

Cabinet Meeting

Monday October 5, 2020

Call to Order: DG Lion Sandee Marshall @6:36pm

Pledge: Lion Dennis Hemsath(Washington Lions)

Song: 1st VDG Lion Devin Struttmann(Union Lions)

Invocation: DG Lion Sandee Marshall(Wildwood Area Lions)

Moment of Silence

Appointment of Tail Twister: Nomination of PCC Lion Al Blumenberg by 1st VDG Lion Devin Struttmann and second by Lion Jay Fetsch, mc. Motion by CC Lion George Winkeler and second by Lion Pam Manual for funds to be received by KidSight.

October & November birthdays were acknowledged

No first-time attendees

Program on LCIF: CC Lion George Winkeler(House Springs Lions)

Campaign 100 needs your help!

Adjourned for dinner (35 minutes)

Reconvened at 7:35

Secretary Report: Lion Toni Mahoney(Hillsboro Lions)

Minutes of August 3, 2020 were emailed to cabinet, committee chairs and club officers in September plus I brought 20 hard copies tonight. Are there any additions or corrections?

Seeing none may I have a motion to accept the minutes as presented? Motion to accept by Overland Lion and 2nd by Lion Leon Hove, mc.

Treasurers Report: Lion Dennis Hemsath(Washington Lions)

Administrative Receipts and Expenses

8/31 income \$13,373.52 expenses \$7,693.08 Bal. \$5,680.44

Service Activity 6/30 Bal. \$41,528.54 minus \$2,061.82

Balance 10/3 \$39,466.72 Detailed report attached

Motion to accept Lion Terry Monroe and 2nd by 1VDG Lion Devin Strutmann, mc.

Zone Chairperson Reports: 2VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan(Rock Community Lions)

Zone 4: Lion Leon Hove (Washington Lions)

Beaufort: Have craft fair Sat. 10/24 and trunk or treat Sat. 10/31 and Friday night Bingo. 40 members for the year and Governors visit scheduled for Tuesday 10/20.

Gerald: lunch food truck continuing, 15 members for the year and Governors visit completed Tuesday 9/8.

New Haven: Complete Candy Day, 20 members, down 1 and Governors visit Tuesday 10/6 with installation of officers.

St. Clair: 29 members, down 3, believe they have 6 members to induct. Preparing for Little's Angel Christmas tree project and Governors visit scheduled Monday January 18, 2021.

Washington: 177 members down 2 and have one member to induct. Have 50-50 raffle with drawing August 2021.

½ hog raffle \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25, drawing 10/27.

Governors visit scheduled Tuesday February 23, 2021.

Zone 1: Lion Shanna Richardson (Richwoods Lions)

DeSoto: 33 members including 1 new with 3 that expressed interest. Due to Covid 19 no service projects currently.

Valley: 20 members including 1 new member.

Potosi: 27 members including 1 new member and have resumed regular meetings. Due to covid 19 no activities.

Governors visit scheduled for Monday 10/19.

Hillsboro: 34 members. Participating in district service project Pediatric Cancer Bags and have been able to hold BBQ's.

Richwoods: 23 members. Participating in district service project Pediatric Cancer Bags. Club will be hosting Bon Fire Zone meeting Thursday October 22 at 6pm.

Zone 5: Pam Manual (Pacific Lions)

Pacific: 4 new members helping at fundraiser, great job. Two donations to great activities for youths. Governors visit along with Gray Summit on February 18, 2021.

Gray Summit: 2 potential new members. Gun raffle fundraiser and donation to Eagle Scout's project.

Cuba: Holding regular meetings but have cancelled fundraisers to the end of year. Undecided about Thanksgiving Day dinner.

District Governors visit Feb. 8th, 2021.

Union: Governors visit scheduled for October 26th.

Eureka: 64 members and with covid 19 they are stagnant.

We are still responding to those in need with funds we raised through golf tournament and bowling raffle.

Zone 4 & 5 meeting is scheduled for Monday Oct. 12th at Hagie's in Union. Theme will be Lions Trivia.

Zone 6: Lion Becky Speeler (Webster Groves Lions)

Downtown: Lion Eugene shared they had a member relocate to Florida and they are holding zoom meetings.

Southside: Spoke with Lion Bill Linek, he will be attending their Oct. meeting and will update when information available.

Webster: 56 members, BBQ this weekend, membership staying the same, holding zoom meetings, service project, trunk or treat end of the month.

St. Louis University: Sarah, president and Kayley, secretary since September trying to reach out via text, phone and email.

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood Lions)

Mid Town: Waiting out covid

Overland: Planning a breakfast soon.

Maplewood: donating items purchased for cancelled event. They will install officers on Oct. 20th at Pietro's all other meetings have been zoom. Neighborhood libraries have been filled with school supplies.

Working on a zone meeting for November. Have not made decision on Christmas Zone meeting yet.

Zone 8: Lion Angie Sontag (Wildwood Area Lions)

Wildwood Area: Meetings by zoom, projects; built 4 eyeglass collection boxes, discussions; how to present scholarship, events; held virtual wine tasting with approx., 25 in attendance & raise \$450.

Collected 200 pairs eyeglasses for recycling

Kirkwood: Meetings in person, events & projects; none currently.

Bonhomme: Meeting in person, events; selling Koze nuts & candy. CB Bonhom golf tournament; held September 25th, 56 golfers in attendance and raised \$4,000 for Special School District Scholarships.

Melvin Jones Award presented to Lion Robert Ell & future presentation to Lion Fred Jackson November 17th meeting.

Chesterfield: meeting in person, events; Trivia night scheduled for November 7, 2020, no candy days and Governors visit scheduled for November 23rd.

Committee Reports: 1st VDG Lion Devin Struttman (Union Lions)

District 26M2 Convention Report: PCC Lion Gina Boettcher, Chair, PCC Lion Kimberly Taylor, Co-Chair, Lions Jennifer Winkeler, Kelley Rackovan and Ruth Boyer

Well it is that time again, your saying to yourself. “What time is it”? “It’s time to ROAR like a LION or PARTY till the Lions come home.”

Convention time is upon us, it will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Westport on /February 26-28, 2021. Full registration will be \$95 per person, that includes hospitality, luncheon, dinner banquet and Sunday breakfast. Lunch only \$30, Dinner only \$55, Breakfast only \$30. Again, at dinner you will have your option of chicken, beef or salmon.

Hotel rooms are available at the rate of \$93 + tax for a standard room. You can make those reservations directly with the hotel by calling them or online. The block will expire February 4. So please make those reservations soon.

Our guest for the weekend will be International Director Justin Faber from Deckerville, Michigan.

Hospitality rooms for Friday evening will be held in the grand ballroom. We anticipate being able to accommodate as many booths as possible with entertainment and dance floor. But with the unknown we are unsure what will be, so the committee has discussed if we must eliminate the number of booths it whomever sent theirs in first and so on.

So as PDG Debbie Blumenberg would say "TODAY IS THE DAY" we have registration forms available.

State and International Convention: Lion Gina Boettcher, PCC

MD 26 State Convention will be held on April 29-May 2, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn Independence in Independence, Mo. Full registration (registration, luncheon and banquet) \$90, registration and luncheon \$55, registration and banquet \$65, registration only \$30, Leo registration (includes lunch) \$20. Hilton Garden Inn Independence room cost is \$99 + tax (phone # 816-360-3000) mention the code "LIONS" when making reservations. Our guest for the weekend will be First Vice President Brian Sheehan and his spouse Lion Lori from Bird Island, Mn.

The 103rd annual Lions Clubs International Convention will be in Montreal, Canada, June 25-29, 2021. Registration Fee through January 8, 2021 is \$175, from January 9 through March 31, 2021 the regular registration fee is \$225, April 1, 2019 through onsite registration the fee is \$250. The Missouri Delegation will be in one of three hotels they are Hotel Monville, Omni Mont Royal or Le Place D'Armes Hotel. The parade is schedule to step

off on Saturday, June 26. For more information please visit www.lionsclubs.org and click on the LCICON tab.

District GLT: Lion Michelle Foster (Beaufort Lions)

Try to attend COG meeting October 24th Camden on the Lake and Mid-Winter forum February 19 & 20, 2021 theme “Lions on the Beach” Should be great fun and great training. Always looking for ideas on what our Missouri Lions are looking for in training.

District GMT: Lions Mike & Vicki Swederska (Webster Lions)

Always available for Membership Strategies. We are at a +4.

District GST: Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves Lions)

Comfort Bags for Pediatric Cancer Patients received donations from Mehlville Lions, Wildwood Lions, Rock Community Lions, Maplewood Lions, Pacific Lions, Webster Lions and Chesterfield Lions monies, items for bags and completed bags. Stuffing day Sunday November 1st, 1-4pm at Overland Lions Hall.

Please contact me with any?’s or concerns Lion Teedi 314-724-3721

State Band: 2VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan (Rock Community lions)

Met on September 9th without election of officers. \$41,029.21 in account and will be concentrating on Boston Convention.

Delta Gamma Center for Children: Lion Nikki Hull (Fenton Lions)

The Delta Gamma Center's Christmas Tree Lot will open on November 27th. The tree lot is located at the McCarthy Brothers Construction building, 1341 N. Rock Hill Rd., near Tilles Park. Volunteers are needed Tuesday through Friday 4-7pm, Saturdays 10am-7pm and Sundays 11am-7pm. Volunteers are needed to assist shoppers with their purchases of trees, wreaths and with the Holiday Boutique sales. Especially needed are people to carry and lift trees onto vehicles and tie them. If you are available to assist, contact Delta Gamma Center at 314-776-1300

Lions Eye Foundation: PCC Lion Charlie Hartmann (Lemay JB Lions)

Annual meeting was held in August with changes to By-Laws. All changes were sent prior to meeting and voted on & passed during meeting with those attending in person and via Zoom.

Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation: Lion Leon Hove (Washington Lions)

As all of you know all eye missions for 2020 were cancelled due to the Covid-19. Past International Director Dr. Bill Iannacone believes California/Nevada Lions in Sight will have a least six missions in 2021 with the first one probably in May. Two prisons that they had cleaning and sorting glasses were shut down with Covid-19 but they have millions of glasses in their warehouse.

Lion Mario, for those that have gone on a Panama trip know well is governor this year and Dr. Bill said he would like to have a mission in 2021 but it depends on conditions there and that will also be the limiting factor for missions to any location. Currently no one is certain how accurate reporting methods are for cases.

Decisions will hopefully be made one or two months in advance of a mission. If we want, Missouri Lions, can have one mission so let officers and the board members know if you are interested. We can then keep you apprised of developments as we know them.

Missouri School for the Blind: Lion Jack Lenk, PDG (Webster Groves Lions)

There are presently 45 students enrolled at MSB and all classes are held virtually. The staff plans to have the younger students return for in person learning on October 19. The remaining students will return after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Construction on the campus greenhouse is progressing and should be completed at the end of February 2021. New flooring has been placed in all dormitories and in the student center.

Mr. Barney hopes that MSB will be able to host an open house later this year to provide the Lions the opportunity to tour the facility and to show appreciation for their continued support.

Peace Poster Essay Contest: The contest information was submitted to MSB's Community Relations Director. I have

received no word at this time, regarding the students' willingness to participate in the project this year.

Used Eye Glasses: PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich (Chesterfield Lions)

I delivered 14,000 eye glasses to Jefferson City for sorting and cleaning. To keep you posted, all glasses from last year and this year are still at our Jefferson City location.

Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service Report: Lion Terry Boettcher, PCC

Lions, in the Lions Year 2019-2020 the Clubs and Foundation of District 26M2 have donated \$12,675.00 to Mid-South. The donations are much needed and appreciated. We know things are tight and have been hard over the past 6 months that we have been enduring this pandemic.

We are in the process of reducing our administration expense by outsourcing our bookkeeping to ChurchShield and outsourcing our donor management to Planningcenter.com. This is not a done deal just yet, but it did receive Board approval in August allowing us to move forward. For those who are Champions that have an amount taken from your bank account or credit card every month., Planningcenter.com has an App that will allow you to control your donations by the amount, the day it is taken and what account. You will have total control over your donations. These are both exciting steps for Mid-South to take.

In August, we were not able to have Lions Leaders Weekend this year that would have coincided with our annual auction to help raise much needed funds because of the pandemic. Last March, we started the preparations to do an online auction which was held in early August. This was a success for us. We are going to build on what we learned and will do another one as soon as we have enough items. As one of the winning bidders, I can tell you that it was easy and friendly to use Bidding Owl. Here are the vital statistics:

91 Items, Total Retail Value \$7,178

428 Bids were placed by 53 unique bidders, 35 bidders won items

Total of winning bids \$4,016

Total Fund-A-Need Donations \$2,100

Postage was paid by the bidders and in many cases did not cost as much as the bidders paid. Total amount raised \$6,825 including all bids, shipping, and donation (this was the total of all invoices)

Cost of Bidding Owl \$200.80

Facebook ads \$200

Total final revenue: \$6,425

Then on September 1st, we received some great news about a grant for \$39,000 to help with our operating expenses from the Friends of 930 Foundation. If you did not know, 930 is the

address of the Hamilton Eye Institute. We have a great partnership with the Doctors and Staff at HEI and goes to show we all need each other to do their part to help those in need.

Upcoming Events:

2nd Quarterly Meeting- November 13-14, 2020

Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN

In Person TBD, otherwise it will be by Zoom

No HQ Hotel for this meeting

3rd Quarterly Meeting – March 12-13, 2021

Hot Springs, AR

In person TBD, otherwise it will be by Zoom

HQ Hotel TBD

Lions Leaders Weekend – All Activities TBD

Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN

Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament – June 4, 2021

Location TBD

4th Quarterly and Annual Membership Meeting – June 5, 2021

Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis, TN

In-Person TBD, otherwise it will be by Zoom

No HQ Hotel for this meeting

Thank you for allowing Mid-South and our partners to provide a “Miracle a Day”!

Old Business:

Still accepting Quality Lions Awards forms

New Business:

- A. Leo Charter night October 14th at Richwoods Lions hall, small group due to Covid-19. PID Lion Don Noland will be main speaker. If any donations to help club with administration items please send to District Treasurer, Lion Dennis Hemsath.
- B. Nominations for Eye Foundation (5 yr term), 2VDG, 1VDG and Governor on December 7th meeting
Lion Paul Carr has “Letter of Intent 2nd Vice District Governor”
- C. State (Singapore) pins for sale \$2

2nd VDG Closing Remarks:

I encourage all Lions to think of others and reach out for a welfare check via phone, email, social media and in person.

1st VDG Closing Remarks:

Pleased to see clubs thinking outside the box during these difficult times effecting our typical fundraisers. Would love to these ideas shared in our Lions Roar.

Governors Closing Remarks:

Thanks to the Overland Lions for the use of their building and dinner. Please send Lion Dave Kinkade articles on Service Projects and other information to share for our District Bulletin.

50/50 Winner: Lion Sue Templeton \$51.00

Tail Twister: \$60 funds went to KidSight

Next Cabinet Meeting will be December 7th @ Overland Lions

Festive Dress

GAT Meeting: January 4, 2021 Location TBD

Adjourn meeting: Motion by Lion Terry Monroe and second by Lion Ed Marshall, m/c.