

**Lions District 26-M2  
Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2018**

House Springs Lions Club Hall, House Springs MO

DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto) called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:04pm.

Pledge: Lion Dennis Hemsath (Washington)

Song: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community)

Invocation: Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto)

DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto) welcomed everyone for attending. There were not any first time guests.

Appointment of Tail Twister: Lion Kim Fanter (House Springs). Motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler Jr.(House Springs), second by Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community).

**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 DG-E Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort) to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific); motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) passed out reports on every table. March 23, 2018 thru April 30, 2018: The Administrative Account total income is \$11,337.20 and total expenses are \$2,599.86, ending balance \$40,924.63. The Service Activity Account balance is \$40,924.63. Cash Reserve Account balance is \$15,348.05. Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) asked for any questions or discussion; there were none. Copy of report given is on file. Motion was made by Lion Judy Yingling (Maplewood) to accept the report, which was seconded by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific); motion passed. 10 clubs have not paid their dues. Billing went out to each of the clubs that owe. Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) asked for assistance with getting some checks that he had, wasn't sure who got them.

**Zone Chairperson Reports: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler, Jr. (House Springs):**

Zone 1: No Report

Zone 2: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community): Concord Village has a loss H.C. Milford, highlights of club events. Mehlville highlights of club events, Pevely highlights of club events, Rock Community highlights of club events.

Zone 3: No Report

Zone 4: Lion Leon Hove (Washington): Sent report via email.

Zone 5: No Report

Zone 6: Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves): St. Louis Downtown highlights of club events. St. Louis Southside highlights of club events. SLU highlights of club events. Webster Groves highlights of club events.

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood): Ferguson highlights of club events. Maplewood highlights of club events, St. Louis Midtown highlights of club events. Lemay/JB highlights of club events.

Zone 8: Lion CB Bonham (Bonhomme): Bonhomme highlights of club events. Brentwood highlights of club events. Ellisville highlights of club events. Kirkwood 1 new member and highlights of club events.

Zone 9: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area): Chesterfield highlights of club events. Creve Coeur transfer member from Alaska and highlights of club events. Overland highlights of club events. Wildwood Area transfer from Washington Lions and highlights of club events.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: DG-E Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort):**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Centennial (2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area): Question: What was the original goal for people served during the 4-year Centennial service campaign? (Answer: 100 million). As of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the number of people REPORTED as served worldwide is over 233 million. That is with 38,205 clubs reporting. But we still have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to serve and July 15<sup>th</sup> report it on MyLCI. As of today, 7 of our 39 clubs have earned the 4-diamond patch and the new "Halting Diabetes" patch. They are Ferguson, DeSoto, Pacific, Valley Park, Washington, Webster Groves and Wildwood Area. And 18 Legacy projects highlighting contributions of your club to your community are reported. We are in the home stretch. Our District reporting percentage – that's clubs reporting in at least 2 areas – has increased to an all-time high of 54%. At the District convention, I asked for your help to close out this Centennial program of over 60% of clubs reporting. Worldwide, the percentage is 71%. We only need 3 more clubs to exceed that goal. Thanks to all that helped in this effort. The best news is that the reported service projects amount to giving service to almost 34,000 people and that's what it is all about. Way to go Lions!! "Where there's a need, there's a Lion".

District Bulletin (Lion Sue Templeton/Maplewood): Please turn in your articles for the ROAR by Friday. Anything that your club is going to be doing please send to me, especially flyers.

Blind Bowlers (Lion John Tumbleton/Beaufort): One month ago we held the Betty Mae Mahoney/Blind Bowlers Tournament. We had 29 bowlers. 32 signed up, 3 could not make it. It was a fun filled day. I had Lion Tasha Broeker roll the first frame to get us started. I think she found it very challenging to bowl blind-folded. I would like to thank all the clubs and volunteers who took time or donated money to help make this a GREAT event. At future events I would like to see more Lions get involved, be it as a pin-spotter or selling 50/50 tickets. But I do believe that if you do some out you will have a GREAT time!! Thank you for your time.

### GLOBAL ACTION TEAM:

District GLT Coordinator (2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area read report for Lion Devin Struttman/Union): I'm sorry to miss tonight's meeting but I'm in San Antonio for business. Thank you to Lion Sandee for reading this report. Also, thank you to Lion Jeff for handling the district greeter duties. Next up for training are the College of Knowledge sessions that take place next week. Today was the last day to RSVP for the meals. If you plan to come, please shoot me a text or email tonight and we'll get you added. Here are the days and times: Monday we'll be in Union, Tuesday we'll be with the Bonhomme Lions in Ellisville (with dinner at 6:30 both nights), and Saturday, May 19, we'll be in House Springs following the eye wrap (with lunch at 1:00). These sessions are for all incoming officers, any new Lions, or any long-time Lions. You can reach me at (314) 277-8292 or devin@admr.com. We still have open spots and scholarships for the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. This will be held in Maryville, MO, the weekend of July 27-29. The weekend of training will include seminars which apply to your Lions volunteer service and to your career, community, and home life. Please let me know if you have any interest. I'd love to talk to you more about this. As the calendar pages fly by, it's also not long until this year's USA/Canada Forum. This will be held September 20-22 in Columbus, Ohio. This is a short 6-1/2 hour drive from St. Louis. Not only will you gain new leadership skills, you will be inspired by the great speakers. As an added bonus, you will get to have fun with several of your district friends who are already registered to attend. I also want to mention that it's time to work on the district directory. Now is the time to make any revisions to your club meeting time & location, your personal contact information, and to enter your incoming officers. As of late last week, these are the clubs that have not entered their 2018/2019 officers: Chesterfield, De Soto, Ellisville, Eureka, Fenton, Ferguson, Gray Summit, Mehlville, Richwoods, SLU, St. Clair, STL Downtown, STL Midtown, and Valley. Zone Chairs, it would be appreciated if you could reach out to these clubs. Last, I want to personally thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers following the passing of my mom.

District GMT Coordinator (Lion Pam Manuel/Pacific): I received the Club Health Assessment for our District on last Friday and I must admit, I was pretty speechless, which is quite odd for me. The Lions of District 26-M2 have worked so hard on membership this pas Lionistic year and it definitely show. We are at a positive 25 members! This is amazing! Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication. We aren't finished yet. There's still May and June. Let's end this year on a positive note for our great Governor Joe and start the 2018/19 Lionistic year off to a great start for our great DG-E Lion Joe Foster! I have been asked to be your Global Membership Chair for next year. I am so happy to have had the opportunity to serve your clubs. I have met so many new and awesome Lions and am looking forward to meeting more in the coming year. If you should have any membership problems or questions please feel free to call me anytime. The Global Action Team is here for you!

District GST Coordinator (2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area): If you attended the District Convention, I hope that you remember me talking about the new LCI Service Framework. As a review, the LCI Service Framework continues what we have been doing for 4 years during the Centennial Service Challenge, with a little tweaking. Instead of CAMPAIGNS, we will now refer to SERVICE PLATFORMS and they are: **Environment, Vision, Hunger, Diabetes and Childhood Cancer**. I hope that you have elected your club officers for 2018-2019 and included a service chair to accomplish service goals set by each Board of Director. This new position will increase our emphasis on service and remove responsibility for reporting from the secretary. Remember that adding a new position on your Board will probably require changes to your Constitution and Bylaws. How many have seen the service reporting section of MyLCI? If you are the club secretary, you certainly should; others may have seen it demonstrated at the College of Knowledge. If I could project a visual of that long page for you – we will be able to next year – you would see various sections full of service activities. There are Community and Cultural Activities, Disaster Preparedness and Relief, Environmental Services, International Relations, Health and Wellness, Assistance to Individuals, Services to Children and Youth, Meetings and Administrative Activities and a one-line section for donations with 2 choices only: Donations to LCIF and Non-LCIF Donations. And you know why. Because we are a service organization. Our mission is to give service, not donate to others who give service. So for our second century, please rethink what service means in your club.

## **LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH**

**State Athletics** (Lion Michelle Foster/Beaufort): It's getting close to Football Time. All-Star Football Game will be July 21 at the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Missouri. Game is at 7pm weather permitting, the game could be delayed if it's really warm. Banquet is July 20 and the guest speaker is Collin Brown. Collin Brown was a Mizzou player, drafted by the Chiefs, then moved on to the Buffalo Bills. We have 3 students in our District this year that we try to show our support for and I have pins for sale for \$3.00 each. I have ads to sell \$60.00 to go into these nice programs.

**State Band** (DG-E Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): There will not be a Missouri Band representing us at the International Convention in Las Vegas. The band committee did make a contract with a band right outside of Kansas City. The Band Committee offered them \$15,000.00 to help them get going. They jumped right on board and said that they were going to go. They started raising money. They came up \$22,000.00 short. They backed out of the contract. So we will not be have a Missouri School Band at the International Convention and we might not have a band at all at the International Convention because Las Vegas is not a big school area and there is not a lot of schools around there. 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.

### **SIGHT AND HEARING:**

**Delta Gamma** (Lion Barb Kurkowski/Maplewood): The Center has been busy with eh Tandem Bikers and have several trips planned for the students over the next few months. The Grads Group had their gathering and the Maplewood Lions held a BBQ for them and the staff and volunteers on Saturday. The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Run For Sight was yesterday and several clubs supported the fundraiser by participating in the run, sponsoring and volunteering their services. The Center thanks them for the Lions' continued support, which allows the Center to continue to provide outstanding services to their students and their families.

**Diabetes Awareness** (Lion Ruth Boyer/Beaufort): Stress Less with Meditation. Like many chronic illnesses, diabetes worsens with increased stress. Managing stress and finding ways to relax are key, but often overlooked, components of controlling diabetes. Increased levels of the stress hormones and adrenaline make it harder for your body's cells to use insulin to process blood sugar. Meditation presents an effective way to reduce this threat. By lowering stress through meditation, insulin and glucose levels will start to rebalance. Meditation can help you self-manage the disease and promote a mindful approach to help avoid diabetes from worsening. All these benefits contribute to your overall well-being, mind, body and spirit. While meditation is not a cure, one study found that it lowered insulin response during the early stages of diabetes, indicating that it's possible to reverse insulin resistance and get your body back to processing insulin more effectively.

**Lions Eye Foundation** (PCC Charlie Hartmann/Lemay/JB): In the past the Lions Eye Foundation have helped sponsor different things to help blind individuals. PCC Charlie Hartmann read a letter from a previous member of the Lions Eye Foundation addressed to District Governor Joe Detter regarding a ready device called Orc am at the St. Louis Society for the Blind. The device takes pictures of any printed words and basically reads them to the wearer. The Orc am can also store up to 100 facial recognitions. The demonstration was quite amazing, giving the fact that a blind wearer could be told what the wearer was looking at as long as it was printed text. I have a friend that is 35 years old, has been blind since birth and her name is Nikki Hall and she lives near me in Fenton, MO. She is aware of this devise and has shown a desire to have one. I think this devise would greatly improve the quality of her life. The family is strapped for money. The Concord Village Lions voted to contribute \$2,000.00 to this project. As the club has spent there budgeted amounts already. They are unable to fund the entire amount of \$3,500.00 plus tax for the purchase of the Orc am for Nikki Hall. Respectfully I am requesting that the District contribute the remailing amount of \$1,500.00 plus tax for the purchase of the Orc am for Nikki Hall. I am certain that she would demonstrate at a club or district meeting, if you grant my request. Signed Lion Phillip H. Printstamp. A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler, Jr.(House Springs) to spend \$1,500.00 plus tax to buy the device from Orc am, second by Lion Toni Klingemann (Lemay/JB). Discussion: PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg (House Springs) I think this is a wonderful opportunity for Nikki however, how do we address what could potentially invite more people to want to have that same opportunity? How are we going to handle that? District Governor said that he thinks it would go the same way as a request through the club that would come up with some of the money, then look for other groups to help fund it. Like Concord Village is helping Nikki. This is a good start. Guidelines need to be in place going forward. Let's see how this one works out and then take a case by case basis going forward. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler, Jr (House Springs) would like to amend his motion to make it a onetime test basis to assist in the purchase of this piece of equipment and see how it operates and hopefully we can support this program in the future. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area) asked were looking for this money to come from the District or the Eye Foundation? PCC Lion Charlie Hartmann (Lemay/JB) said the Eye Foundation. A second was made by Lion Toni Klingemann (Lemay/JB). Motion passed.

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.

Toni Klingemann (Lemay/JB) would like to let everyone know that Midwest Braille has a baseball game on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> \$25.00 tickets. Desperate need for new equipment.

Old Business: None to report at this time.

New Business: (PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg/House Springs): I have a request, one of our line items in our Activities Account is funds that were raised to buy a few lions and earmarked for eye missions and I request that those funds be released and a check be made out to the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation and sent to Lion Leon Hove, the treasurer of that foundation so that those fund can be incorporated in. Unfortunately, I don't know the exact amount. It's somewhere around \$2,600.00. Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) will look it up. DG-E Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort) made a motion to transfer the funds from the District account to the Missouri Lions Eye Foundation Account, second by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler, Jr (House Springs). Motion passed.

(PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg/House Springs): The New Eye Mission Foundation. In the past many district people have gone on eye missions with the Lions of California. They have put the missions together and supplied us with the doctors to do the testing and they have provided us with the glasses. We have been steadily moving forward creating our own Foundation so that the Missouri Lions can do what the California Lions are doing. We have generated and completed the task of creating the 501c3 Foundation, so it is a nonprofit foundation. The funds are strictly used to help support the kits that are put together for the eye doctors and the travel for the lead eye doctor. Missouri is gearing up on having their own missions, this is why the foundation was created.

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Closing Remarks:** Lion George Winkeler Jr./House Springs, Thank you for electing me at our District Convention to be 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E. It's going to be a very exciting year. I hope that everyone joins hands and starts supporting things 10,000%. Thank you for your support and I look forward to it in the future.

**DG-E Closing Remarks:** Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort, Thank you for your vote and your support. I am looking forward to next year. I started working on some committee positions, zone chairs, committee chairs, working on filling all of that right now. Want to get some new processes going next year. The just recently got together with the new Service Line Team, which should be hopefully going forward next week. New technology going forward for next year. New location for the Cabinet Meetings next year. WIFI accessible. Audio video accessible. More information at the next Cabinet Meeting. Everyone is out there working hard for DG Lion Joe Detter. July 1 is the switch over date. We want to make sure everyone ends there year in a positive note. Theme for next year is "The Power of Positivity".

**DG Closing Remarks:** Lion Joe Detter/DeSoto, I would like to thank all the committees that have helped me this year. Our team that has been going out and helping clubs has been pretty successful this year. Clubs are asking for them now. It's been fun and it's been hard being District Governor. It's a heart touching thing. We are here to SERVE.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-E Closing Remarks:** Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area, Those of you that have worked with me in the last two years, knows that I always like to be prepared for the job that I do. I expect to do a lot of learning in the next couple of years from the people that have come before me. I think it's going to be a great year. Changing is difficult for people, but now we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and we need to change it up and move it around or we are going to die. Organizations are going to die. The next few years are going to be the best they have ever been in 26-M2. Thank you.

**Tail Twister:** \$55.00 was collected and donated to Eye Foundation. A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-E Lion George Winkeler/House Springs, second by Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community). Motion passed.

The next Cabinet Meeting will be held June 4<sup>th</sup> at House Springs Lions Club Hall. "PDG Appreciation Night". Dress code will be casual.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm. A motion was made by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific), second by Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lion Kelly Rackovan**

District 26-M2 Cabinet Secretary