**DISTRICT 26-M5**

**CABINET MEETING MINUTES / MID WINTER RALLY**

March 20, 2021

L: Liberty

I: Intelligence

O: our

N: Nations

S: Safely

The third cabinet meeting of the 2020-2021 year was held at Higginsville Senior Community Building, Higginsville, MO. Lion Ron Kumm and helpers served as host club and served a delicious meal. There were 27 lions from M5, 1 guest lion from Brookfield and Peace Poster winner, Joseph Weakley and his 2 guests in attendance.

At 9:30 the Peace Poster Winner signed copies of his winning poster. Each cost $20 and it was donated to LCIF.

At 10 A.M. Lion Ron Kumm welcomed the group and DG Joe Storms called the meeting to order.

A special welcome was extended to PDG’s and guests.

PDG Greg Gilliam offered the invocation, PDG Jerry Romig led the Pledge of Allegiance, and 1VDGE Pat Scott led the 1st verse of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”.

Cabinet Secretary Donna Jungerman called for the roll of clubs present.

Lion Bob Kurth made a motion to appoint PDG Bruce Dugan as Tail Twister for the day. PDG Greg Gilliam seconded, motion carried. DGE Jene Crook moved to give the Twister funds to LCIF, PDG Greg Gilliam seconded.

Cabinet Secretary, Donna Jungerman read the minutes of the November 7, 2020 Cabinet Meeting.

Hearing no additions or corrections, the report was approved as presented.

The financial report was presented by Treasurer DGE Jene Crook. $10 was sent to LCIF in each clubs name. Each club is encouraged to match that amount or more. PDG Greg Gilliam moved to accept report, Lion Ron Kumm 2nd. Approved.

**Zone Reports**:

Zone 1: Vacant

Zone 2: Lion Alena Hoeffling – no report

Zone 3: Vacant

Zone 4: Lion Ron Kumm - No report

Zone 5: Vacant

Zone 6: Lion Ron Ballard – no activity to speak of

Zone 7: PDG Tom Rayfield – Lion Donna Jungerman read his report in his absence. They will be scheduling their Zone’s final Zoom meeting after the Mid-Winter Rally. All clubs in our zone have been informed of the new date and times of the rescheduled Mid-Winter Rally. Hope to receive electronically info on the Mid-Winter Rally info/actions.

Zone 8: Vacant

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ALERT Team: PDG Bruce Dugan reported that there has been no activity. Balance in account is $4245.29. This amount reflects the $1000 deposit from the District that was part of the 2020-2021 Lions year budget. We are getting very close to the $5000 in reserve that was a goal in the beginning 3 years ago. If your club would like to see the ALERT trailer, that can be done with social distancing.

ATHLETIC: 1VDGE Pat Scott reported no change. PCC Gary Curtis said that the plan is to have the Football game at UCM in 2022.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Lion Bob Kurth reported there has been a change to the district Constitution and By Laws to align them with International. It pertains to the special elections held due to vacancies of District Governor, 1VDG and 2VDG. PDG’s will be the only ones to vote in such an election.

CONVENTIONS:

DGE Jene Crook reported that the State and International Convention Committee met in January via Zoom. The International Convention will be held virtually. The deadline to register for $50 is fast approaching and then it will be $75.

**2021 State Convention** Host committee report: DGE Jene Crook reported that The Hilton Garden Inn, Independence is confirmed for April 29-May 2, 2021. It will consist of the usual Friday night Hospitality Night with a silent auction, plenary sessions on Friday and Saturday and a Melvin Jones Luncheon and Banquet Saturday Night. There are 4 breakout sessions planned. We will collect Hot Wheels to give to Children’s Mercy Hospital. Registration can be hard copy or online.

DIABETES AWARENESS & ACTION: Lion Ron Ballard reports no requests for testing or programs.

ENVIRONMENT: Lion Donna Jungerman read PDG Susan Parker Sellers’ report that their committee is active and has asked Lion Scott White to join the committee. He will finish this year and then serve 2 more years. We have added ENVIRO5 to our newsletter. We have secured a TREX bench in honor of Amelia Meyer, a pediatric cancer victim. We encourage others to collect plastic to turn in for a bench. It takes 500# for each bench. We have designed a trading pin and it should be ready for distribution the end of April. Patches will also be available to those clubs who have participated in the environmental projects. Our “Earth Day” project is planting wild flowers to benefit bees and butterflies as well as add beauty to our surroundings. Please share your projects with pictures so that we can put them in our newsletter.

GLT – D: 1VDGE Pat Scott – no report

GMT-D: PDG Alcy Malkmus Espinoza –no report

GST-D: Lion Karen Calvert. Last August she asked us to support a service project of donating personal items for Drumm Farm in honor of 1VDG Randy Winkler.

559 items were donated! You have donated 305 cans of soup to the Veterans Village in November Our goal this year was to collect 1000 Personal items to be distributed in various parts of the district to help those in need. So far, we have 864 items toward that goal. Today’s donations are for House of Hope in Lexington. The other big project we are doing is Mercy Road. It is the donation of hot wheels for Children Mercy for pediatric cancer patients. We now have 830 toward the goal of 1500.

We will be collecting Hot Wheels at the State Convention as well. Many thanks to all who have helped out. On the tables are your Compli’***mints*** for your hard work.

HEARING PRESERVATION, AWARENESS & ACTION: In Lion Betty Beason’s absence,

DG Joe Storms reported for her that the Hearing Sweepstakes tickets are available for purchase on the table in the back.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: vacant- no report.

LCIF COORDINAGTOR: Greg Gilliam reported that LCIF deals with all of Lions programs. Our district has 100% of the clubs donating to LCIF. Orrick and Oak Grove have been given grants to help in the aftermath of tornadoes. LCIF has granted $ to start the ALERT Trailer, has helped CCVI through school districts if they can’t meet the needs, has granted millions for pandemic needs.

Here is where your club can help: Challenge your club to match or exceed the $10 donation by making a contribution to LCIF. Every dollar counts!

GPLLI will be held July 23-25 at Northwest MO State in Maryville, MO.

LEO CLUB COORDINATOR: Lion Scott White – The Barstow Leos club remains active, but activities have been limited by the Covid-19 pandemic. This led to a lack of meetings and cancellation of planned fundraisers. No other Leo clubs are active at this time.

MO LIONS STATE BAND: vacant – no report

PEACE POSTER: Vacant . DG Joe Storms reported that the 2021-2022 kits are available online for $11.95 plus shipping. The theme is “We are All Connected”.

Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action: Vacant

At this time DG Joe Storms called for a motion to accept the reports as presented. PDG Greg Gilliam moved to accept the reports, Lion Ron Ballard seconded. Motion carried.

**LIASON REPRESENTATIVES:**

Alphapointe: no report

Audio Reader: Lion Karen Calvert: There have been many challenges during the pandemic, but are

reaching out to listeners in some new ways. They continue to use radios which are given to people in need and distributed 57 this pasts year. They implemented telephone reader a few years ago so phones could be utilized. They’ve logged 17,000 calls this past year with several thousands of those related to food and grocery ads their listeners need for information. Amazon Dot Alexa smart speakers are another avenue for the listeners.

CCVI: Lion Cathy Rayfield: Lion Donna Jungerman reported in her absence. CCVI’s goal is to safely provide services to children and families, and to keep staff safe. Recently they shifted to virtual within 24 hours. The school library went digital through a generous gift. Four teachers will complete their training for Teacher of the Visually impaired in May of 2021 with another one expected in 2022. This means that each classroom will be staffed with a TVI. CCVI participated in Giving Tuesday. The goal was to raise $10K to fund 10 iPads. They raised $8,500. There was a matching grant that helped met their goal.

Kids Sight: Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto reported that between July 1 and Dec 31, 2020, the staff and volunteers provided screenings for 16,044 children at 415 screening events across the state. There are 3 ways that you can help:

Your club can sponsor a screening team. You can pair with another club.

Partner with Kid’s Sight to pay for services in your communities.

Invest by donating money.

LBOMB: No action as of now.

Leader Dog: vacant

Pin Trader: vacant

PDG Association: PDG Kenny Goetz – no report

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Saving Sight: 1VDGE Pat Scott reported they have recently purchased the north of the building to be utilized to expand current Lab facilities. They are operating with a limited staff due to COVID.

Only Eye Bank is in the black and is still growing. Vital Tears (eye drops) are compatible with your own system. They cannot be bought over the counter. First “in-person” meeting will be June 4-6.

World Services for the Blind: vacant

Mid South Sight and Hearing: no report

At this time, PCC Gary Curtis moved to accept the reports, Lion Ron Ballard second. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Status of the Community Impact Grant: PDG Bruce Dugan reported that the supplies have acquired and paid for. There is still room for clubs to apply for a package to go to an organization.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

2021 Hearing Sweepstakes: DG Joe announced that the tickets are for sale and on the back table.

**OTHER BUSINESS**:

DG Joe Storms talked about “Just Ask” Membership Challenge Status. Our numbers are down and have lost some clubs. He encourages each individual to ”just ask” .

District Vital Statistics:

44 active clubs in the district

Cancelled clubs current FY: Drexel, Slater, Blue Springs Centennial, Fairmount Plaza Diabetic Care

Added members this month: 2

Dropped members this month: 2

Closing balance this month: 971

Current worldwide memberships: 1,401,910

Tail Twister funds collected today: $110 to be given to LCIF

PDG Greg Gilliam made a motion to adjourn, Lion Tim Storms seconded. Adjourned.

Upcoming Events:

Lions Day with the United Nations (VIRTUAL) April 10 @ 12 noon. No cost.

Multiple District 26 State Convention, April 29-May 2. Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, MO

District Picnic & Cabinet Meeting, June 12 at Knob Noster State Park @ 10 (note: change of date)

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Donna Jungerman

Cabinet Secretary

**MID-WINTER RALLY**

**March 20, 2021**

After Lunch, the Mid-Winter Rally opened with PDG Greg Gilliam presenting information on the Relationship between LCI and the United Nations. He showed a video of Peace Poster history.

The Peace Poster winners are as follows:

First Place: Joseph Weakley – Bingham Middle School – Independence Host Lions Club

Second Place: Annie Smit – Knob Noster Middle School – Knob Noster Lions Club

Third Place: Ryan Trudell – Knob Noster Middle School – Knob Noster Lions Club

DGE Jene Crook presented a check to Josesph for his first place entry. The other two winners were unable to attend so their checks will be given to them later.

DG Joe Storms invited Joseph Weakley and his family to the Melvin Jones Luncheon at the State Convention because Joseph’s poster also won at the State Level.

At this time, special awards were given:

Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto was recognized for her outstanding service.

Lion Ron Ballard was awarded Leadership Award.

PDG Jerry Romig was presented with a 50 year membership certificate and pin.

Several 10 and 15 year longevity awards were given.

Buckets were placed on the head tables to place the “Parade of Checks” in. Those checks were counted and the results are as follows:

ALERT: $150

KC Audio Reader: $100

KC Free Eye Clinic $100

KC Vision Walk: $100

Alphapointe: $200

Youth Exchange: $100

District Hearing: $500

Athletic Football: $100

Basketball: $350

Veterans Community Project: $ 100

Canine Companions: $ 50

CCVI: $ 950

Diabetes: $ 350

LCIF: $2902

Mid South: $ 800

World Services for the

Blind: $ 850

Band: $ 100

Saving Sight: $ 200

Leader Dog: $1350

Kid Sight: $ 900

Total collected today: $10,252.00