

District 26-M2

Zoom Cabinet Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2020 @ 6:30pm by Zoom

Call to order: DG Lion Sandee Marshall, Wildwood Area Lions

Pledge: Lion 1VDG Lion Devin Struttmann, Union Lions

Invocation: 2nd VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan, Rock Community Lions

Moment of Silence and DG Lion Sandee Marshall read the Proclamation from Mo. State Senator for PDG Lion Joe Detter

Recognized December & January birthdays

First time attendees, Lions Abby & Oliva Struttmann, Union Lions and Lion Cyndi Carr, House Springs Lions

Secretary Report: Lion Toni Mahoney, Hillsboro Lions, was not present as yet but Oct. 5th minutes were sent out to Lions via email to all club Presidents & Secretaries.

Treasurer Report: Lion Dennis Hemsath, Washington Lions, read the report and motion to accept was made by 1st VDG Lion Devin Struttmann and 2nd by 2nd VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan, mc

Zone Chairpersons Reports: 2 VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan, Rock Community Lions

Zone 3- Lion Paul Carr, House Springs Lions

Governors visits were held with Meramec Heights, Fenton and House Springs Lions. Not much to report.

Zone 4- Lion Leon Hove, Washington Lions

Not much to report due to COVID-19.

Lion John Berger, president of New Haven Lions reported slow down on activities due to COVID-19. They did team up with the New Haven Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 23rd, during the downtown Pumpkin Glow, had a Pepsi Wagon where both groups served some food during that even. There was a nice turn out and, even wearing MASKS, everyone had a great time.

On November the 27th, Lion Don Schowe and Lion John Berger, with the helped of an employee Brad Maune of the City of New Haven Public Works Department, installed the Christmas lights along various streets & Hwy. 100 in New Haven. It was great weather for this, for a change!

Team New Haven was asked by KidSight to put together a short video for their Fundraiser. Melissa Stephenson with KidSight did an amazing job with putting it

together. Thank You, Melissa! Even with this pandemic, Team New Haven has conducted over 1,100 screenings so far this year.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2021 HAS TO BE BETTER!

Zone 5: Lion Pam Manuel, Pacific Lions

Pacific Lions put the Christmas tree up on the bluff at Blackburn Park. They had more people in attendance to help. Pacific & Gray Summit Lions adopted a student at MSB. Pacific Lions participating in Christmas Parade with a float on December 19th.

Cuba Lions still meeting in person. Planning on a Christmas party at Bob's Gasoline Alley. Cuba Lions adopted a MSB youth. Union Lions had their Governors visit and adopted a youth from MSB for Christmas.

Gray Summit Lions adopted 9 youths for Christmas.

Have not heard from Eureka Lions

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton, Maplewood Lions

Not much going on, providing Christmas for those in need and other donations, have a new member and she has joined us this evening.

Zone 6: Lion Becky Speeler, Webster Grove Lions

Meeting with Downtown Lion via Zoom. With a plus 1 member.

Webster has a plus 1 member and was able to hold 4 BBQs and adopted youths for Christmas. Webster was able to provide tunica's for their police officers to have on their person rather than in vehicles, time is the essence when needed.

Committee Reports: 1st VDG Lion Devin Struttmann, Union Lions

Audit: Lion Robert Ell, Bonhomme Lions

Completed the audit of both the Administrative and Service accounts of District 26-M2 for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Everything was good.

Newsletter: Lion David Kinkade, Fenton Lions

Please submit all articles by December 12th.

Conventions: PCC Lion Gina Boettcher, Beaufort Lions

Due to COVID-19 there will be restrictions at Hotels and not many Lions attending, District, State and International. Please be patient with all the change that will occur.

GST (service): Lion Teddi Speeler, Webster Groves Lions

Thanks again for everyone's participation in Pediatric Comfort Bags.

New Service: We need socks, gloves, and hats for the homeless. Please let me know and I will collect your bags. Would love to have them by January 5th, 2021.

NAMI: Lion Pete Amos, Creve Coeur Lions

Have not been able to do much yet due to COVID-19. Wanting to meet with community leaders of Florissant, Hazelwood, Blackjack, just to name a few, to establish our presence and concerns for their communities. Thinking of moving Creve Coeur Lions meeting location further north.

Youth: Lion Toni Mahoney, Hillsboro Lions

Most probably, there will not be a YCE for 2021. District M2 did not receive any Peace Posters but the other 6 districts did.

Only one Leo's club in the district that is active, Tri County Omega Leos. They are meeting in person.

Band: 2VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan, Rock Community Lions

They are planning on a meeting before Christmas.

Diabetes: Lion Ruth Boyer, Beaufort Lions

I collected \$501 standing outside a small store in Beaufort, the most ever collected, and I have been standing outside this store since 2005.

Had a craft fair, October 24th and collected \$420, with the booths I rented out to 21 crafters that included me. Which brings the grand total to \$921. All this money is going to Camp Jump Start diabetes and wellness camp in Imperial, Mo.

Looking into becoming a Diabetes para-professional.

Leader Dog: District Governor Sandee Marshall, Wildwood Area Lions

Wanted to let everyone know that Louie, the Future Leader Dog with Lion Devon Marshall, is traveling back to Leader Dog in Michigan this coming weekend for more training.

Mid-South: PCC Lion Gina Boettcher, Beaufort Lions

Always looking for funds to help support this organization provide their services. They are looking for a 4th Vice President from our state, which is a seven-year position.

Midwestern Braille: PDG Lion Eugene Taylor, Brentwood Lions

They are still printing and providing materials for those in need during the pandemic.

Eye Glass Missions: Lion Leon Hove Washington Lions

They are hoping to have 4-day missions in 2021.

Saving Sight: Lion Patrick Martchink House Springs Lions

Saving Sight held their quarterly Board meeting on Saturday, December 5 via zoom. Based on September financials Saving Sight is in particularly good shape. With income from investments and Vital Tears, Saving Sight is ahead of budget by \$735,000 as of 9/30/2020. Because of the good financial shape, no staff will be furloughed nor salaries cut. Most staff working from home and only lab technicians are working in building. There might be a possibility of decreased cornea donations. The board approved the 2019-20 audit and the 2019 form 990 at the December meeting. The Kansas City building loan was approved.

The board approved three defining objectives which are part of the strategic plan. 1) Planning for reinvestment as a nonprofit 2) Expand visibility 3) Active pursuit of external opportunities.

A board evaluation process is being developed so board members can rate themselves and the overall board. The evaluation will be held annually and will help the board stay focus Saving Sight's mission.

The executive committee will be reviewing the Governance Policies of the Board and will presented Tuesday March 9th, 2020 next meeting.

Old Business:

Always looking to receive Quality Lions Awards forms

New Business:

Motion to consider participating in the Valley of Flowers parade in May in Florissant by Lion Leon Hove and second by Lion Judy Yingling, Maplewood.

Lion Paul Carr nominated Lion Leon Hove, for a 5-year position on the Eye Foundation.

Lion Cyndi Carr nominated Lion Paul Carr, for 2VDG position for 2021-2022.

Lion Pam Manuel, Pacific Lions, nominated Lion Jeff Rackovan for the office of the first Vice District Governor for the 2021-2022.

Lion Olivia Struttmann nominated Devin Struttmann for Governor 2021-2022.

2VDG Closing Remarks:

Great six months, happy we can still meet through zoom, never give up, never surrender.

1VDG Closing Remarks:

Difficult year for all Lions worldwide, try to meet through zoom and create new opportunities.

Governors Closing Remarks:

Thank you everyone for attending meeting via zoom, proud of Lions stepping up to help supply Christmas presents for MSB youths and encourage all to fill the District newsletter with flyers and anything about Lions to keep us all informed.

No 50/50 and tail twister

Next Cabinet meeting will be February 1st, in person or zoom?

GAT meeting January 4th via Zoom

Adjourned: Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight!

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Toni Mahoney

District 26-M2 Cabinet Secretary