

**District 5M-2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2018
LeSueur Community Center, LeSueur**

Call to Order: DG Nancy Mathwig called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by DGE Diana Kroells

Invocation: 1st VDGE Brian Thies gave the invocation.

Welcome: DG Nancy Mathwig thanked everyone for coming.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters, showing 37 in attendance, 14 absent, 7 guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Nancy Mathwig formally introduced PG Tom Ferleman, Lion Bill Bowman , Lion Duane Kroells, Lion Dar Monder, Lion Rose Thies.Lion Don Wickenhauser

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda Lion Cathleen Williams; seconded by Lion Janet Knakmuhs; **MC.**

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by PDG Marvin Grimm, seconded by Lion Gary Koch; **MC.**

Treasurer's Report: Lion Sue Vos presented her report. Motion by PID Maynard Rucks and seconded by Lion Gary Koch to accept the Treasurer's Report. **MC.** Copy of the Balance Sheet of the Treasurer's Report is located at the end of the minutes.

Communications: PID Debra Wasserman received an email from DG Marlys Meskan regarding the Ancient One's health. He is currently in St. James nursing home after being hospitalized. PID Debra has a card for all of the cabinet to sign.

Old Business:

- **PID Brian's Campaign** – PDG Joan Blank: At our 5M2 Midwinter convention, the team hosted a very successful "Waddle Walk" after lunch. Lions and guests had to be wearing a penguin hat to participate. We had 101 Waddle Walkers which brought in another \$1000 for PID Brian's campaign.

PID Debra Wasserman and PDG Joan spoke at the business meeting on February 10, 2018 to promote both PID Brian's campaign and to also encourage Lion members to attend the International Convention in Las Vegas on June 29 – July 3rd.

PID Brian Sheehan Team Captains Kevin and I had attended as many spring zone meetings as possible to thank clubs for their donations to the PID Brian Sheehen Campaign and to encourage those that have not made a donation to still do so. We received a check the other night from the Henderson Lions for \$100.00.

To date, our total donation to PID Brian's campaign is \$7,121.00. This does not include the net proceeds from the sales of the penguin hats (which we also sold at the Multiple Convention in Winnipeg) which should come in around \$2000. We are grateful to the Lions of 5M2 for all their support - financially we will have contributed just over \$9,000.

Lion Kevin has also challenged Lions to come support PID Brian at the Las Vegas International Convention. Presently we have 35 Lions attending the convention from 5M2. PDG Joan and Lion Kevin are helping PCC Dave Dominick with the rally at the International Convention. The team will meet before the convention to see how team members can help out at the rally. All those attending from our District

will be asked to help at the rally. PDG Joan has pins with at the meeting for sale \$2 each.

PDG Harry Klenke also spoke about a fundraiser for the campaign. There is a golf outing being held in Kimball. It will be July 20th in conjunction with the COG meeting in St. Cloud. Trying to get Chris Lund to add this golf tournament for the 5M2 golf trophy.

- **Feed My Starving Children Update:** PID Debra Wasserman – THANK YOU DISTRICT 5M2! Lions, Leos, friends and families who participated in the FMSC food packing event on March 26 made the day a great success and helped “Relieve the Hunger” around the world. Clubs sending participants included: Arlington, Carver, Chanhassen, Faribault, Green Isle, Hamburg, Hutchinson, Jordan, Jordaness, Mayer Area, NEW, NYA, NYA West Carver, Prior Lake, Shakopee, Shakopee Valley, and Watertown. With so many people coming and going, if your club was missed in the above list, please let me know so we can acknowledge your efforts. Please be sure to report your club’s participation on MyLCI and check the “Relieving the Hunger” box.

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We received a thank you from FMSC as well.

- **MN Lions Gift of Sight update:** PDG Mary Spille – Minnesota Lions Gift of Sight has run into a roadblock in their functioning, formally known as the eyebank. Since 1960 the MN Lions Gift of Sight has been providing tissue for corneal transplants as well as tissue for research. A second eye bank has opened in Minnesota it is called Sight Life (based out of Seattle) which is a subsidiary of Life Source. This is causing a conflict in operation and will definitely lower the amount of transplants, etc. This is a threat to MN Lions Gift of Sight. Some geographical areas are looking at moving to the new company. We want to continue to promote the MN Lion Gifts of Sight.
- **Final 2018 Mid-Winter Convention Report:** Lions Lowell & Charlette Abbas – The 2018 Mid-Winter Convention is over and Lion Lowell, Lion Lucy, and Lion Charlette are pleased with the way the Convention ran so smoothly. The volunteers from Zone 4 were amazing; they went above and beyond in being sure things were done in a timely fashion. Lion Kevin said we have \$398.48 in the account. One check has not been cashed, however. Lion Joan reported 364 registered guests. The material that was used to cover the L.I.O.N.S. letters were repurposed. Lions Elaine Malheim and Mary Nelson from Winthrop created 125 eye glass cases (and purchased enough material to make 75 more for a total of 200 cases) for the Vision Honduras. Lion Orville Trenton of Stewart gave Mary and Elaine information regarding the eye glass cases. The strips of material were just the right size to make the cases. The sale of the wine bottles covered the cost of the lights and the printing. Thanks to all who purchased a memento. Something needs to happen with the Parade of Green banner as it is no longer large enough to hold all clubs and Parade of Green donations.

Lions Lowell and Charlette thanked not only those from Zone 4 who volunteered their time and talents, but also Lions Sarah Gruenhagen and Darlene Mondor from Zone 5, and DGE Diana Kroells for helping with the Parade of Green banner and filling the gift bags. We know they will do a fantastic job for the

2019 Mid-Winter Convention. We are sure they have already started! We wish them the very best and are always available to answer any questions they may have.

And finally, we want to thank DG Nancy for giving us this opportunity to serve the Lions in this capacity. Challenges like this keep the mind continually working. It has indeed been a **“DOGGONE GOOD START OF ANOTHER CENTURY OF LIONISM!”**



PDG Joan Blank reported on the computer and printer for registration. She is asking the Cabinet to purchase a printer/scanner to use for the convention. PDG Joan made a motion that District 5M2 purchase a new printer not to exceed \$500. Seconded by PID Maynard Rucks. Question came up regarding which budget to take this out of. The budget committee will put this in next year's budget. PDG Steve will help purchase. Lion Gary Koch recommended a laser printer as opposed to a ink jet printer as the ink wouldn't dry up each year. MC.

- **Journey for Service Report:** PDG Mike Vos – The 2018 Journey for Service was conducted on April 4, 5, 6 with our District Governor Nancy Mathwig. It was a rewarding two and a half day traveling through the district making 58 stops and collecting donations from all 66 Lions and Lioness clubs totaling \$14,982. He thanked the District for supporting this unique and fun project. Over the years it has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars used to fund service projects in our District, Multiple and Lions International. Most of all he thanked the clubs who without their support none of this would be possible. He was humbled to be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the recent Multiple Convention.
- **2021 MD5M Convention Bid:** DG Nancy Mathwig, PID Maynard Rucks – They proposed the bid at the Multiple Convention and the bid was accepted. It will be held in Mankato at the Verizon Center. April 30, May 1, 2 2021. Hilton Garden Inn will be the Headquarter Hotel. 5M4 is bidding for 2022 as that is when PID Brian would go in as President. There will be two clubs celebrating their hundred anniversary that year as well. Hoping to tie this all together.
- **Awards:** PDG Steve Wasserman gave out some awards from mid-winter convention. He has been battling health concerns. 100% secretary award to Lion Shirley Hespeneide; Top Dog Awards: Debra Koehnen, Lion Kathleen Bleckeberg and DG Marvin Grimm.

New Business:

- **Policy Manual Changes to Chapter 4, Leos and other Youth Activities:** DG Nancy Mathwig presented the suggested changes to the policy manual that had come out of the working group for how the budgets should look. There will be a reimbursement form used which will be sent to the Cabinet Treasurer for reimbursement. The total budget for Leos is recommended to be \$5,500. Another proposal was to raise the amount in the budget for Liberty Day to \$1,800. VDGE Brian Thies made these proposals into a motion; seconded by Lion Gary Koch. Discussion followed. PDG Steve suggested that the chairs talk more regarding how the money is being spent to try to increase the Parade of Green for youth activities. PID Maynard mentioned that the sponsoring clubs have a need to have a stake in this also. MC.
- **State Fair Sign-up:** PDG Mary Spille – Had a sign up sheet available to have the state fair booth manned. Our date is Friday, August 24th.
- **2019 Mid-Winter Convention Location:** DGE Diana Kroells, Lion Dar Mondor – At the post convention

meeting the committee went through the comment sheets. There were a lot of negative comments regarding the food and the climate. The discussion came up at that meeting that perhaps it is time to move the convention. They have checked out several locations: Oakridge Center in Chaska 145 rooms and they would block off 100 for us They can accommodate everything but the Saturday lunch, food and room charges were comfortable they would also provide a shuttle to the Holiday Inn Express. Can not take alcohol out of the hospitality rooms and go between the dance and hospitality room. Looked also at Mystic Lake rooms were very expensive and did not have that weekend available, no food or beverages could be brought into that facility. The third place they looked was the Country Inn and Suites in Mankato; Food looked good, weekend is open, can not have hospitality room in the convention center and you can not bring food or drink into the convention center. Nobody can help set up tables or chairs for liability reasons. They will block 80 rooms and overflow would be at the Holiday Inn Express by the WOW Zone. Lion Gary talked about having a screen to put the Parade of Green Info on to show electronically. PDG Mary Ferleman asked if they checked into the Holiday Inn in Owatonna. There are pros and cons to each location. PID Maynard made a motion that we stay at the City Center Hotel for this year and continue to look at another site if we have problems again, seconded by Lion Brian Rykhus PID Debra Wasserman suggested that we possibly need to make other changes to encourage more people to attend. VDGE Brian suggested that we need to write a letter to the hotel to ensure that they need to address our concerns. MC. Convention will stay in Mankato for one more year.

The following Cabinet positions have upcoming events before the Jungle Days Cabinet meeting. Please highlight the events for the Cabinet. Full report later in the meeting.

- Centennial Celebration – June 10, 2018 – IPDG Steve Wasserman
- D-Feet Hearing Walk update – June 2, 2018 - PDGs Marv Grimm & Mike Vos
- KidSight training update – May 20, 2018 Lion Lori Klein
- Youth Exchange placement – Lion Cindy Walters
- Public Relations kit update – Lion Joe Gifford
- GLT update/officer training – PDG Sue Bowman

Committee Reports: 1st VDGE Brian Thies facilitated.

Can Do Canines: Lions Andrea and Tony reported that they have visited between 2-5 clubs per month since our last report. And they have successfully had a working assistance dog team at every meeting they have gone to.

Centennial Service Challenge: PDG Steve Wasserman reported that As District Centennial Coordinator, he has continued to write newsletter articles celebrating our progress in meeting the goals we have set as a District and an International Association.

A Multiple District Centennial Celebration is being planned for June 10, 2018, at the Anoka County Fairgrounds. Informational pieces have been passed along from MD5M Centennial Chair and published in the 5M2 Newsletter.

Constitution & By-Laws: PDG Steve Wasserman – Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws that were approved at the District Convention have been posted on the 5M2 Website.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that the bird pins have been designed and will be ordered. Reminder...if you have had anyone pass away in your club this year, send that information in. It is not too early.

Environmental Photo Contest: Lion Kate Pattison and Lion Evelyn Grimm – Lion Evelyn thanked everyone for the time she was co-chair of the Environmental Position. They have not heard what the new program is going to be. The photo contest that has been held for the past 3 years is no longer going to be. Lion Evelyn enjoyed working with Kate on this project.

GLT: PDG Susan Bowman. The District Governor Team met on Friday, April 13 to discuss the selection process for a candidate for 2nd VDG, having no announced candidate by the close of to the Mid Winter Convention. Should the district ever have the absence of a 2ndVDG candidate, a protocol for selection was developed based on the district by-laws, district constitution and guidance from Lions Club International staff.

The District Governor Team approved a letter that all clubs will receive outlining the candidate requirements for filling the vacancy. All interested candidates are asked to contact District Governor Nancy by May 25.

Spring officer training is set for Saturday, May 5 at Bethany College in Mankato in Meyer Hall of Science & Mathematics. Registration starts at 9:00, training sessions at 9:30. Zone Chair training is scheduled for Wednesday May 9 in Hamburg and Thursday, May 10 in Geneva.

Other training opportunities include the USA/Canada Leadership Form in Columbus, OH, September 20-22, 2018 and Northern Pride Lions Leadership forum November 2-3, 2018 at the Shooting Star Convention Center Mahanomen, MN. Information and applications for USA/Canada Forum are available at www.lionsforum.org

Members are encouraged to use the Lions Learning Center for information and skill development for officer positions. There is a direct link from the 5M2 Lions website, a great supplement to in person officer training.

GLT Orientation: PDG Joan Blank – PDG Joan has again been attending spring zone meetings, encouraging the clubs that have not had an orientation presentation to schedule one soon. She believes she will have a date set shortly for Shakopee, Shakopee Valley and LeSueur. Carver and Arlington are also on the docket for fall of 2018. Since Mid-Winter, she has presented once to Northfield Cannon Valley.

In July she will be updating the power point and will reach out specifically to the clubs that have not had a presentation to see if we can continue to expand the knowledge of Lions outside of our own clubs. She firmly believe this orientation piece of GLT should be offered for many years to come.

GMT: PID Maynard Rucks – Nothing new since last meeting, Will still look at Eagle Lake.

GST: PID Debra Wasserman – THANK YOU DISTRICT 5M2!

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Historian: DG Nancy Mathwig had nothing to report.

Journey for Service: PDG Mike Vos – report earlier in the minutes under old business.

LCIF: 2nd VDG Brian Thies – At this point, we are only one club short of 100% participation for the 17-18 Lions Year. He has contacted that club and they assured him that we will meet that goal shortly. As of April 28, 2018, 5M2 has given almost \$62,000. Thank you to each club and individual that has given so generously to help me go beyond my goal of \$50,000 for the 50th anniversary of LCIF. He has also exceeded his district coordinator LCIF Goals by 229%.

“Thank you to District Governor Nancy and IPDG Steve for giving me this opportunity to serve 5M2 as your LCIF District Coordinator. I have learned many things and am truly proud of how our district responded to the call of LCIF for disaster relief.”

Leader Dog: Co Chairs Lions Loretta Klenke and Emmy Koch reported that they have completed 3 Leader Dog Presentations this spring. Lion Loretta purchased a video camera and is showing a combination video on the Fort Dodge Leader Dog Prison program and facility in Rochester Hills Michigan. She has received many compliments on the video. Clubs visited include, Waseca, Minnesota Lake, and Mankato Clubs. Lion Loretta has Shakopee scheduled for May. She did request that the Shakopee Lions extend the invitation to the Shakopee Valley Lion's and the Shakopee Leos. She is open for any presentations upon request from other clubs in our District.

As of March 31, 2018, 5M2 has given \$14,585 dollars to Leader Dog this fiscal year. All clubs whom were eligible for a Leader Dog award were contacted and information to receive the award was included. As of the above date, 9 clubs were eligible for a Leader Dog Founder's Plaque to present to a member. Leaders Dogs Founder Plaque has a unique Centennial plaque this year to commemorate the 100 years of Lions. Clubs can continue to contribute funds to become eligible for this one-time award. To be eligible for the plaque the club must donate \$500 in this fiscal year to Leader Dog. Thank You to all clubs who have donated this year to Leader Dog and past contributions. The co-chairs continue to promote Leader Dog with 5M2 newsletter articles.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser, Lion Hilary –

Cologne Leos: “That’s My Pan” Fundraiser, Feed My Starving Children, Cleaning of the Lions Park, Carrying the banner for the Veterans Welcome Home Parade, Leo Planter, Scavenger Hunt w/Watertown Leos, D-Feet Hearing Walk

Northfield: Nothing to report

Shakopee Leos: April 28th tree planting for City of Shakopee, May 5th walk around the world 5k staff, June 3rd working the concessions in the afternoon at the Shakopee Lions softball tourney and working cleanup after...both fundraiser and service, August planning school supply drive, Feed My Starving Children, We have events listed on our website: <http://shakopeeleoclub.org/>

Sibley Leos: Tailgating at Home Football Games - Pig Wings and Smoked Pork Chops . Raised over \$1500, Tie Blankets - Raised over \$300, Food stand at local events - \$400. Donations: Bought new popcorn machine (\$1500) for concession stand, Fireworks sponsor for ArliDazzle (\$500), SE After prom (\$400), Youth Sports (\$400), 6th grade movie day (\$200), Weight room benches (\$200), Cruise for Cancer (\$300) Upcoming Events: Pet Week - May 7th - 11th, Raise awareness for Can Do Canines and Animal Shelters across Minnesota. Donate money raised to Can Do Canine and local shelters. Leos will attend Can Do Canine event, Ditch Cleaning - May 25th, Cruise for Cancer - Local cancer fundraiser....We're a top sponsor.

Liberty Day: Lion Denny Hewitt and Lion Dave Sebesta reported that The Liberty Day Program is kind of at rest this time of the year, as nearly all activity happens after school starts in the fall. They will actively be contacting newly elected Presidents once the new Lion's Year begins and again be promoting the Liberty Day Program. They would like to keep the Liberty Day Program budget at the same as 2017-2018, \$2400. Thanks again to the Cabinet for supporting this worthwhile District 5M2 Project.

Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Jeff Williams, PDG Marvin Grimm: Do you have your club team signed up for the 7th Annual D-Feet Hearing Loss Walk? The walk takes place June 2 at 9:30 am at the MN

Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, MN. You can do a personal walk, also invite family members, bring your children, under 12 get in free. Your \$25 registration fee will give you free admission, a light lunch, free tee shirt, children's activities, Teddy Bear Band and many mascots (U of M Goldie Gopher, Lions and others). Your \$25 entry fee will "Help a Child to Hear".

The Arboretum is celebrating 60 years this year. Many special events planned for the Diamond Anniversary. Flowers of many colors, origami sculptures in the Garden (40 metal sculptures outdoors and more indoors). There are sign to follow for the D-Feet Walk. But there are many other areas to walk, such as the three mile drive, the gardens around the buildings and the Bog Walk. You are welcome to explore the whole Arboretum that day. You can have a very busy day at the Arboretum. There is also a great gift shop and a café for your enjoyment.

Lions Quest: Lions Mike, Cathleen Williams reported that they have attended one Zone meeting and gave a presentation to one club. Lion Janet Knakmuhs reported that she is still in contact with the Mankato Club and the Genesis Academy and Winnebago Lions. She would like to Thank DG Nancy for allowing her to serve on her cabinet. Will be contacting 2 or 3 more clubs yet this Spring. Lion Cathleen also reported, "Mike and I will be retiring from the Cabinet on July 1st. Mike has been Quest Co-Chair for 12 years and I joined him 9 years ago. It has been our pleasure to spread the story of Quest throughout 5M2 and for me to be the Multiple Chair for 2 years. I started in 1991 as Diabetes Chair for 8 years and then 1 year as Service Dog (now Can Do Canines) for a total of 25 years on the Cabinet. I loved coming to meetings as I'm a busybody. I like to know what is going on. I will miss these meetings. Thanks to all the District Governors for letting me serve in your Cabinets."

Long Range Planning: PDG Harry Klenke – Many Lions stopped by our Long Range planning board at the MidWinter Convention. PDG Harry hopes they took some of the things that were posted back to their clubs. Looking at your community's needs and planning a strategy can make things happen. We must plan for our future.

MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation: PDG Rick Wagener and Lion Lori Klein reported that many clubs have had programs or screenings since the Mid-Winter Convention. On many occasions, all three cameras were on use on the same day. Reports are coming in about the screenings. Follow-up is one area for focus to make sure it is happening. There is a training coming up on May 20th in Jordan to certify more screeners. Work will continue over the summer to assist clubs in getting screenings scheduled for summer and fall events. It is important for clubs to remember that these screenings should be done annually, not a one time occurrence. Any updates from the Foundation will be written in an article for the newsletter.

Mid-Winter Convention Report: Lions Charlette and Lowell Abbas – Previous in the minutes under old business.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lion Brian Rykus and Lion Wanda Breimhorst – Thank you to all the clubs that donated to Diabetes at the Parade of Green at the 5M2 convention. The Lions are the largest donors to Diabetes Research at the U in the quest to realize the dream of a life without diabetes.

The co-chairs continue to reach out to clubs at the Zone meetings and are available for club visits to present overviews of the important work of the Foundation to fund research at the U of M to realize the dream of a life without diabetes. Also available are videos that can be shown at meetings. These are found on the foundation website mnlionsdiabetes.org.

The Diabetes trustees met March 24th at the McNamara Alumni Center for their quarterly meeting. Following the session researchers at the U of M updated trustees and guests on the progress of the research being done on various research projects.

April 20th was a Walmart Wellness Day. The Lions along with the ADA and Walmart are continuing a joint effort to educate consumers about diabetes, nutrition etc.

July 21st there will be another Walmart Wellness day. Information will be sent to clubs in the near future. If your club is looking for a project to complete the Lions Diabetes goal, participation in this service project helps in reaching the goal.

Just an FYI scholarships are available for Diabetes Camps - Camp Needlepoint and Camp Sweet Life. The information is or will be posted on the website.

Dollars designated to 5M2 are maintained by 5M2 and are eligible to be used for these scholarships. Dollars designated for the foundation are maintained by the foundation and distributed to designated grants at the U and other projects. These donations are eligible for the Dream Catcher Award.

MN Lions Vision Foundation: PDG Mary Spille and Lion Diana Kroells – Spring quarter has included the MLVF board meeting, the first Voices for Vision fundraiser, annual meeting in Winnipeg on April 14, multiple zone meetings, and some club visits.

On March 24, the spring quarterly meeting was held at the St. Cloud VFW, there is so much happening within the Vision Foundation. Information highlights:

- DG Bob Knutson, 5M4, was present as District Governors liaison and shared information about the current Lions year.
- Dr. Erik van Kuijk, Chair of Department of Ophthalmology, shared highlights of activities and staff changes at this department. Stated that January through March have been occupied by much time dealing with Life Source/SightLife issue. Presentation focused on the accomplishments of Lions Gift of Sight (our eye bank) and the concerns developed by the competition of SightLife, a second eye bank now operating in the United States and now contracted with CentraCare, the St. Cloud medical system. Please reference more information about this development by secretarial notes to be developed on 5M2's April meeting notes. (and by asking Directors Diana and Mary)
- Dr. van Kuijk and other staff stated that, obviously, this matter consumed time that would have been used to develop Lions Eye Institute progress.
- LEI (Lions Eye Institute) information was limited. PDG Dave Moen, fundraising chair, did give a report.
- Operation and Communications reports for the MN Lions Eye Bank were presented by Raylene Streed, Director, and Jennifer Marschall, Communications Manager.
- All following bullets involve activities of the Vision Foundation (not the Eye Bank):
 - Financial reports presented by Lion Treasurer Dave Thompson.
 - Lions Eye Institute information we updated and fundraising report was given by PDG Dave Moen Lion Leslie Palmieri. Grant from LCI has been applied for.
 - Progress report for Voices for Vision concert, April 21, 2018.
 - Request to be involved with the June 10 Lions International Centennial celebration to be held at an Anoka location.
 - Helen Keller pins to be revised to state MLVF, not Eye Bank
 - Press release to be developed by Chair Lyle Goff and Dr. Hou re: clear definition of Gift of Sight versus SightLife (the Seattle based eye bank).
 - Request to share our district communications with each other and to work diligently on club visits, etc
 - Plans for 2018 State Fair booth.
 - Thanksgiving for Vision is scheduled for October 27, 2018.
 - New officers were elected for the coming year

5M2 notes:

- Mary has continued with the monthly article "Viewing Forward" for our newsletter.
- Display table at Midwinter (historic perspective of our history, info about LEI, PPillowcase information).
- Diana has attended seven meetings. Mary has attended four. Two more are planned to be attended by both of us.
- Diana and Mary both participated in the Project Pillowcase event organized by the Cologne Lions on April 7.
- Diana and Mary both assisted the Lafayette Lions Club on April 25 with their first Senior Vision Concerns seminar (led by MN Federation of the Blind).

- Hopes are still for detailed presentation information given to us so that we can share more information with our clubs about the Lions Eye Institute.

Next meeting is set for July 27-28, location TBD. First day training for new and returning directors, second day quarterly meeting. Lions Diana and Mary are honored to represent 5M2.

Newsletter Editor: Lion Cindy Walters reported that she thinks that things are going good. She has been getting a lot of information but can always use more. All newsletters have come out on time and were full of information. Please continue to send information to her from your clubs, zones, committees, etc.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra thanked everyone for the donations at Mid-Winter 25 Veterans and their families are able to attend one of our retreats. We are getting ready to have our June retreat in a new location in Sandstone. I had a presentation for a club. We struggle to get attendance to our retreats; so we are always looking for ways to “get the word out”. If you haven’t yet... “Like” us on Facebook.

Public Relations/Protocol: Lion Joe Gifford –

- Lion Troy Feltmann (troyfeltmann@gmail.com) will be taking over the District 5M2 PR role as of July 1st so that Lion Joe Gifford can focus on a project with his American Legion Club for the remainder of 2018 and 2019.
- Thus far the PR Kit has been checked out and utilized 9 times since Mid-Winter with 1 more event planned for May 8th with the Courtland Lions. Feedback has been very positive.
- Thus far the PR Training session has been done 2 times and no additional sessions are currently scheduled.
- Low interest in Protocol Training sessions thus far with no training sessions scheduled.
- Discussion has started to get a second PR Kit created for the District. The thought is that this would allow to have one kit positioned strategically in the southern part of the district and one in the norther part of the district.
- Need to discuss an annual budget for the PR Kit(s). Approximate cost of creating a new PR kit is currently estimated at \$350 and costs of periodic restocking (monthly) of the kit is a recurring costs throughout the year. Current estimates are that \$360-\$480 for an annual PR upkeep budget (\$30-\$40 per month). As an example, the costs of printing 20 new copies of 5 fliers for the current kit ran \$54 the last time I needed to do a restock of the PR Kit and I typically do a restock every other month.

Special Olympics: PDG Joan Blank reported her goal since Mid-Winter has been to attend as many zone meeting as she can to tell about the awesome support 5M2 provided for the February 3rd Polar Plunge and to thank all those who participated. She has found out since February, that our donations from 5M2 have topped over \$10,000.

She is excited to learn that Lion Donelle (Doni) McQuistin will be joining the Cabinet next year as a Special Olympic Co-Chair, along with another Co-Chair from the Shakopee Valley Lions. These Lions have a son/daughter that participate in Special Olympics. This will be great first-hand knowledge to learn more about Special Olympics. PDG Joan will be mentoring each of them and working with them to see how we would like to expand our service to Special Olympics within the district.

Technology: PDG Steve Wasserman reported that he continues to distribute the District Newsletter monthly to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairs, as well as all Cabinet Members and Past District Governors. He has also posted each newsletter on the 5M2 Website. He has updated the District website as he becomes aware of needs, posted and shared information on the District Facebook page as he encounters appropriate posts. He has done some re-organization and cleanup on the website, but that is an ongoing process.

Write Off: Lion Deb Koehnen – All three of the finalists read their essay at the Mid-Winter Convention at the

Saturday luncheon. First place went to Natalya Wells, Zone 2, sponsored by the Watertown Lions. The second place winner was Marie Rients, Zone 8, sponsored by the Waterville Lions and the third place winner was Kayla Salmela, Zone 1, sponsored by the Plato Lions.

I'd like to thank DGE Diana for asking her to continue as the Write-off chair for the 2018-19 Lions year. Last year was the first year that Zone chairs were asked to select a winner from each zone. I'm hoping there won't be any issues due to that change this upcoming year. Information on the theme of the upcoming competition will be sent to club presidents and zone chairs by the end of August. Just checking to see if there are any individuals interested in judging the zone winning finalists.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Jim Walters reported as of today we have 4 students placed in 5M2. There are 34 students committed to coming this summer and there are 18 students still left to place. He would like to have 8 students placed in 5M2. That being said, he is looking for host families to host in our district. He has a few interested families that are still considering whether to host. If interested please contact him and he can send you information.

Youth Outreach, LCI Essay Contest: PID Debra Wasserman reported nothing to add.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairpersons are Lion Paula Stevens and Lion Shirley Hesperheide - As the 2017/2018 contest year is complete, the co-chairs have reached out to clubs regarding the 2018-2019 contest year. The theme for next year 's contest is "Kindness Matters." They have sent an email to clubs that are not current participants asking them to consider becoming involved in this program. They received one confirmation from Lester Prairie Lions. They are meeting with their school regarding starting a contest. In addition the 5M2 website has been updated with the upcoming contest information. Thanks to PDG Steve for his help.

Zone Reports: DGE Diana Kroells

- **Zone 1** Lion Gary Koch – 272 Members-11 members. He has completed 4 visits
Glencoe and Plato had their Spring Brunch, Hutchinson will be handing out water for Memorial day service, Silver Lake lions had their annual sausage supper, Brownston Lions held their annual fish fry, Hutchinson will be doing Cashwise cookout in May, Winsted Lions had their cookout at Glen's supervalue, Glencoe lions finished up their bingo season, Hutchinson Lioness sponsored the Easter bunny visit at the mall, Silver Lake lions had their annual Easter egg hunt, Lester prairie had to cancel their Easter egg hunt due to snow, Clubs participated in Journey for service, Silver Lake lions participated in the Silver Lake St. Patrick's day parade, Zone meeting 4/30 at Cactus Jack's in Stewart, Many clubs are preparing for summer festivals and projects.
- **Zone 2** Lion Glenn Kaufmann – Zone 2 has a total membership of 552, which is up 20 this year, this includes the addition of the 25 new Mayer Area members. The Chanhassen club is anticipating adding four new members before the end of the Lion Year. All clubs are current with LCIF reporting and are busy with club activities, clubs have put in 5064 service hours to date this year. The Zone Chair has visited all of the clubs this year and all of the clubs are finishing their interclub exchanges. Zone 2 Spring Meeting was completed 29 March in Chanhassen. Multiple clubs are in line for the Club Excellence Award and have been given guidance on how to proceed with that effort.
- **Zone 3** Lion Christy Trutnau – Zone 3 has 8 clubs and 1 Leo Club. As 04/23/2018 Zone 3 has 378 members. Zone 3 to date has a loss of 1 for the year. Our Spring Zone meeting was held on Tuesday April 10th at the Wilds in Prior Lake, the meeting was hosted by Shakopee Valley Lions. We had over 70 Lions in attendance! Lion Christy has visited all the clubs in our Zone. It was great working with everyone in this zone and she will truly miss this position. She thanked DG Nancy for the opportunity and thanked the cabinet for allowing her to be a part it.

Events for Zone 3

- **Shakopee Lions-** helped renovate the VFW in Shakopee on February 23 and 24th. Their next big event will be their annual softball tournament June 1st- 3rd; they will also be helping the Leo's plant trees.
- **Prior Lake Lions-** has bingo every Sunday night at the Pointe in Prior Lake. Their Easter Bunny breakfast was held on March 24th, at this breakfast they also did a Kidsight screening. Upcoming events: Roadside clean up and handing out six \$2000.00 scholarships to graduating Prior Lake and Savage seniors.
- **Veseli Lions-** Had their Easter Bunny Party on March 24th. They have a Meat Raffle the 3rd Saturday of the month at Brewster's Bar in Veseli. Their next event will be their 4th July event on the 4th of July.
- **Jordaness Lions-** had a booth at celebrate Jordan, handed out registration forms for up the coming garage sales days in Jordan on May 18th and 19th. They will be handing out four \$750.00 scholarships to Jordan Seniors. Bingo was held on April 20th in the Apple Barn at MN Harvest Apple Orchard. Next they will be working concessions for the High School Baseball Tournament in June. And they will be doing a new fundraiser event a Bean Bag Tournament, more information to come.
- **Jordan Lions** – had a booth at celebrate Jordan where residents could get screened for Diabetes. Bloodmobile set for May 10th; Spring Highway Cleanup Saturday May 12th; Pig Roast with Jordaness Lions Club on July 18th; concession stand for the grand stand events/horse shows at the Scott County Fair July 25th – July 29th; St Paul Saints Game with Jordaness Lions on August 9th; Senior Social in August and Heimatfest Parade and Concession in September.
- **Shakopee Valley Lions** - has a meat raffle on Friday nights at the Pullman Club in Shakopee. They delivered 4 gift baskets to Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women on April 17th.
- **N.E.W Lions-** had a meat raffle on April 20th and Bingo on April 2nd.
- **Belle Plaine Lions-** will have their 6th annual Lions Bowling Event on Sunday March 11th at Borough Bowl in Belle Plaine. On Saturday April 28th they will be having their City Wide Garbage Collection.
- **Shakopee Leo's** – The Leo's did a Feed My Starving Children event in March separate from the Lions Day at FMSC. Upcoming events for the Leo's are: They are doing their 2nd Annual Tree Planting Event on Saturday April 28th they are expecting 45 volunteers to help; Walk Around the World 5K and they will be helping the Shakopee Lions at their softball tournament. More information on what the Shakopee Leo's check out their website <http://shakopeeleoclub.org/>
- **Zone 4** Lion Chuck Toltzman – 251 members down 4 from last year. All clubs are current on their reports Spring meeting was at St. Peter, well attended. Winthrop had their omelette breakfast, Courtland is having a Pancake, Egg, Sausage Brunch coming up.
- **Zone 5** Lion Dean Williams – Number of members in the zone: 224 current member count? I think! up from a year ago 9 or 10. Pretty good!!! Just completed our spring zone meeting at the Green Isle Club with 55 Lions attending. A good time was had by all. Green Isle Club were great hosts! Lion Dale Sunderman of the Le Sueur Lions was honored with our zone Lion of the year award. All clubs shared their project and activity reports. All who attended left with new ideas their club try to raise funds and awareness for Lions. All clubs are committed to LCIF and the parade of green. Zone 5 is looking forward to hosting the Mid-Winter in 2019
- **Zone 6** Lion Doug Larsen – No report submitted.
- **Zone 7** Lion Pamela DeMarce – No report submitted.
- **Zone 8** Lion Diane Beckmann – This was the postponed because of one of the many snowstorms this winter. With the rescheduled date, 2 clubs were not represented. And, District Governor Nancy Mathwig could not attend.
 - Blooming Prairie – 60 members strong – all male. They participated in the Journey for Service; provided special contacts for a youth, \$1200; Go for 50 mile race in Racine and calendar sales.

- Ellendale – Powerful group of 16 members. They epitomize our motto, “we serve”. Parade of Green, Lions mints, After Prom party, Scholarships, Pie Donations over \$600 earned by members baking pies, dictionaries, eyeglasses for child, and McDonald’s Pop Tabs.
 - New Richland – Not represented
 - Owatonna – Not represented
 - Waseca – 38 members. Adopt a Highway, Honors Banquet sponsor and 3-\$600 scholarships, pancake breakfast, and largest fund raiser Golf Tournament, July 17th, eyeglass donation and 3 grade dictionaries.
 - Waterville – 48 members. They have a printed placemat that list projects and sponsorships and meeting schedule. They start with paper shredding event for the public, pork chop dinner, turkey dinner and will start monthly pancake breakfast, 50/50 raffle for Hot Summer Nights, 3 bingo sites, Leader of Project Hope – Jack Webster.
 - 1st DG Diana Kroells reported on Parade of Green, Lions EyeBank update, Defeat Defense at Arboretum, Officer Leadership Training, PR travelling kit, Journey for Service from our zone - \$14000. This is the first buffet that she had corn, not green beans.
- **Zone 9** Lion Pam Koenen – No report submitted.

Comments:

- 1st VDGE Brian Thies – Thanked DGE Diana and Lion Dar for the hours they put in looking for a new midwinter site, thanked DG Nancy for the job she did this year, He then fined the Parade of Green chairs for not following up on clubs not attending mid-winter.
- DGE Diana Kroells – has had fun presenting the Zone Lions of the Years. She completed her goals and will be disclosing them to the cabinet at the Jungle Days Cabinet meeting. She will be getting 4 new zone chairs so be kind to them.
- DG Nancy Mathwig.– COG have given the okay to try to pursue with state legislature to get a Lions license plate. It didn’t go anywhere this past year but will continue to work on this as a goal. We still do not have a 2nd VDG. A letter will be going out to all clubs, cabinet, etc. to see if we can find someone interested in being the 2nd VDG. Because we have a vacancy we can fill the position with someone who doesn’t actually meet all of the requirements (Zone Chair, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer). This only works for this year according to our Constitution and By Laws and International procedures. The Cabinet will then choose. She thanked the Cabinet for all the support this year. It has been a wonderful year. She then recognized several Cabinet Members for work well done: Lion Cindy Walters (newsletter, cabinet secretary), Lion Denny Hewitt & Lion Dave Sebesta (Liberty Day), PDG Joan Blank, Lion Paula Stephens (Polar Plunge, etc)

Next cabinet meeting is scheduled for Jungle Days, August 6th at Oakdale Golf Course near Hutchinson.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Lion Cindy Walters

6:44 PM
04/08/18
Accrual Basis

**Lions International District 5M2
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2018**

	<u>Mar 31, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	45,539.81
Money Market	
Activities Youth	12,469.41
Adult Companion	717.27
Diabetes	9,694.19
District Conventions	-308.60
Interest Income	2,174.71
International Convention	1,403.23
Journey For Service	8,309.55
Kid Sight	3,766.70
Light on for Life	1,455.48
Multiple Convention	7,303.69
Quest	39,571.35
Special Olympics	500.00
Youth Exchange	17,316.66
Money Market - Other	110.90
Total Money Market	<u>104,484.54</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>150,024.35</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>150,024.35</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>150,024.35</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	112,702.81
Unrestricted Net Assets	7,605.08
Net Income	29,716.46
Total Equity	<u>150,024.35</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>150,024.35</u>

