

**Lions District 26-M2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2017**

House Springs Lions Club Hall, House Springs MO

PDG Lion Jack Lenk (Webster) called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:02 pm.

PDG Lion Jack Lenk (Webster) passed the gavel to DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto)

Pledge: Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto)

Song: Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area)

Invocation: 1st VDG Lion Duane DeClue (DeSoto)

Appointment of Tail Twister/Time Keeper: PCC Lion Al Blumenberg (House Springs)

DG Lion Joe Detter welcomed everyone for attending and thanked everyone for all the work done up to this point.

The meeting was then adjourned for dinner and reconvened at 7:50 p.m. with a round of applause to the House Springs Lions.

Secretary Report: Lion Kelly Rackovan (Mehlville) said that Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton) would be reading her final report. Copies of the minutes were emailed out and provided copies at the Cabinet Meeting for anyone that didn't receive them. Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton) asked for any corrections or additions: one was made. On page 1, under Guest Speaker Presentation: Name of the conference wasn't Amazon Echo. That's what they wanted \$35 per participant for each Echo. Motion was made by Lion Steve Parker (Eureka) to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto); motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) wanted to thank Lion Vicki Swederska (Webster) for a smooth transition. Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) presented the report for Lion Vicki Swederska (Webster): The Service Activity account has a balance of \$37,719.23. The Administration Account has a balance of \$36,678.72. According to Lion Vicki Swederska (Webster) \$96,675.00 was brought in and distributed through the service area through Governor Jack Lenks term. All bills are paid to date. DG Lion Joe Detter asked for any questions or discussion; there were none. Motion was made by PDG Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort) to accept the report, which was seconded by PDG Missy Carr; motion passed.

Guest Speaker Presentation: Brad Baker with, Mid-South Lions Club. Join us to celebrate "75 Years of Miracles" featuring Immediate Past International President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne Corlew on Saturday, September 16 at 7:30pm at the Memphis Hilton. In addition the L.B. Baker Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony for Dr. Chris Fleming. Friday, September 15 – Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament. Saturday, September 16 – Quarterly Meeting. Lions Leaders Weekend, April 13 & 14. Tour of Mid-South. Info@midsouthlions.org for more information.

Zone Chairperson Reports: 2nd VDG Lion George Winkeler (House Springs):

Zone 1: Lion Larry Bridges (DeSoto): Report read by Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto): Highlights of club events.

Zone 2: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Mehlville): Highlights of club events. Mehlville Lions have 1 new member.

Zone 3: Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton): Highlights of club events and +2 in membership for this month.

Zone 4: Lion Tom Lagemann (New Haven): Highlights of club events and +1 in membership.

Zone 5: Lion Steve Parker (Eureka): Highlights of club events.

Zone 6: Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves): Highlights of club events. Webster Groves Lions have 2 new members and 1 transferred member.

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood): Highlights of club events. Maplewood lost 1 member to death.

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

Zone 9: Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area): Highlights of club events. Wildwood Area had to drop 2 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1st VDG Lion Duane DeClue (DeSoto):

ADMINISTRATION:

Centennial Celebration (Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area): This will probably be my last report as Centennial Chairperson although the campaign continues through June 30, 2018. As part of the new LCI Forward action plan for a new century of Lionism, each club and District is asked to appoint a member to the Global Action Team as the Global Service Team representative. One change is the service campaigns this year. There are now 5. Vision, Hunger and the Environment continue. Youth is now Pediatric Cancer and the number one cause of adult blindness, Diabetes, has been added. And, as always, I am happy to answer any and all questions.

Constitution and By-Laws (PCC Lion Kimberly Taylor/Brentwood): There were eleven points of housekeeping changes that were incorporated in the 26-M2 Constitution and By-Laws after our District Convention. The latest copy of the 26-M2 C&BL will be published on our website this week and can be downloaded from there. There were several issues that the Delegates of the International Convention voted on. All of the following issues passed.

- Changing the number of days from 40 to 60 for issuing the official Call for Convention (International).
- Amending International By-Laws to be consistent with International Constitution with regards to the number of Directors from United States and Canada.
- Permit an International Director and Executive Officer from the same District to serve on the International Board of Directors simultaneously.
- Change the validity period of an International Officer endorsement from two to three succeeding conventions and to require a three year waiting period for an International Director candidate to seek another endorsement after the initial period and to require a three year waiting period for an International Vice President candidate after two succeeding endorsements.

District Bulletin (Sue Templeton/Maplewood): Accepting any information, stories or events that need to be in the bulletin.

District Convention (PDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): International Director Tom Gordon from Ontario, Canada will be our guest for the Convention. We would like every club in this District to have a hospitality room at the District Convention. Hospitality applications are being sent by snail mail to each club president and secretary. Make sure that your dues are current. District Convention is going to be at the Double Tree at Westport on Craigshire Road on March 23-25. Would also like to say on a sad note, that PDG Lion John Deters passed away on August 6, 2017, due to cancer.

District Directory (Lion Devin Struttman/Union): Passed out copies of the green District Directory. Please let me know about any errors in the District Directory.

Public Relations(CB Bonham): He has signs for the District to us for publicity.

State/International Convention(PDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): State Conventions will be held on April 26-29 at the Double Tree at Westport on Craigshire Road. Service project we are going to be collecting food, wish list for Camp Brimshire (aquatic wheelchairs) and wish list for Missouri School for the Blind. VIP special treatment. We are going to need a lot of man power to help with this. Theme for the State Convention is going to be "Gateway to Vegas". Next year International Convention will be in Las Vegas, NV. June 29-July 3, 2018. Get registration in early.

2017-18 Environmental Photo Contest (Lion Barb Kurkowski/Maplewood): The photo contest is open to all Lions and Leos. Only one from each club. Photos should be original and unaltered, 8 ½ X 10 and printed on quality photo paper. All photos should have a nature theme, such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc. Photos with people will be disqualified. Our District will vote on the selected photos at our December Cabinet Meeting.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM/GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM/GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

District GLT Coordinator (Lion Devin Struttman/Union): Thank you to Lion Kimberly Taylor for leading us the past three years so successfully. She ended her term with three well attended College of Knowledge sessions. Congratulations to our recent graduates of the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. Lions Pam Manuel, Jeff Rackovan and Kelly Rackovan. You can still register for the USA/Canada Forum in Portland, OR on September 21-23. International Convention is in Las Vegas, NV June 29-July 3, 2018. New MyLion App. I want to leave you with some advice as we begin a new Lions year in our positions and committees. We must have VISION. If not, we don't know where we're going or where we want to go. VISION allows all of our decisions to have direction.

District GMT Coordinator (Lion Pam Mauel/Pacific): I will be spending the next year working with all the clubs and the district in increasing membership, keeping the members that we have and helping to start new clubs. As of August 1st District 26-M2 has 1422 members. We have 6 new members and have dropped 14 with -8 for the year.

District GST Coordinator (Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area): The goal (of Global Action Team): To impact more than 200 million lives through service, to increase our membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos, and to provide learning opportunities to more than 500,000 members by the year 2020. "A goal without a plan is just a wish". District wide service day is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th, 2017.

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH

Peace Poster (Lion Becky Speeler/Webster Groves): The theme of the 2017-2018 Peace Poster contest is "A Future of Peace". Kits are now available for \$11.95 plus tax until October 1st.

State Athletics (Lion Michelle Foster/Beaufort): Don't have final numbers yet; everything has not been closed out. Would like to thank everyone in the district that either did an ad in the program or took donations. Will start the add program shortly.

State Band (PDG Joe Foster/Beaufort): I have been asked to sit on the State Band Board this year for our district. There are going to be some decisions with band that are going to affect the state of Missouri. I would like your thoughts. If we want a Missouri All State Band we will all have to work together. The seven districts are going to get together on August 26, 2017 at the State Office. Talk about our opportunities. The band that we had in Chicago was spectacular. That band cost us \$2,000.00. We spent around \$3,900 on the sashes. The band is the only committee that gets money out of your dues, 70 cents out of every Lions dues. So the band collects a little over \$6,000.00 a year. Is the district behind the band? We need 15 high school band members and they will need sponsors. A lot of money is needed. Do we need to hire a band in Las Vegas? Will let us know more information after the August 26 meeting with the seven districts.

SIGHT AND HEARING

Saving Sight (Lion Pat Martchink/House Springs): Saving Sight and Kid's Sight are separate 501c(3). They each have their own board of directors. The majority of each board is made up of Lions. Each board is in the process of discussing the corporate and asset structure. Eye banking has become very competitive in the last 5 years. Saving sight has been discussing a variety of ways to watch its budget as well as staying competitive in the eye banking market.

Delta Gamma (Lion Barb Kurkowski/Maplewood): DGCKids has had a very busy summer with tandem adventurer trips, water play days and Early Intervention Graduation. They are accepting nominations for the 2017 Volunteer Recognition Awards to be given on September 23rd. The Center has two new teachers for the visually impaired. Upcoming events: Gateway Cup and Cycle on September 2, Eureka Lions Run for Sight on September 9, Washer Tournament on September 30, Concord Village Lions Memorial Golf Tournament on October 9 and their Annual Trivia Night on October 14.

Leader Dog (PDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): Trip to Leader Dog, Rochester, MI by charter bus. September 29-October 1. Seats are still available.

Diabetes Awareness (Lion Ruth Boyer/Beaufort): Nothing to report at this time.

LBOMB (Lion George Winkeler/House Springs): LBOMB has created 784 jobs (cooks, cashiers, dish washers, etc.). \$30,069,734 in Payroll, \$29,965 Average Income. LBOMB provides training and great paying jobs. They are in the process of working with National Organizations with the processes of changing over to "Healthy Vending". Thank you to the Missouri Lions for your continued support. Your contributions this year allow us to apply for a matching federal grant money program 20/80, \$11,975.00 in donations became \$59,958.00 of usable funds... we could not do this without you. M-2 contributed \$5,355.00 to date.

DG-Elect Closing Remarks: None

DG Closing Remarks: DG Lion Joe Detter thanked everyone for attending the Cabinet Meeting and hopefully the next meeting won't be as long.

Cabinet Has Gas: PDG Eugene Taylor/Brentwood awarded \$25 to six attendees and \$14 to one attendee.

50/50: \$88 was won by Lion Rebecca Shockley/Mehlville.

Tail Twister: \$100.07 was collected and donated to Mid-South.

The G-Force meeting will be held September 11 at Fire House Bar & Grill, Mehlville

The next Cabinet Meeting will be October 2 at House Springs Lions Club Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m. A motion was made by PCC Lion Al Blumenberg, second by Lion Steve Parker. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Kelly Rackovan

District 26-M2 Cabinet Secretary