

**Lions District 26-M2  
Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2018**

House Springs Lions Club Hall, House Springs MO

DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto) called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 9:33am.

Pledge: Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community)

Song: PDG Lion Jack Lenk (Webster Groves)

Invocation: Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto)

DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto) welcomed everyone for attending and welcomed first time guests, Lion Erica Wolf (Southside) and Jamie Wilhite (Kids Rock Cancer).

Appointment of Tail Twister: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community). Motion was made by PCC Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort), second by PDG Lion Jack Lenk (Webster Groves).

Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community) introduced Jamie Wilhite with Kids Rock Cancer out of Maryville University, they are a non for profit organization. Jamie gave a presentation and handed out pamphlet's, CD's and children's shirts. See attached information.

**Secretary Report:** Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community) Copies of the minutes were emailed out and provided copies at the Cabinet Meeting for anyone that didn't receive them. Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community) asked for any questions or discussion; there was none. Motion was made by PCC Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort) to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Lion Bill Biele (Creve Coeur); motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) passed out reports on every table. December 1, 2017 thru January 31, 2018: The Administrative Account total income is \$1,536.93 and total expenses are \$2,241.18, ending balance \$41,080.68. The Service Activity Account balance is \$43,717.22. Cash Reserve Account balance is \$15,347.56. Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) asked for any questions or discussion; there were none. Motion was made by PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich (Chesterfield) to accept the report, which was seconded by Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community); motion passed.

**Zone Chairperson Reports: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion George Winkeler (House Springs):**

Zone 1: No Report

Zone 2: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community): Highlights of club events. Mehlville 2 new members, Pevely 2 new members, Rock Community 13 new members.

Zone 3: No Report

Zone 4: Lion Leon Hove (Washington): Highlights of club events. Keep Lion Tom Lagemann in our prayers.

Zone 5: No Report

Zone 6: No Report

Zone 7: No Report

Zone 8: Lion CB Bonham (Bonhomme): Highlights of club events.

Zone 9: No Report

Lion Phil Johnson (Southside) The Gong Show, Sat. March 10, need acts Lip Sync/Karaoke.

Lion Kim Fanter (House Springs) Toy Drive in Dec. about 150 children, Jan. Huge Parade, largest one they have had. Jan. Mouse Races.

PDG Sharon Scheidt (Maplewood) Ice Cream Social (Ted Drewes), Candy Days, Easter Egg Hunt, Sat. March 31 @ Deer Creek.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort):**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Constitution & By-Laws (Lion Kelly Rackovan/Rock Community, for PDG Kimberly Taylor/Brentwood): At the District 26-M2 Convention on March 24, 2018, the certified delegates will be voting on the Lions to fill the offices of District Governor 2018-19, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and a Representative to the District 26-M2 Lions Eye Foundation. There aren't any changes to the District 26-M2 Constitution and By-Laws at this time that require a vote by the Delegates at this Convention. The Club membership information has been received from LCI and the Club Delegate/Alternate Credential Certificate forms are finalized and have been sent to each Club Secretary via email. The number of delegates and alternates a club is entitled to is based on the number of members in good standing for a year and a day as of February 1, 2018. Delegates of Clubs with unpaid balances due to LCI cannot vote at the District Convention if the past due amount is not paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification. This is by end day March 8, 2018. THERE IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE. Please fill out your form and return to Cabinet Secretary Kelly Rackovan.

District Convention (PCC Joe Foster/Beaufort): The District Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Westport on March 23-25, 2018. The hotel has reserved a block of rooms for \$89 plus tax under the code "CLB" for those who wish to spend the weekend so that they do not miss out on any of the fun. Please make your reservations early for your meals and hotel room. The meal cost will be the same as last year, \$28 lunch, \$45 banquet and \$25 breakfast. I just want to make this very clear. WE DO NOT MAKE ANYTHING ON THE MEALS. If we would SELL OUT the hotel cost of meals would be completely different. Our numbers are SEVERLY DOWN, WE NEED YOUR HELP!! I think everyone enjoyed the hospitality room at last year's convention. We will be in the Grand Ballroom again. The cost of the hospitality booths will remain the same as last year \$185.00. So far we have 13 hospitality booths. Again, we will be having our 50/50 to be given away on Sunday morning, this helps offset some of our expenses for the convention. Registration forms are available.

State and International Convention Report (PCC Joe Foster/Beaufort): The State Convention will be hosted by us (M2) on April 26-29, 2018 at the Doubletree Hotel Westport. Our Theme is "Gateway to Vegas". Full registration for the convention is \$75, that includes lunch and banquet, registration/lunch \$40, registration/banquet \$45 and registration only is \$30. If you a delegate and choose not to attend the meals you must pay the \$30 to vote. If you only want to come to socialize during hospitality on Friday again you must pay the \$30 to attend. Hotel room cost is \$89 plus tax. To make your reservations for rooms contact the hotel directly at 314-434-0100 and mention group code "MSM". Our International Guest will be Past International President Al Brandel and his lovely wife Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy. Thursday afternoon will be hosting the Final Council Meeting. Friday afternoon we will kick off our first plenary session followed by a night of FUN, Fellowship and entertainment during our hospitality night. We will also have a silent auction during hospitality night to benefit LCIF. Saturday will start the second plenary session. We have 6 great seminars before lunch. All Lions LCIF luncheon where we will honor those who have received a Melvin Jones Fellowship and learn more about LCIF. We will finish our day off with a banquet and our International Guest speaker. Sunday we will honor those who have gone before us in remembrance of their service. We can take cash, check or credit card payment via PayPal. The International Convention will be held on June 29-July 3, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Registration is \$200 per person until March 31 then it will go up to \$225. The International Parade will step on June 30. If you plan on participating in the International Parade YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING PARADE UNIFORM, Missouri blue polo shirt with the outline of the State of Missouri on the back (which can be purchased from the State office or I have order forms available), black pants, black socks and black shoes.

2017-2018 Environmental Photo Contest (Lion Barb Kurkowski/Maplewood): As many of you may have heard through the grapevine, international voted at their board of directors meeting back at the end of November to eliminate the Environmental Photo Contest for the Lionistic year 2017-18. For those of you who were not at the December Cabinet Meeting, Lion Pam Manuel/Pacific Lions Club won for her photo of raccoons raiding a bird feeder.

Blind Bowlers (Lion Ruth Boyer/Beaufort, ready for Lion John Tumbleson/Beaufort): The Betty Mae Mahoney Blind Bowlers Tournament, sponsored by the Lions of District 26-M2 will be April 7, 2018 arrive time 11:00-11:45 am, start time 12:00 pm at Du Bowl Lanes, 2711 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. Anyone arriving after the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> frame for each game will only receive a score of zero plus handicap for that game. There are two divisions Men's and Women's. Any person sighted or legally blind will be able to bowl in this tournament. The fee is \$12.00 per bowler and must accompany the application. The cutoff date for applications and averages to be used this year will be due no later than March 26, 2018. Make checks payable to District 26-M2 Lions (memo to) Betty Mae Mahoney Blind Bowling Tournament.

### **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM/GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM/GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM**

District GLT Coordinator (Lion Devin Struttman/Union): Procrastination – It is my mission to change what we do in this district with procrastination. Biggest barrier to progress and leadership. Best way to deal with a full calendar. As you hear events and dates, plan ahead, schedule, register for events. State Convention has six educational seminars, one being Kids Rock Cancer. College of Knowledge, May 14, May 15 and May 19 all will include a meal and May 19 is combined with the Eye Wrap. International Convention, June 29-July 3. Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, July 27-29 and we have (4) scholarships available at the Maryville, MO location. Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation is taking off really well thanks to Lion Leon Hove. First trip this year is to Mexico in April, it is full and also a trip to Panama September 1-8, spots still available. Lion Devin Struttman would like to request from the Cabinet \$1,452.12 for funding some of our trips. Would like the money transferred to Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation so we could solicit more doctors to go on the trips. Back in 2009 we started collecting donations for funding our own trips and that money is earmarked for that. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Joe Foster/Beaufort commented that we would take that into advisory. USA/Canada Forum is September 20-22 in Columbus, OH. District Directory will be working on it in the next couple of months, so if you know of any changes please let Lion Devin Struttman/ Union know.

### **SIGHT AND HEARING:**

**Delta Gamma** (Lion Barb Kurkowski/Maplewood): The Center's Tree Lot was a huge success and sold out of their trees. They now have spinning sessions, jam sessions and songwriting for those 8 and over. Their egg hunt is March 18<sup>th</sup>. There are lots of summer opportunities for the children including the lighthouse for the blind accepting applications for scholarships for a week at Camp Barnabas in Purdy, MO. The Center wishes to thank the lions for all their support throughout the year, which has enabled them to broaden the horizons for the kids.

**Diabetes Awareness** (Ruth Boyer/Beaufort): Higher Quality of Life with Type 1 Diabetes. Things are not easy for youngsters with Type 1 diabetes, but researchers are steadily learning more about ways to help them cope. A new study has discovered a strong relationship between quality of life and blood sugar control in you Type 1 diabetes patients. The researchers found a strong link between lowering A1C levels and higher quality of life by measuring food intake, take blood sugar measurements more often and exercise for at least 30 minutes three to seven days a week. This could help young diabetes patients control their blood sugar.

**District & State Hearing** (Lion Toni Mahoney/Richwoods read for PCC John Yount/Richwoods): Not much has changed since last report, we have had one applicant receive hearing aids from Beltone and a few more applications have gone out with only one being returned but it didn't qualify because of insufficient information. Hopefully the Hearing sweepstakes tickets have been discussed and placed in your clubs budget. Please remember that your stubs and payment must be returned to me one week prior to March 23 to be processed for the drawing on Sunday, March 25 at District Convention. The hearing van has been requested for the Saint Louis University health fair to be held in April.

**Sight/Hotline** (PCC Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): The individual for the hotline has become unable to man the hotline position for the district. So right now the hotline is unmanned and unanswered. This is our touch to the community, every club needs to step up now. DG Lion Joe Detter/DeSoto, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion George Winkeler/House Springs as a team are going to try to make this happen. The Governor can't handle this on his own. If your club is asked to take care of someone's sight and you do not have the money. The money is available. If the person is approved by the hotline and your club is asked to help because that person would want to be treated locally. If you do not have funds, please let us know at that time. We will have you take care of the person and send us the bill. And we will reimburse you. We have funds in the hotline, we do not have man power. Please help us out. As of July 1 the situation will be taken care of. LCI has dropped hearing and is moving away from hearing. LCI is moving onto Lions Diabetes and Cancer. If you have anyone interested in helping out with the hotline, please let the Cabinet know.

**Saving Sight** (Pat Martchink/House Springs): In December, Saving Sight's Kansas City location moved into a new office at 10560 N. Ambassador Drive, Suite 210, Kansas City, MO 64153. The new building is just down the road from our previously leased office Space. Purchasing the new building lowered Saving Sights cost for Kansas City space and allowed us to increase the amount of space we have for growth, especially for Vital Tears. The Kansas City KidSight team has also moved into the new building and they share the same address. Saving Sight welcomed two new community (non-Lion) board members this winter: Dr. Frederick Fraunfelder an ophthalmologist practicing in Columbia, and Jeff Schaeperkoetter is a former Missouri Circuit Judge, Assistant Attorney General, Missouri State Representative and Missouri State Senator from the Jefferson City area. Since July thru December 2017, Saving Sight has provided 1,401 corneas for transplant. During that same time frame Saving Sight has had 6 months of net positive income. Saving Sight continues to invest in the growth of Vital Tears, which is the serum that is used for dye eyes. July 2016 thru June 2017 alone Saving Sight has provided over 79,000 recycled eyeglasses to mission groups, in comparison to only 30,000 two years ago.

**Used Eye Glasses** (PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich/Chesterfield): District 26-M2 Eye Wrap will be at House Springs Lions Club on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 10:00am to 1:00pm, lunch will be served at 1:00pm. Please bring used eyeglasses and hearing aids.

## **LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH**

**Leo Clubs** (Lion Toni Mahoney/Richwoods): We have lost the Leo Club sponsored by Wildwood due to lack of participation of youths. Washington Lions sponsored Leos Club is still going strong. Meeting set with Washington Leos in April. We will be having another great year with 12 youths attending Missouri Lions William C. Chandler Youth Camp. I have accepted four applicants so far, young man from Brazil, young man from Germany, young lady from Denmark and a young lady from Brazil. I have had requests from France, Poland, Netherlands, 2 from Turkey and 1 from Finland. Always looking for host families and the families don't have to be Lions. If you know of someone interested in hosting, contact me at 314-805-7391 or [tkmahoney54@gmail.com](mailto:tkmahoney54@gmail.com). They will arrive July 1<sup>st</sup> to spend 10 days with first family and switch to second host family July 11 until July 22. We attend Six Flags on July 11 and Pacific Lions provide dinner that evening. Camp will be at Camp rim Shire July 22-29 and return home July 30. Our Meet and Greet is tentatively Sunday July 29 held at House Springs Lions at 4pm. little different this year. Would love all to attend and maybe those attending could bring their favorite side dish to share. I'm hoping the youths can also bring a dish to share from their countries. We have a young lady in Washington, MO. Interested in attending a camp. Washington Lions will be providing dinner for the youths during camp at their meeting July 24. They also invite their Leos to the same dinner. I Thank All that donate time and monies to this outstanding program.

**State Band** (PCC Joe Foster/Beaufort): We started a contract with a band from Independence MO. The band committee thought it was a done deal. We sent them the contract and the contract mainly said that we would like to hire there band to represent us in Las Vegas. The Missouri All-Star Band Committee offered them \$15,000.00 to help them get going. They have returned the contract to us with their signature on it, not ours. Stating whatever they can do to make this happen, but they possible may not be able to raise their own funds. So the band committee is currently working on revamping. As one member of the committee I don't feel it is right to send them \$15,000 until we see they are going to raise their portion. So now the band committee is working hard trying to establish whether we want to look at other bands, whether we want to stay and ride the storm out. There is a band in West Plains that is interested. Just wanted to keep the District up to date.

**Old Business:** (1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): March 4, District Float Painting Party at Lion Joe Foster's at 2:30 pm. Lions USS Membership. March 11, Assembling the Float. March 17, St. Patrick's Day Parade. We need volunteers to help out.

(1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): The trip going to Mid-South, he is not going to be able to attend, but PDG Missy Carr is going to co-chair. April 13, 14 &15. Lions Leader Weekend at Mid-South and there will be a MidAmerican Coach going there that weekend. Hotel rooms are \$220.00 for the weekend and that includes the taxes and you can have up to 4 people in a room. The seats on the bus are \$75.00 a person round trip. Make your payment to Mid-South and it is tax deductible. The bus will leave from Washington, MO and most likely stop in Fenton, MO and also maybe Cape Girardeau, MO. There are seats still available on the bus, he is going to hold it open until District Convention, but if we don't get 40 people, the trip will be cancelled.

**New Business:** (DG Lion Joe Detter/DeSoto): Nominations for 2018-19

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Due to inclement weather, the person giving the nomination was unable to attend the meeting, so 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster will be giving the nomination, this lion has been with the district for quite some time. She has worked with 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster on his cabinet and several other committees. She has been to GPLLI, has been traveling out to many conventions, and many functions outside our district. State and International wide. She will do an awesome job with this district and I would like to place a nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG 2018-19, Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area. Her club has endorsed her 100%. Second by Lion Bill Biele/Creve Coeur. Any other nominations. None were given. Nominations closed.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG – (Lion Kim Fanter/House Springs): I along with the House Spring Lions Club unanimously support and encourage Lion George Winkeler to run for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG for Lions District 26-M2 for the Lionistic year 2018-19. The Lions of the House Springs Lions encourage all lions of the district to join our team and support this candidate. Second by PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich. Any other nominations. None were given. Nominations closed.

Governor – (Lion Ruth Boyer/Beaufort): I Lion Ruth Boyer with the Beaufort Lions club is honored to nominate 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster for Governor for the year of 2018-19. The Beaufort Lions Club fully support him for this position. Second by Lion CB Bonham/Bonhomme. Any other nominations. None were given. Nominations closed.

Eye Foundation Nominees – DG Lion Joe Detter/DeSoto has received two letters of nominations: Teddi Speeler/Webster Groves and Jeff Rackovan/Rock Community. Second by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort. Any other nominations. None were given. Nominations closed. Two names will be on the ballot.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Closing Remarks:** Lion George Winkeler/House Springs, Thank you for supporting me for the job of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG. See you all at the Convention. We have 13 clubs signed up for hospitality, but only have 10 people signed up for rooms. So go back and encourage your clubs to attend the convention and have a great time and visit the International Director from Canada.

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Closing Remarks:** Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort, I would like to thank the District for all of the support over the years and supporting me as DG. I will do everything I can to make this District go forward in the next generation. I am here to serve the District and to work with everyone hand and hand. Thank you for your support and see you at the District Convention.

**DG Closing Remarks:** Lion Joe Detter/DeSoto, I think we have made a very good chose with people that are in line. I support these people 100%. They show that they can do the job and get things done.

**Tail Twister:** \$132.00 was collected and donated to Kids Rock Cancer. A motion was made by DG Lion Joe Detter/DeSoto, second by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion George Winkeler/House Springs.

The GAT meeting will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> at Fire House Bar & Grill, Mehlville.

The next Cabinet Meeting will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> at House Springs Lions Club Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. A motion was made by Lion Bill Biele (Creve Coeur), second by Lion CB Bonham (Bonhomme). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lion Kelly Rackovan**

District 26-M2 Cabinet Secretary