith is gainfully employed now and giving back to the community. CDC is on track to graduate 46 teams next year in 2016 – a record high for them.

Share the vote: Thrivent Financial is splitting \$20,000 in charitable grant funds between CDC and 3 other local non-profits based on the percentage of votes received. 1. Create a text message and enter 86677 after the "TO:" prompt. 2. Type "Canines" in the message creation area to vote for Can-Do-Canines. 3. Press "SEND". You will receive a text message confirming your vote.

Lion Deb has presented at the Jordaness Lions. Lion Kathleen is giving a presentation outside of our district. She met a member of that club at the Leadership Forum.

Lions Kathleen and Deb would like to take this opportunity to thank Lions Darlene and Vern Breamer for co-chairing. They are stepping down from this position. They've worked very hard in the southern section of the district.

Centennial Committee: 1st VDGE Steve Wasserman reported that since the last Cabinet meeting he has presented Centennial Service Challenge updates at the Zone meetings. He is pleased to report that so far this year:

- 47 Clubs have reported on projects Engaging Our Youth
- 21 Clubs have reported on projects Protecting Our Environment
- 29 Clubs have reported on projects Relieving the Hunger
- 33 Clubs have reported on projects Sharing The Vision
- 40 Clubs have reported on projects in to or more of the Global Service Action Campaigns
- 7 Clubs have already received banner patches for reporting on projects in all four of the Global Service Action Campaigns (additional patches will be coming after the results of the fiscal year have been tabulated in August 2015)

In addition, he met with MD5M Centennial Chair, PDG Jack Hines (5M5), and other District Centennial

Chairs at the MD5M Convention to begin planning for future Centennial Activities.

Constitution & By-Laws: 1st VDGE Steve Wasserman reported that since the last Cabinet Meeting, he has:

- Presented proposed Constitution & By-Law changes at the District Convention, where they were approved.
- Prepared Constitution & By-Law documents for publication on the 5M2 Website
- Forwarded the updated documents to Lion Laura Maki for posting

Conventions: PDG Joan Blank reported that the 96th MD5M Multiple Convention was hosted by 5M6 and was very well run with excellent speakers. There was a very good showing of Lion members from 5M2.

The 98th Lions Club International Convention will be held in the beautiful city of Honolulu, Hawaii USA June 26th through June 30th, 2015. The spectacular Parade of Nations begins on Saturday, June 27th. An estimated 10,000 Lions from over 120 countries, many in native dress will march.

The USA/Canada Forum is being hosted in Grand Rapids, MI September 17th through 19, 2015. Featured guests will include Actress Lisa Whelchel, 1st Vice President Dr Jitsuhiro Yamada and Boy Scouts of America Chief Executive, Wayne Brock. Many great seminars will be presented for Lions to learn anything they want to know.

Computer Support & Technology: Lion Laura Maki reported that it has been a busy few months. The projector has gotten lots of use; Thanks to Lion Joe Maki for assisting with getting the IT equipment moved from room to room to accommodate speakers at the Mid-Winter and Lion Gary Koch for hooking us into his sound system for the luncheon video. The projectors are also being used for CEP Trainings and club presentations. Remember to let Lion Laura know of your need for the equipment as far in advance as possible to assist with scheduling.

The updated version of the Constitution and By Laws approved at the Mid-Winter were posted to the website.

Lion Laura completed the project description sheets for the website. She created a Parade of Green Reference/Description sheet with all the 501 (c) 3 letters included. She is still waiting for several of the 501 (c) 3 letters. She will be sharing this and the Project Chair descriptions created with Lion Debra Wasserman, for sharing with clubs in our district.

Notices for Spring Zone meeting were emailed to Club Presidents, Secretaries and Cabinet members as well as posted on the website. Several Zone Chairs requested assistance with their letters and agendas for Spring Zone Meetings. Remember the letters are also posted on the Calendar page of the website. The PU101 form and Club Excellence Award application have been updated on the website.

Lion Laura continues to send out the monthly 5M2 District Newsletter "Path to Success" and put it on the website. Before sending she switched it from printing layout to viewing layout to make reading it easier instead of page 8, 1, 2, 7 etc. IDs and DGs from other Districts also enjoy receiving our newsletter. Our Social Media Facebook page has increased its viewership greatly. On March 16th we had 166 views and on April 20th we were at 220. That's an increase of 54 and we're still growing!

Lion Laura stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on DG Harry's cabinet this year and she looks forward to working with DGE Marvin.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that if you have a fellow Lions member who has passed away, please report it to her. Also, she still has Snowman and Bird Pins for sale.

Essay Contest (Blind and Visually Impaired Students): PID Debra Wasserman reported that the winner of the 2014-2015 contest was Megan Copland, sponsored by the Owatonna Lions Club. Megan, her parents and brother were invited to the Sunday brunch during our MidWinter Convention, where she read her essay and was presented a plaque and monetary gift. Megan's essay went on to the Multiple District where it was recognized as the winning essay. Because they were not able to come to the Multiple District Convention, Megan and her family attended the March council of Governors meeting where Megan again read her essay. She was also presented a plaque and monetary gift. The Owatonna Lions also hosted Megan, her family and Lions Steve and Debra during their recognition of Megan's essay. They presented Megan a

plaque, a monetary gift as well as a butterfly bracelet which included the Lions emblem. At each reading of her essay, Megan received a warm response. Megan and her family were appreciative of the contest and the opportunity to share Megan's essay with so many Lions.

The 2015-2016 contest theme is again the same as that of the Peace Poster contest. An introductory email will be sent to Teachers of the Visually Impaired, before the end of the school year.

GLT: PID Debra Wasserman reported Report of progress on District goals as set by **District Governor Harry for 2014-2015**

1. Have clubs complete CEP Training. Hopefully about 2 per Zone in 2014-2015

MN Lake and Alden (Zone 9) completed CEP during the first quarter.

Prior Lake (Zone 3) completed the CEP in a one day session on Jan. 31.

Hamburg (Zone 4), Mankato and Mankato Key City (Zone 7) completed CEP in 2 2 hour sessions in March/april.

Green Isle (Zone 5) is scheduled for CEP in May.

Courtland is planning CEP for September 2015.

2. Encourage Zone Chairs to mention that all clubs have Orientation for new members.

Some Zone Chairs have mentioned the need for new member Orientation during Zone meetings and club visits. A Lion has been recruited to coordinate Orientation efforts in the District. Planning has begun and will be a particular focus for the incoming GLT/GMT/DG Team.

3. Encourage older members to also attend Fall Zone Meetings.

Completed.

4. At Region Meetings and Fall Zone Meetings make people aware of Regional Lions Leadership Institute. Encourage fellow Lions to take advantage of this good training.

Completed.

5. Make people aware of the Mid-Winter Convention in Mankato. Promote this at Region and Fall Zone Meetings

Completed.

6. Make people aware of the Multiple District Convention in Bloomington. Remind people we will be hosting it in 2016, so it would be a good idea to attend to find out what kind of help we will need to make it successful.

Completed.

7. Continue having Quarterly meetings with GLT and GMT Coordinators

The GLT/GMT met after the Region 1 meeting on September 8.

8. Continue to have Quarterly meetings with First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor and their Spouses.

The DG Team met on July 28 and December 8 and March 5.

Training for 2015-16 club officers will be held on Sunday, May 31, Bethany College Mankato.

Region and Zone Chair orientation is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, Treaty Center St. Peter.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks submitted no report.

Historian: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that she has received many favorable comments about the Hall of Fame display at the Mid-Winter Convention and several suggestions on additional historical items for possible display. Look for more information about District 5M-2 during the coming year.

Journey for Service: PDG Gordy Affield reported that Journey for Service was held April 8-10, 2015. 780 miles were traveled, 15 clubs were no shows, \$11,064 was collected (down abit). Clubs that were no shows were contacted, some sent checks to DG Harry.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that he did one presentation since his last report. We are at about 90% club participation as of 4/20/15. He will be sending out a reminder notice to participate in LCIF's 100% participation goal.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hesperheide has been to a few of the Spring Zone Meetings and has given

presentations to Brownton, Carver and Minnesota Lakes. She had to cancel the Sunrise Presentation and will reschedule. She attended the Council of Governors meeting in Brooklyn Center and also a Leader Dog Meeting in St. Cloud. She has resigned from the MD5M Leader Dog Chair position, but will continue to be Leader Dog Co-Chair for District 5M2 for one more year.

This is an excerpt from Lion Debra regarding the kennel campaign.

Mother Nature has been less than kind to the building schedule throughout the month of February. Steel continued to go up, but there were days when the masons were unable to work due to subzero temperatures—because mortar can freeze.

Several areas have been tented so internal work, such as electrical, can continue. The steel substructure of the roof is up and we are beginning to see how the lobby entrance will look. Demolition in Bay 11, which was originally scheduled for Phase Two, has begun. This should help us keep on schedule to meet the final completion date.

As the ground thaws, more footings can be poured and we can continue with the internal masonry walls in the puppy area. Team members and volunteers in the kennel are staying flexible and keeping operations running smoothly despite the cold and construction. Our dogs remain happy and seem undisturbed by the noise.

Fundraising activity continues with strong momentum. We continue to meet with individual donors, corporations, foundations and Lions clubs nationwide and will do so through the end of 2015. In April the Friends and Family phase will launch and we will actively work with all Leader Dog constituents including clients, puppy raisers, breeding host families, volunteers and the Leader Dog team. The campaign will be more visible in this phase as we also engage the local community and the general public in the project.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported that this is what she has heard thru the “grapevine”:

- Sibley Senior & Junior High Leos donated money for scholarships, assisted their local Lions Club with the Annual Fish Fry and participated in Journey for Service.
- Northfield Leos-Participated in a Recycling Fundraiser.
- Cologne Leos-Attended Multiple Convention, increased membership by 3 new members the month of April, hosted “Food for Kidz”, Belgian Waffle Breakfast, donated to Journey for Service. 6 members are on the planning committee for the Leo Conference in May and there will be 7 Leos attending the Leo Conference. Upcoming events: “Dining in the Dark”-Fundraiser for Vision.

Liberty Day: Lion Dennie Hewitt reported that he attended four Spring Zone Meeting, talked about the Liberty Day Program, and offered to visit all clubs and explain the Liberty Program so they can decide if their club would like to participate with their school and promote the Liberty Day ideas. They are out of Liberty Day books and need to order more books. PDG Mary Spille made a motion to allow Liberty Day chairs to order the books they need to finish the school year, Lion Charlette Abbas seconded. MC

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that he has nothing to report at this time. He has enjoyed working with the clubs and being on the cabinet this year.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Arlene Richter reported that the Lions Hearing Foundation met in St. Cloud on March 21, 2015 at the Kelly Inn; the meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. after which the following business was addressed:

1. We are currently researching getting our Fellowship Plaques from a new supplier. These new plaques will be less expensive and still of good quality.
2. Links have been added to our main website to link with our D-Feet website. Also, the D-Feet website software has been updated to make it more user friendly for registration and sponsor recognition.
3. Updates were given on the Multiple District Convention Silent Auction, Live Auction, and Raffle projects. It was also announced that vision and hearing screenings will be offered at the convention. Volunteers will be needed to staff the booth, auction, and screening areas.

4. The D-Feet project has already reached 20% of its \$100,000 goal. To encourage clubs to be sponsors letters to club secretaries and emails to club presidents are on schedule to go out in April and May. A sign up sheet for volunteers to work the event will be circulated.
5. Funds were donated to the Ling project to acquire special toys to help children with cochlear implants to develop speech, and to the Cochlear Implant Picnic event.
6. Election of new officers was held.
7. PDG John Myers and Lion Tom Antikainen were recognized for their work as Hearing Foundation Trustees for the last six years.

Mid-Winter Convention: Lions Janet Hall and Emmy Koch reported that overall the convention went well. We had good speakers, good meetings, great hospitality rooms and music, good costumes and a good time for all (Most of which she didn't see). We received back 36 surveys with mostly bad comments for the hotel and those have all been passed onto them for them to improve their service and realize how much improvement is needed for this to be successful and run smoothly and on time. Also for the hotel staff to take some of our advice when we ask or tell them things need to be done a specific way and need to do things with more urgency than they did this year. The hotel already has a new general manager and she is aware of all the issues this year. We are still finalizing the last of the bills before a final budget can be done. Lion Janet stated, "Thank you DG Harry for giving me the opportunity to experience this and I am sorry if I snapped at anyone that weekend, I apologize."

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Emmy Koch – Lion Kevin reported that on March 28, 2015 the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation Meeting was held at the University of Minnesota's Center for Magnetic Resonance Research. He was unable to attend this meeting as he had a prior commitment. The Foundation voted to do a health screening at the MD5M Multiple Convention to be held on April 18, 2015 in Minneapolis.

Tours of the Imaging Lab and the Immunology Lab were given in the morning and afternoon. After lunch various Doctors and researchers gave presentations on what is being done at the University in the hope of finding a cure or preventing diabetes.

The next annual update is scheduled for March 26, 2016 at the University.

The next Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation meeting will be on July 11, 2015 at the Doubletree Hotel in Minneapolis.

MN Lion Vision Foundation: Co-Chairs Lion Diana Kroells and PDG Mary Spille were well pleased with the Parade of Green collection of \$15,127.59 which has been delivered to the Vision Foundation.

Mary Spille attended the Zone 5 meeting. Diana Kroells attended several zone meetings. This spring Diana has done two club presentations and Mary has done one. Both Diane and Mary attended and worked the Spring Tour on March 7 conducted by the Vision Foundation and Hearing Foundation.

The quarterly Foundation meeting was held March 20 and 21 in St. Cloud. Reports were given by the University principals. Two major highlights were mentioned by Dr. Von Kuijk. The first successful bionic eye surgery at the University is complete; three more candidates are slated for surgery in the near future. News releases re: the Argus implant will be coming soon. Secondly, he shared the many reasons for development of an onsite surgery center at the University (surgeries now done at Fairview or Phillips); this is in the early stages of development. Major Lion dollars will be committed.

Highlights of committee reports:

- Dave Thompson of 5M8 is the new Foundation treasurer
- The Foundation has kept schedule with payoff of the Children's Clinic debt - .5 mil left
- The Foundation will proceed with plans to dedicate \$4 million to the onsite surgery center concept
- Policy manual being updated re: staff job descriptions – University procedure
- Long Range Planning committee has developed Strategic Plan Goals
- Public Relations is exploring ways to improve the Foundation's visibility

In light of the last, the co-chairs have plans to place a monthly blurb in the coming year's newsletter. A schedule will come out soon requesting State Fair booth staffing.

Election of officers proclaimed the MLVF Chair Dave Moen and Vice Chair Roger Badenhop.

Upcoming dates to remember include the annual MLVF training and meeting July 17-18, State Fair Booth, and Fall Tour on October 10.

Also noted: The Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation was held Saturday, April 18, 2015, Bloomington, MN as a part of the Multiple Convention. Full report accessible. Highlights:

- MLVB just paid \$250,00 of the pledge to the Children's Vision Center
- MLVB will proceed with \$4 million committee to the U of M for an onsite surgery center.
- Financial status is good.
- New document retention practices are in place as a result of equipment updating.
- Long range planning goals are in place.
- New concepts to increase visibility of the Foundation are in the works.

Both Diana and Mary are honored to have been chosen by DG Harry as 5M2's Vision Foundation representatives. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve and, equally important, for the opportunity to learn and grow personally.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported that this is his last report to the 5M-2 Cabinet. It has been 30 years of fantastic delight doing the 5M-2 Newsletter. But let's get real. The new technology is here and Cindy will go a great job.

He thanked all of the Past Governors and current governor and elects for allowing him to do the newsletter. Everyone has been fantastic to work with over the years. It will be different not doing it on the 20th of the month.

He apologized for last month. The post office rejected the mailing. We had to do a few things different to get it mailed. Our postmaster was gone on vacation and the person that was brought in didn't like the way that we have done for many, many years. Enough said.

Thank you Harry and Marvin and Steve for a great last year.

Thank you to the cabinet for sending in material each month. He thanked Kimberly at Franklin Printing for working with him to get the newsletter out on time.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported nothing new to report, she is attending the quarterly Project New Hope meetings in St Cloud and is out and about giving presentations. She has made and is making quilts, also collecting new quilts to be presented to the veterans at the retreats.

Protocol: No report.

Publicity: Lion Ruth Klossner is available to speak on media relations.

Lions Quest: Lion Cathleen Williams reported that they have been busy with medical dealings but hope to have a training this summer. On the Multiple level, they hope to be able to help a school in East St. Paul. Thanks to DG Harry and his bride Loretta for having faith in her. She hopes to be back on schedule next year.

Lion Janet Knakmuhs also thanked DG Harry for allowing her to serve on his cabinet. She also thanked Lions Mike and Cathleen for their help with Quest. She has gotten Quest into one new school and will continue to work hard to increase participation.

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank reported that progress is being made slowly on our strategic goals as our chairpersons regroup for 2015-2016. One of our chairpersons, Lion Manny Camilon has moved out of state, so we were not able to function as a group this year. There will be only two of us next year and we should be able to collaborate more effectively to design an informative program.

PDG Joan met a "Special Olympian" at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute" who has given her good direction and resources. She looks forward to being more proactive this coming Lions year.

Write Off: Lion Christy Trutnau reported that two of the three finalists attended the Mid-Winter Convention. The three candidates were: Abigail Butler from Sibley East representing the Arlington Lions; Amanda Husted from Glencoe Silver Lake, representing the Brownton Lions; and Eryn Meskan from W-E-M

representing the Waterville Lions. The winner of the 2014-2015 Write Off Contest was Abigail Butler from Sibley East. The topic for next year is undecided. A decision will be made by July 1st.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lions Chris and Janet Hall reported that we are in desperate need of host families, if you or someone you know is interested in hosting at all please let me know and I will get in contact with them. We have 36 students coming approximately July 1 till August 1 and of that only about 9 have been placed so far. We are still in the process of contacting more families in 5M2 to host students. Lion Janet just did a presentation at a zone meeting and has a club visit coming up in May. So please spread the word to as many people as you can.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs for the Peace Poster Contest again this year are Lion Paula Stephens from Cologne Lions and PDG Sue Bowman from Albert Lea LakeView Lions.

The Peace Poster contest theme for 2014-2015 was "Peace, Love and Understanding". They received 40 posters sponsored by 27 clubs. The participation was down one from last year and they are confident the interest in the project will continue.

The winning poster was from Alayna Wangen, sponsored by the Faribault Lions Club.

They did contact all participating clubs requesting their ideas for best practices for the Peace Poster Contest. They will continue encouraging all clubs to start or maintain sponsorship of the Peace Poster.

"Share Peace" is the Peace Poster theme for 2015-16. Kits are available now through LCI on line and in the Lion Magazine until October 1.

She thanked all the clubs that sponsored the Peace Poster Contest, it is a great way to bring Lions and youth together. Thanks also to DG Harry for the honor of serving on the cabinet, we continue on the "Path to Success" for the Peace Poster Contest!

Comments:

2nd VDGE Nancy Mathwig is excited to work with everyone next year. It is overwhelming the number of lives that Lions touch.

DGE Marvin Grimm thanked the cabinet for their support. He is looking forward to next year and he is starting to get excited.

DG Harry Klenke thanked everyone on the cabinet for all their great work. It has been a fun year and an interesting year. There was a lot accomplished during this year. Lion Loretta deserves a huge thank you, cabinet gave a standing ovation.

Next Meeting will be held in August in conjunction with Jungle Days. Meeting adjourned at X p.m.

Motion to adjourn Lion Jim Spille, 2nd by Lion Janet Knakmuhs. MC.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cindy Walters

Announcements:

Zone 2 Meeting April 29th – New Germany

Hamburg Golf Tournament May 30 – Hamburg

De Feet Hearing Loss June 6th – Minnesota Arboretum

Le Sueur Golf Outing June 15 – Le Sueur

International Convention June 26-30 – Honolulu, Hawaii

Council of Governors Meeting July 25th – St. Cloud

Jungle Days August 3 – St. Peter

2014-2015 Youth Activities Ad-hoc Committee Recommendations

As authorized by the District 5M2 Cabinet at its meeting on February 13, 2015, the committee met to discuss budgets and guidelines for District 5M2 programs that access funds through the Youth Activities Account as generated through Parade of Green Donations.

Participants:

1st VDGE Steve Wasserman (chair), PID Debra Wasserman (Essay Contest), Lion Christy Trutnau (Write-Off), PDG Sue Bowman (Peace Poster), Lion Paula Stephens (Peace Poster), Lion Dennis Hewitt (Liberty Day), Lion Anna Wickenhauser (Leos), 2nd VDGE Nancy Mathwig, PDG Mary Spille (Liberty Day), Lion Wanda Breimhorst (Region 1 Chair), DG Harry Klenke, DGE Marvin Grimm

Proposed Annual Budgets:

Leos

Midwinter Convention	600	
MD5M Convention	750	
MD5M Leo Conference	750	
Total Leo Budget		2100

Liberty Day

Program Materials	1000	
Total Liberty Day Budget		1000

Lions International Essay Contest

District 1 st Place Award	300	
Plaque for District 1 st Place Award	50	
Meals at Midwinter Convention for District Winner and up to 3 guests	80	
Total LCI Essay Contest Budget		430

Peace Poster Contest

District 1 st Place Award	300	
Plaque for District 1 st Place Award	50	
District 2 nd Place Award	200	
District 3 rd Place Award	100	

Meals at Midwinter Convention for District Winner and up to 3 guests	80	
Miscellaneous framing and printing expenses	120	
Total Peace Poster Contest Budget		850

Write-Off Contest

District 1 st Place Award	500	
Plaque for District 1 st Place Award	50	
District 2 nd Place Award	300	
District 3 rd Place Award	200	
Meals at Midwinter Convention for Region Winners and up to 3 guests each (12 total)	240	
Zone 1 st Place Awards (\$100 each)	900	
Total Write-Off Contest Budget		2190

Guidelines:

- The goal of these budgets is to encourage greater participation by the youth of our communities in each of the activities. In so doing, we encourage and inspire youth to be of greater service.
- These budgets should be approved by the District Cabinet and become part of the budget as printed by the Treasurer and distributed to all cabinet members.
- Monies used from these budgets should also be reflected in budget reports as made by the Treasurer to the District Cabinet.
- These budgets and guidelines should become part of the District 5M2 Policy Manual and be distributed to all clubs and cabinet members.
- Project Chairs may spend up to their budget within the guidelines set without special permission of the Cabinet or District Governor.
- If additional funding is desired, the Project Chair may make a request of the District Cabinet.
- Midwinter Convention meals should come from Youth Activities Budgets not from the Convention Committee Budget.
- Best practice is to have all judging of contests done by non-Lions. Program chairs should endeavor to abide by this best practice.

Additional Guidelines for Leo Budget:

- Leo funds are budgeted separately for each of the events. If more money is needed for any specific event, a request should be made to the District Cabinet.

- Leos attending the Midwinter or Multiple District Conventions for the first time would be subsidized at a rate of 100% for meals.
- Leos attending the MD5M Leo Conference for the first time would be subsidized at a rate of 100% of the cost, which includes both meals & lodging in one fee.
- Leos attending a convention or conference subsequent times would be subsidized at a rate of 50%.
- No lodging costs for Midwinter or Multiple District Conventions would be covered.

Actions Required:

- That these guidelines be approved and incorporated into the 5M2 Policy Manual and be distributed to all clubs and cabinet members.
- That these budgets be forwarded to the Budget Committee for inclusion in the 2015-2016 District Budget.
- That these budgets, in summary form, be reported on as part of regular budget reports to the 5M2 Cabinet.

Article from Jordan Independent:

The "Eye of the Lion" has been published in the Jordan Independent for several years. It is the goal of the club and the columnist to use this form of media as an avenue to share news of our club and that of Lions International. Throughout the years, I have been always been very proud of the news that I report. This column is no exception and quite possibly an article that I am most proud to write.

Developing leadership skills is a primary goal set by Lions International. Throughout each club year, members are encouraged to learn organizational skills and experience governing roles. Conferences are held at the district, regional, national and international levels and all members are welcome to attend. Attending these seminars and conferences is not a requirement; it is an opportunity and a privilege. This does add another level of commitment for our members and fortunately the Lions organization and the Jordan community reap the benefits of members that are personally invested in our purpose "We Serve".

With a membership count of 1.35 million members, Lions International is a well-oiled machine with a lot of heart. However, all machines and organizations need maintenance and upgrades. To renew, refresh and grow in service, Lions International offered a 4 day Regional Leadership Institute for qualified Lion candidates. Three of the Jordaness, Lions Julie Beckius, Wanda Breimhorst and Christy Trutnau submitted their applications for admittance to the conference; were accepted and engaged themselves in the entire process. There were 74 Lions from Minnesota and Canada with different backgrounds and various ages and skill sets. Lion Breimhorst reported that the faculty was extremely prepared and she was amazed that it is possible to "teach old dogs new tricks". The goal of the Institute was to present a curriculum of educational materials and exercises and then to apply this information in a group setting. The curriculum covered diversity, Lions fundamentals, team work, public speaking, motivation, goal setting, mentoring and writing mission statements. The conference concluded with participants making presentations that they prepared by the end of the 4 day conference. Lion Trutnau felt a very personal connection with other Lions and the goals that are shared. Lion Christy said that she learned that "being a leader has its challenges; but the rewards are far better than the road it took to get there!"

This was not a spa retreat..but the members came home exhilarated.

This was not a weekend with every night happy hours...but the members came home with many new friends and a renewed passion for Lionism.

There was no "sleeping in"...The members arrived at the morning sessions at 7:00 a.m. on the nose-each and every day-and felt that they were late.

There were no late night gatherings...unless participants were awake practicing their presentation.

In quoting the 3 Jordaness...It was ...Awesome! Amazing! Awe-Inspiring!

Lion Julie Beckius reported that "the skills the 3 Jordaness Lions learned at the Leadership Institute are things that they will be sharing with the club and things to use to continue to keep our energy and focus fresh and exciting for members and the community".

This particular leadership institute is offered to Lions every other year and is held throughout the world from Minnesota USA to Mexico City, Mexico...from Santa Cruz, Bolivia to Brimingham, England...from Hong Kong, China to Madhya Pradesh, India...from Brazzaville, Congo to Adelaide, Australia.

Your neighbors throughout the world; learning and serving.