

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI  
Cabinet Meeting  
May 7, 2011**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The fourth cabinet meeting of the year was called to order by DGE Stuart Payne at 2:00 P.M., in the Foster Meeting Room, at Cox Hospital South in Springfield. He explained that DG Debbie had been detained but would arrive for the meeting shortly. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to participate in the business of the District.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led DGE Stuart followed by the singing of "America the Beautiful", led by Lion Phil Krebs. The invocation was given by 1st VDG Walter Hamer.

**Protocol for Meeting:**

PDG James W. Rosbrugh Established Protocol for the meeting and explained why it is done at the beginning of each meeting, which is to keep from having each speaker repeat all the officers, Past Governors, etc. It saves time and monotony.

**DG Special Privilege:**

When she arrived, DG Debbie Whittlesey started back at this point on the agenda as she had several awards that she wanted to hand out to the presenters at the District Convention and others, who were very deserving of recognition for their work in Lionism.

**Attendance and Roll Call:**

There were 35 Lions who signed into the meeting. Cabinet Secretary, PDG Dave Harris, called the roll of voting and non-voting cabinet members indicating that 24 voting cabinet members were present. There was 1 non-voting cabinet member present or Past Governors without a cabinet position.

**Appointment of Tail Twister:**

Lion Leroy Potter was appointed to be the Tail Twister for the meeting, a job that he relishes, and, he always stirs up some excitement and enthusiasm during the meeting.

**Disposition of Tail Twister Funds:**

Near the close of the meeting, PDG Bill Botzow made a motion that the tail twister funds collected this year go to support the youth camp. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Charles Haywood and carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of the February 20, 2011 Cabinet Meeting were approved as distributed upon a motion by PDG Jerry Young and a second by PDG Cliff Curtis.

**Treasurers Report:**

District Treasurer, PDG Jim Wilson, reported on the District's finances as of 5/1/11. The Administrative Account showed income for this year of \$39,154.35. Expenditures YTD have been \$27,587.16 leaving a net difference of + \$11,567.19 YTD. In addition, the summary of all other accounts shows a combined total of \$24,755.01 for a grand total of all

accounts of \$36,322.20. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report and submit for audit was made by PDG James Rosbrugh, seconded by Lion Judy Young and carried.

### **District Governor Remarks/Report:**

DG Whittlesey began her report by relaying a story about her Granddaughter who was proud of her for reaching level 7 in Lions. It seems that her Lions DG pin had gotten turned upside down on her jacket so it looked like a 7. Rayah related that to her school class and the different levels that she has earned. She told her Grandmother that she was so proud of her for reaching level 7 in Lions. The Governor couldn't figure that out and finally asked her what she meant. Then the story came out – to the joy of everyone.

Governor Debbie continues to visit clubs throughout the District and says that she is enjoying every minute of it. She attended our State Convention and proclaimed that our 26-M6 hospitality room, featuring Hillbilly sushi and Hobo Caviar, was the talk of the convention. She now is looking forward to the International Convention and being with the Lions of the World and watching the parade. And yes, watching DGE Stuart getting his ribbon “pulled” by Lion Marlene as he is installed as our District Governor.

In September 2011 or March 2012, then IPDG, Debbie will be going to Mexico on a Lions for Sight mission trip to take eyeglasses and assist in their distribution to those in need.

Proclaiming that, “This has been a very exciting Lion year for me and I hope it has been for you as well”. She said that LCI President Scruggs had a great theme, “A Beacon of Hope...Shining a light on Lions Service. She said it has been a great ride ----- one that she will never forget. She closed by saying: Lions, Thank you for teaching me; Lions, Thank you for encouraging me; Lions, Thank you for raising my standards. The Lions showed our appreciation by giving her a standing ovation to thank her for her service to our District and the great enthusiastic leader she has been.

### **District Governor Elect:**

DGE Stuart reported on the results of the elections at our District Convention and congratulated everyone who was elected to their position for the coming year. He also thanked Lion Craig Lehman for running for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. He stated that good competition is always good and wished him well next year if he decides to run again.

Lion Stuart reported on his Lions activities having attended the Miller Lions Club 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration where PDG Donal Knipp, candidate for International Director was the speaker. He also helped install officers for the new East Newton Leo Club, sponsored by the Granby Lions. He attended the State Convention where he received his committee assignments for next year as Governor; Policy & Procedures, Human Resources, Family and Women Development, Public Relations and the Youth committee. The incoming Governors elected him to also serve as the Council Treasurer. He reported that PDG Zana Botzow was elected to the State Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator for MD26 and PDG Eugene Taylor from M2 was elected to be the State Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator for MD26. He said that the old MERL team held it's last meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, giving way to the new GMT/GLT concept.

On a down note, DGE Stuart had picked up the charter and other paraphernalia from the MSSU Campus Lions Club which has ceased to function. The club only had one member who was interested in growing the club and the faculty advisor was not fulfilling that responsibility.

**1st Vice District Governor Elect:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Walter Hamer began by saying that it was a great pleasure to serve with DG Debbie. He said that in his 20 years in Lions, he has been tutored by many fine Governors but DG Debbie helped him realize how exciting and fun it can be to serve as District Governor and he hopes that his year as Governor will be just half as much fun as Lion Debbie has made her year for him.

Lion Walt said that he is looking forward to serving with DGE Stuart and will be ready to offer him more support as he is retiring and has negotiated a moratorium on “honey-do’s” from his wife, Lion Karen. He welcomed newly elected 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Nick Paulin to the team and looks forward to having his expertise and knowledge when he serves his year as Governor.

Still serving as the Sr. Pastor of his church, time constraints have not allowed him to make the visits that he wanted to, but with his pending retirement at the end of the month, he can get activated into his duties with Lions and develop a plan that will help guide the district for the next two or three years instead of just one.

Lion Walter said the State Convention at St. Charles was an exciting weekend for him and he found the reports from the different organizations very helpful. He was impressed by the displays, the speaker, and the food. And, he was proud that even though M6 was the most distant district in the state, we still had a commendable showing in our attendance.

1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Walter will be attending the Lions International Convention in Seattle as well as the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska. He offered brochures for the latter event if anyone is interested in going. He is looking forward to hearing the new International President present his plans and ideas while attending various leadership seminars and classes. He said that he believes the training of new leaders is key for the success of Lions at the club and district levels which, in turn, will produce key leaders for state and International Lions. He closed by thanking the Lions for electing him to serve as First Vice District Governor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect:** Lion Nick said that he is humbled to have been elected to serve as 26-M6’s 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and begin his journey to becoming Governor of the District. He thanked Lion Craig Lehman for his campaign and for being a gentleman throughout the entire time. He said that he is looking forward to working with DGE Stuart and 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Walter and being a part of their teams for the next several years. He accepts the challenge and feels that he can offer input that will help keep our District strong in the future.

A report was heard from the Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic which will be held at the E-Plex in Springfield. They were asking for funding to help support the clinic and invited the Lions in our District to participate.

### **REGION CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:**

**North East Region – Lion Jon Chalker:** The clubs in Lion Jon’s NE Region appear to be financially sound and are active in their communities. Lion Jon had attended a meeting of the Halfway Lions Club on the evening that they presented awards to the local Peace Poster winners

**North West Region – Lion Marilyn Harris:** In her absence, PDG Dave Harris gave Lion Marilyn’s report. She said it had been an incredible year with Lion Debbie as our Governor and thanked her for giving us so much enthusiasm. She has visited only one zone meeting and 1 club the last few weeks. She reported that her own club, Carl Junction was seeing a growth in membership and is a very active club in the community, making several donations to community projects.

In a visit to the Joplin Host Lions, she learned that they will be needing help from other clubs during Joplin’s Boomtown Days, now postponed from June due to the tornado, until sometime in August. They are an active club and have a lot of fund raising projects. They are in process of sprucing up their club house, too.

Lion Marilyn attended a zone meeting in Lamar on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and reviewed the activities of the clubs in that zone. The Lamar Free Fair is the Lamar Lions big project for the year and they serve several thousand people from their food trailer, which has been updated and includes air conditioning now. Lamar has 8 new younger members and that makes it easier to do their projects.

The Lockwood Lions find it hard to get new members and due to the age of their members projects are getting hard to do. They do help all they can when a need arises. He did say the community fails to support the projects that they do have.

Lion Marilyn finished her report by giving the extended meaning of “volunteers” letter by letter which describes what Lions do.

**Central Region** – Randy Rickman: No report.

**South East Region** – Lion Sid Holmes: No Report

**South West Region** – Lion Nick Paulin: Lion Nick has been elected to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG at our District Convention. He attended the SW Zone B meeting in March at Shell Knob and all the clubs were represented. The Crane Lions continue to struggle with membership and attendance. The longevity of that club is of concern. Shell Knob continues with their weekly Bingo events and had begun monthly dances on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night of the month.

The Zone A meeting that was scheduled for Seligman had to be rescheduled due to conflicts. The Seligman Lions have a student who applied to be in the Lions State Band but has not received word of acceptance at this time. He expects that she will be fully funded by the time she leaves for band camp.

#### **ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:**

**NE. Reg. – Zone A** – PDG Charles Winfiel: No report

**NO. Reg. – Zone B** – Lion Chester Hill: No report

**SE Reg. – Zone A** – Lion Don Long: No report

**SE Reg. – Zone B** – Lion Peter Frantzen: No report

**NW Reg. – Zone A** – PDG Dean Westbay: The last Zone A meeting was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Westbay home. There were only 2 clubs (Lockwood & Lamar) out of the 6 in attendance due to other activities and conflicts. The clubs in attendance discussed their activities and projects and it appears that all the clubs in the zone will have a busy summer and fall with their activities. Lamar is enjoying some new younger members who are very active in the club which makes projects run a lot smoother. Their cook shack is being replaced with a new one which the club is building themselves.

**NW Reg. – Zone B** – Lion Trish Holland: No report

**CEN. Reg. – Zone A.** – Lion Donna Rickman: No report

**CEN. Reg. – Zone B** – Lion Judy Young: The clubs in the zone met on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> with 4 clubs, including the new Christian County Lions Club, attending. The meeting was hosted by Springfield Host Lions.

PCC Jim Tesreau gave a presentation on the Lions Clubs International Foundation and also told what the Kimberling City Lions were doing – golf tournament, chili supper, broom sales and white cane collection.

The reenactment DVD of Helen Keller’s speech to LCI was shared and enjoyed by those present.

**Club reports;** Springfield Host, Duck Pond at Ozark Empire Fair, Driving Lion Sam Gillam from the Springfield Alpha Lions Club to speaking engagements, working on their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on 10/8/2011.

Queen City; pancake breakfast, Low Vision Clinic, Leader Dog Puppy.

Christian County Lions; Charter night on May 20<sup>th</sup>, Freedoms Rest (family violence center) providing winter clothes and first aid kits.

Republic Lions; Wilson Creek reenactment in August, working with 4<sup>th</sup> graders on learning about Lions and the visually impaired.

Lion Judy said that she has visited all of the clubs in her zone.

**SW Reg. – Zone A:** - PDG Sue Blakley: No report

**SW Reg. – Zone B** – Lion Sharon Morris: No Report

**Voting on Disposition of Funds:**

Before the committee reports a break was taken to vote on the disposition of excess funds left from the hospitality room at our district and state conventions. The ballot read:

QUESTION: What shall the disposition be of any “Excess” Hospitality Room Donations/Receipts after the close of each year’s District and State Conventions?

Instructions: Vote for ONE option only.

\_\_\_\_\_ Transfer “Excess” Hospitality Room monies into the District Administrative Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ Transfer “Excess” Hospitality Room monies into the District Governors Honorary Committee (PDG Club) Account.

This measure requires a simple majority vote to adopt the option. The option adopted shall be entered as subparagraph (A) to Article XL, Section 4 of the District 26-M6 Policy Manual.

A total of 25 ballots were cast with 16 voting to transfer the funds to the District Administrative Fund, 9 votes were cast to transfer the funds to the Honorary Committee Account. The matter was decided to transfer the excess funds to the District Admin Fund.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Alert – PDG Bob Kitsmiller:** Lion Bob gave no report just saying that he was available to give programs to clubs.

**Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair:** No report

**Band – Lion Irene Voyles, Chair:** Lion Irene said that plans have been finalized for the band camp which will begin on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The committee has toured the facilities where the students and staff will stay. She said that our district has 7 students signed up for the Missouri Lions Band. More band members are needed and there is still time for students to apply. She said that if Missouri is to compete against other states, we need more numbers. She encouraged clubs to consider a partial scholarship for a band student from our local high schools.

**Basketball – East Game: PDG Bob Crump, Chair:** The East Basketball Game will be on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Baptist Bible College in Springfield. All necessary staff has been acquired as of this date. He said that Lions will provide free Glaucoma Screening this year, for the first time. He does still need Lions to sell tickets and programs and to take tickets

at the door. PDG Bob reported on the clubs who have made donations thus far. The deadline to get your advertisement in the program is May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Basketball – West Game: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair** Lion James gave his report and said the West Game is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ozark Christian College in Joplin. His report is on file with these minutes however the game was canceled due to conditions after the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Tornado hit Joplin. It is hoped that a game can be held in 2012 at the same location and Lion James will take care of making those arrangements with the college.

Lion James said that we had previously failed to make provisions to distribute the earnings of the 2010 West Basketball game. He recommended that of the \$3070.00 balance we retain \$970.00 for seed money for costs of future games and that the remaining \$2100.00 be divided evenly and we donate \$700.00 each to Lions World Services for the Blind, Mid-South Sight and Hearing services and Lions Leader Dogs for the Blind. Lion James presented that as a motion to be acted on in action items during the New Business section of the agenda.

**Constitution and By-Laws – PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair;** PDG James met with his District Committee via e-mail several times to identify and recommend changes at the District Convention in March. Those items were all passed at our convention. This committee will be working, in the coming year, on clarifying the “Letter of Intent” procedures for Lions seeking the offices of Vice District Governors and District Governor.

The State C & BL Committee also met via e-mail throughout the year to review the State’s document to determine that it is current and up to date and in sync with the LCI document. Some of the items presented at the State Convention were: An item to delete the State Athletic Committee (Defeated). An item to realign the required signatures on State Checking Accounts so that the only signatures required would be those of office staff. The purpose was to eliminate the mailing of bills and checks to obtain signatures. This measure was also defeated by the delegates at the convention. The other item on the ballot was a housekeeping item in the wording of a part of the Constitution. That item passed.

Presently the State Committee is considering how to approach Lions International’s revision of MERL vs. the new Global Team concept, making it a part of our State C & BLs.

**2011 District, State & International Convention – PDG Bill Botzow, Chair:** Lion Bill summarized the attendance at our recent District Convention. There were total registrations of 121 for the convention. 103 were registered for the luncheon and 92 registered for the banquet in the evening. The numbers of attendees, in all categories, were down this year prompting the question; are we offering Lions the format they want at our convention? PDG Bill asks for input on this subject so that the committee can make changes to satisfy the needs and wants of the Lions in our District.

The State Convention Committee presented a proposed change in the format of the State Convention to the Council of Governors, which they approved. The 2011 convention was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in St. Charles on April 29 – May 1. There were 305 total registrants for that convention with 269 registering for the noon banquet and 246 for the reception on Friday evening. Evaluations of the convention have not been tabulated as of yet. Those will help determine the format of future conventions. The committee will distribute bid specifications for the 2014 and 2015 State Conventions. The return applications for site selections need to be postmarked by 9/1/11 for 2014 and 4/1/12 for the 2015 convention.

Lion Donal Knipp was endorsed by MD-26 as our candidate for the office of International Director at the upcoming International Convention in Seattle. That convention will be held in Seattle, Washington from July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Currently there are 61 Missouri Lions registered to attend, 9 of those being from M6. Our MD 26 breakfast will be held jointly with Lions from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The MD-26 hospitality room will be open from July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Diabetes – Lion Larry Martin, Chair:** Lion Larry stated that he is available and willing to give programs to clubs in the district.

**Extension – PDG Zana Botzow, Chair:** Giving the numbers of Lions throughout the world PDG Zana pointed out that the U.S. leads the world in total membership drops. This is a disturbing trend which has been growing for several years.

The Granby Lions Club held a Charter Night for their new LEO Club, The East Newton Leo Club. The club has 27 members. A Charter Night will be held for the new Christian County Lions Club on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

PDG Zana explained that Lions International has made changes and will eliminate the MERL Teams, worldwide. Replacing MERL will be a Global Membership Team and a Global Leadership Team. These teams will consist of the District Governor, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors along with a district appointed GMT Coordinator and a GLT Coordinator. There will be State Coordinators for both categories.

**Finance – PDG Bill Botzow Chair:** No report.

**Hearing – PDG John Jones, Chair** PDG John told us that the state committee met on April 29<sup>th</sup> and completed the staffing for the Hearing Van at the Missouri State Fair. District M6 will staff the van on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Hearing aid collection continues and delivered where needed. Lion John will accept used hearing aids from our district. District M6 has had a total of \$3,193.50 in Hearing Sweepstake ticket sales and donations so far this year.

**Hobo Day – Lion Pete Waldo, Chair** No report

**Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair:** No report other than the voting noted above concerning the disposition of the hospitality room funds.

**Information & Technology – Lion Cathy Purvis, Chair:** PDG Bob Crump gave a short report for Lion Cathy saying that she has been updating the website and adding new info all of the time. If clubs and districts have information to put on the website, please let Lion Cathy know.

**LBOMB – Lion Bob Stewart, Chair:** No Report

**LCIF – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair:** No Report

**Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair:** Lion Phil told us that Leader-Puppy Freja is now a Leader – In – Training at Leader Dog headquarters in Rochester, Michigan. She was returned there on April 15<sup>th</sup> and has passed the medical evaluation and now is “in school”. Lion Phil thanked all who assisted in way in the socialization of Freja and getting her off to a good start for her career path. The Krebs family will be following her progress and hope she graduates and finds a job as a Leader Dog. Lion Phil said that he gave a program at the Miller Lions Club, recently.

**Leadership – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair:** No Report

**Leos – Lion Theresa Botzow, Chair:** No report

**Lions Opportunities for Youth – Youth Exchange – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair:** Lion Marlene said that she is getting very excited as the time for youth camp draws nearer. The International Camp will be held the last week of July at Camp Maranatha near Miller, MO. There will be 16 International youth taking part in the activities at camp. She is contacting local clubs to help sponsor some of the events.

She hopes that everyone enjoyed the skit called “Camp or Bust” at the District Convention and she appreciated the “actors” who were involved. She thanked everyone who signed up at the convention through the “Giving Tree” to provide non-perishable items for the camp. Host families are still needed for the youth when they arrive in Missouri and in our District.

**Lions Quest Program – Lion Jennie Mosher, Chair:** The last quarter of Lion Jennie’s activities with the Lions Quest program included giving a program at the Springfield Queen City Lions Club. She said the most often question asked about the Quest program is, “What is our role in the Lions Quest program?” She said that we could be ambassadors by spreading the word about the program in our local schools and then contacting her to give a presentation to explain the details of how Quest works and can benefit the children and the school.

In an effort to grow Lions Quest, Lions from Europe and the Middle East took part in a two day training to help them develop a plan of action to get Quest started in their countries. Another regional workshop is scheduled to be held in Brazil. A new “How To” kit is available to help Lions understand and expand the important life skills program.

**Long Range Planning – PDG Lee Binley, Chair:** No Report.

**LWSB – Lion Bertia Binley, Chair:** No Report.

**Membership- PDG Bob Crump, Chair:** In a brief report, Lion Bob said that Missouri is down 257 members and our District has a net loss of 49 Lions.

**Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Jerry Young, Chair:** Lion Jerry said that he has sent information about the application process to Mid-South to one Lions Club in the District. He said that he has received no report of the donations made to Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing during the District Convention.

**MLERF – PDG Sarah Stout – District Board Member:** No Report

**Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair:** Now is the time to be working on this fall’s Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to submit Peace Posters. Let Lion Leroy know if you need help about getting your club involved in this worthwhile project.

**Pin Traders – PDG Ernie Schlichting, Chair:** No report

**Public Relations – PDG Gordon Wellman, Chair:** A booklet with information about the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Helen Keller Day was handed out with the hope that local Lions will do something within their communities or, at least, in their clubs to observe this important day in Lions History. The booklet had facts about blindness and eye health as well as many of Helen Keller’s sayings and quips and much more information.

**Retention Committee: PDG Charles Haywood, Chair:** No Report

**Sight Conservation – PCC Howard Hawkins, Chair:** No report

**Women’s Development Initiative – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair:** No report

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Motions were made as follows:

Accept Region, Zone and Committee Reports previously given – Motion by Lion Leroy Potter, Seconded by PDG Zana Botzow. Motion carried.

A request to use some of the funds in the District’s Diabetes Fund was made by Lion Marlene Payne. The Funds will be used to provide scholarships for the people attending the seminar, “Eat Well, Be Well with Diabetes”. The sessions will



be held on 4 different evenings for a cost of \$30.00 per attendee. A motion was made for the use of up to \$1000.00 of our funds to provide scholarships for individuals attending these sessions by PDG Bill Botzow, seconded by PDG Dave Harris. Motion Carried.

PDG James Rosbrugh made a motion to use the proceeds of the 2010 West Basketball game as he outlined in his previous report. The motion was seconded by Lion Leroy Potter and carried.

PDG Bill Botzow made a motion requesting that the cabinet authorize him to pursue information on our District hosting the State Convention in either 2014 or 2015 and to bring a recommendation back for the next cabinet meeting in August. Motion was seconded by PDG James Wilson and carried.

A motion was made by PDG Bill Botzow and seconded by PDG Charles Haywood that the tail twisting funds collected this year be used to support our youth camp. Motion carried.

DG Debbie then asked Lion Leroy Potter to do his work as tail twister which he did with much **enthusiasm and gusto**.

Lion Bob Crump had 2 tickets for the Branson Belle Dinner Cruise valued at \$110.00 which he asked that he be allowed to auction off with the proceeds going to the tail twister fund. The winning bidder was 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Walter Hamer who bid them in at \$70.00.

Governor Whittlesey then closed the meeting by thanking all the Lions for giving her a great and fun year as Governor.

**Secretary's Note:**

All written reports, financial reports, cabinet member roll call and general attendance records are hereby attached and made a part of the permanent minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion David E. Harris, PDG  
Cabinet Secretary  
Missouri Lions District 26-M6