

**District 26–M2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2021
Riverchase of Fenton**

Call To Order at 6:32 p.m. by District Governor Devin Struttman.

Pledge was led by IPDG Sandee Marshall.

Song was led by 2nd VDG Paul Carr.

Moment of Silence

Appointment of Tail Twister: Motion by Lion Pam Manuel to appoint Lion Jeff Rackovan as the Tail Twister; second by 2nd VDG Paul Carr. Motion passed. Motion by Lion Pam Manuel to donate proceeds to the Bennett Project in Ferguson; second by Lion Nikki Hull. Motion passed.

Introduction of Guests/First Time Attendees: Lion David Ray and Lion Don Kositzke (Rock Community Lions Club) and Lion Steve McGinnis (Fenton Lions Club), Laura Foughty of Minds Eye.

Adjourn for Dinner—Reconvene at 7:10 p.m.

Governor’s Opening Remarks: DG Devin asked the large crowd for their cooperation as we did not have a microphone available. He reminded those present that motions can only be made and seconded by the DG, VDGs, Secretary, Treasurer, Zone Chairs and the IPDG. He introduced new 1st VDG Leon Hove, who was elected after the resignation of 1st VDG Jeff Rackovan.

Secretary’s Report: IPDG Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area) reported that the minutes of the October 4, 2021 Cabinet Meeting had been emailed by Secretary Toni Mahoney and copies distributed. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by 2nd VDG Paul Carr to accept the minutes as presented; second by 1st VDG Leon Hove. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Lion Dennis Hemsath reported a balance of \$29,552.61 in the service activity account and \$52,968.82 in the administrative account. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Lion Nikki Hull to accept the report as presented; second by 1st VDG Leon Hove. Motion passed.

Zone Chairperson Reports called by 2nd VDG Paul Carr (House Springs):

Zone 1: No Report

Zone 2: Lion Caroline Satterfield (Mehlville): Club Activities

Zone 3: Lion Nikki Hull (Fenton): Club Activities

Zone 4: No Report

Zone 5: Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific): A zone meeting is being planned for March

Zone 6: No Report

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood): The Bennett Project, started by 4 young women, provides financial donations and support to families and siblings of children being treated for cancer. They will attend the December 11th zone meeting and Christmas party with more information.

Zone 8: No Report

Committee Reports called by 1st VDG Leon Hove (Washington):

District Convention: PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort): The District 26-M2 Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel near Westport Plaza, 3/4 – 3/6/2022. Hospitality booths are \$185. Full registration is \$95. Hotel rooms are \$93 + tax. The room block (LIONS CLUB) will be released on February 11, 2022.

State and International Convention: PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort): The State Convention will be 4/29 – 5/1/2022 in Rolla, MO. Full registration is \$85, registration and luncheon is \$55 and registration and banquet is \$65. Registration only is \$30. Hotel rooms at the Comfort Suites (573-368-4300) or Fairfield Inn (573-426-4300) are \$105 + tax. Mention that you are with the Missouri Lions State Convention group before March 27th. Go to www.missourilions.org for registration

forms. The 104th International Convention will be 6/24– 6/28/2022 in Montreal, Canada. Registration can be completed at www.lionsclubs.org ; click on the LCICON tab. Registration fee of \$175 expires 1/7/2022. The Missouri delegation will be staying at the Hotel Monville or Omni Mont Royal.

Delta Gamma Center: Lion Nikki Hull (Fenton): A small group of families gathered on 12/5 for the annual holiday party. Volunteers are desperately needed to help with the Christmas tree lot. Contact Lion Nikki for details.

Diabetes: Lion Ruth Boyer (Beaufort): It is important to control blood pressure, weight and cholesterol, along with blood sugar, to lower the risk of strokes and heart disease—and possibly dementia.

LAS: Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific) has assumed this responsibility after the resignation of Lion Kelly Rackovan. Your cooperation is appreciated.

LBOMB: PCC George Winkeler, Jr. (House Springs): Despite COVID-19, LBOMB currently has 33 facilities and employs approximately 969 people throughout MO. A \$100 donation turns into \$2,310 when utilized to purchase and/or repair US made equipment due to a 78.7% Federal match.

LCIF: PCC George Winkeler, Jr. (House Springs): 44% of the clubs in our district have contributed YTD. Just ask for the amount that your club has available for Melvin Jones fellowships. One club has more than \$38,000 banked.

Lions District 26-M2 Eye Foundation: PCC Charlie Hartmann (Lemay J.B.): A spreadsheet of Foundation donations since 2007 was distributed. Suggestions for this year's donations are welcome.

MidSouth Sight and Hearing: Lion Jennifer Winkeler (House Springs): Donations from M2 YTD total \$150. Currently, 82 patients are on the waiting list. A partnership with the Cooper Young Festival, offering games for neighborhood children, garnered free radio, TV and print publicity. The 3rd Quarter meeting will be held March 11th and 12th in conjunction with the 80th anniversary banquet. Visiting Lions Day at Hamilton Eye Institute is April 2nd.

Used Eyeglasses: PDG Elmer Weinrich (Chesterfield): 30,000 pairs have been collected YTD. 400 pair will be used for foreign eye missions. Four truckloads of glasses and frames have been picked up from the Clarkson Eyecare warehouse; more are waiting. Lion Ed Marshall is the newest member of the committee.

Minds Eye: Guest Speaker Laura Foughty (Development & Communications Coordinator): A new IOS Smartphone app has been developed and is now running in Springfield. Audio description is being expanded here; the St. Louis Cardinals are the only MLB team using this service. Gateway Archers beepball team had a successful season.

Saving Sight: Lion Pat Marchink (House Springs): The financials are doing slightly better than budget. In September, the Board of Directors began the process of establishing a board-designated quasi-endowment as part of its objective to reinvest in their nonprofit mission. For this year and next, the amount will be \$60,000. Four seats on the board are up for election this year including M2. The expanded lab for Vital Tears is up and running. Transplants out of the new Wichita locations are up 76% since April 2021.

District and State Hearing: Lion Sandy Halama (Webster Groves): Hearing sweepstakes tickets were handed out to those clubs represented at the meeting; instructions were included in the packet.

GLT: Lion Michele Foster (Beaufort): The MidWinter Forum will be held February 18th and 19th at the Oasis Convention Center in Springfield. Registration is \$65 until 12/31; 1/1 it is \$75. A new member workshop is part of the program. Remember the District and State conventions. May 20th thru 22nd is the Leader Dog Bus Trip. \$100 covers transportation and Saturday lunch. Rooms at the Drury Inn are \$100 per night x 2.

GMT: 1st VDG Leon Hove (Washington): Since we last met, we have dropped 21 members (including 5 at SLU), lost 5 to death, and had new and transfer members totaling 12. That is a negative growth of 14. Eight of 37 clubs are showing positive growth. Club information cards are available to each club.

Old Business: DG Devin Struttman reported that 9 clubs have still not scheduled Governor's visits. Pacific and Hillsboro clubs submitted Peace Poster entries; an entry from Hillsboro was forwarded to the State level. The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is December 12th.

New Business: DG Devin Struttman reminded us that the new member entrance fees have been waived until 6/30. The new Diversity committee met by Zoom on 11/30. A new committee for an urban service project is being formed. Contact Lion Toni Mahoney, if interested. A virtual happy hour on 12/30, 7 p.m., will introduce ID Allen Snyder; he is the international guest for our convention. Thank you, Lion Pat Marchink for your years of service representing us on the Saving sight board!

Three nominations were made for District 26-M2 Eye Foundation board member: PCC Al Blumenberg (House Springs), Lion Ed Marshall (Wildwood Area) and Lion Matt Freeman (Union).

Lion Tasha Broeker gave the endorsement of the Beaufort Lions Club to Lion Michele Foster as a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor.

Lion Pat Marchink gave the endorsement of the House Springs Lions Club to 2nd VDG Paul Carr as a candidate for 1st Vice District Governor.

PDG Missy Maune (Washington) nominated 1st VDG Leon Hove for District Governor; a second was made by PCC Charlie Hartmann (Lemay JB).

2nd VDG Closing Remarks: 2nd VDG Paul Carr encouraged everyone to continue the momentum we are all creating and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

1st VDG Closing Remarks: 1st VDG Leon Hove thanked the PDGs and PCCs for their confidence in choosing him as 1st VDG. He reminded everyone that we all contribute to the success of our district. Please contact him to serve on a district or state committee. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DG Closing Remarks: DG Devin Struttman awarded koozies to all who wore "ugly" Christmas sweaters. He expressed pleasure in learning of the projects that each club does and gratefulness for each Lion's contributions. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

50/50: \$102 was won by Lion Judy Yingling (Maplewood).

Tail Twister: \$102 was collected and donated to the Bennett project.

Next Cabinet Meeting will be 2/7 at the Overland Lions Hall, 2358 Lackland Road (63114), 6:30 p.m.

Next GAT Meeting will be a Zoom meeting on 1/3 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. by 1st VDG Leon Hove; second by 2nd VDG Paul Carr.

Respectfully submitted,

IPDG Sandee Marshall
Acting Secretary