

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI
Cabinet Meeting
January 18, 2014**

MINUTES OF MEETING:

The third cabinet meeting of this year was called to order by DG Nick Paulin at the Miller Lions Club Building in Miller, MO. The Governor thanked the Miller Lions Club for setting the room up for us and providing “pre-meeting” refreshments for all of us. He also welcomed all Lions to the meeting and expressed appreciation for their attendance and service to our district. The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag was led by 1st VDG Peter Frantzen and Lion Marilyn Harris led in singing a patriotic song. PDG James W. Rosbrugh offered the invocation.

Appointment of Tail Twister:

DG Nick appointed PCC Steve Wise to serve as tail twister for this meeting and he accepted the assignment with peculiar (I can spell the word but can't say it) enthusiasm saying something like, “time to get even now”, or something to that effect. He drafted Lion Marilyn to be his assistant so we all went into damage control mode.

Protocol for Meeting:

Protocol was established by PDG James W. Rosbrugh who explained the reason for doing this every meeting is so that each speaker doesn't have to go through protocol over and over again.

Roll Call and Attendance:

Acting Cabinet Secretary, PDG Dave Harris, called the roll of the cabinet. There were 16 Cabinet Members present plus 4 Past District Governors who don't hold a specific chair position. A total of 29 Lions, including cabinet members, Lions and PDGs, signed the attendance sheet.

Introductions:

Governor Nick asked that we all acknowledge our attendance by introducing our selves, name of our club and office held. This helps get to know each other in case we have a new Lion in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the November cabinet meeting were approved, as previously distributed, upon a motion by PDG James W. Rosbrugh and a second by PDG Bob Crump.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by our Cabinet Treasurer, PDG Bill Botzow. The Administrative Account as of January 17, 2014 shows year to date income of \$15,277.81 and YTD expenses of \$11,693.63 leaving net income at + \$3,584.18. The Summary of Accounts shows the total of all accounts at \$37,254.45 which includes total Disaster Relief Funds in the amount of \$5,376.74. A motion was made by Lion Judy Young to approve the treasurer's report for audit, seconded by PDG Debbie Cantrell. Motion passed

District Governor Remarks/Report:

First of all, I would like to thank the Miller Lions Club for hosting this meeting of the MD26-M6 cabinet, and thank you cabinet members, Lions and guests for attending.

We have now passed the mid-point in our Lions' year, and in reviewing our district's status toward achieving the goals that we established for the 2013-2014 year, I find that with regard to membership, we are not faring very well. One of the goals was to have each club grow their membership by a net of two. While some of 26-M6 clubs have achieved or exceeded the goal, the district as a whole is in a membership decline.

26-M6 began the year with a total of 1,312 members in 54 clubs. As of yesterday, our membership has declined to 1,232. A portion of that loss, 26 members, is due to the cancellation of the charters of two of the district's clubs. Additional small portions of the losses are due to members moving out of the district or passing on. The rest of our losses are the result of inadequate retention efforts. Thus far in January the district has

added 10 new members, but lost 24. We have now fallen below the threshold of 1,250 members to continue to sustain a district. In order to avoid the necessity of re-districting again, I urge all of the clubs in the district to continue to recruit new members, whether you have met the growth target or not, and to develop a plan within your clubs to reactivate and retain current members.

Over the first half of the year, I have attempted to visit clubs at a rate of five per month. If I have not yet visited your club, I will be attempting to schedule a visit during the balance of the year. In visiting the clubs of the district, I enjoy meeting members and learning of their community service projects and fund-raising activities. While addressing the members, in addition to providing information on state and district activities, I take the opportunity to remind them of the goals and plans established for the year.

In December Lion Noma and I took a break from Lions activities, and visited my family in Louisville, Kentucky, and our son and his wife in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The balance of the winter and the spring will be pretty busy. In addition to attempting to visit the rest of the district's clubs, other events take up a good portion of the calendar.

Next weekend Noma and I will travel to Sedalia for the Council of Governors meeting. February 7th and 8th we will attend the Mid-Winter Forum in Branson. Our 26-M6 District Convention will be in Joplin at the Holiday Inn March 14th and 15th. The MD-26 State Convention will be held in Sedalia the 24th to 26th of April, leading to the International Convention in Toronto, Canada, July 4th to 8th.

All Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend all of those events. Registration forms are available on-line or in the Between the Lions newsletter.

Last Saturday the district held its annual Hobo Day event at the Branson-Hollister Lions Club. Although attendance was less than hoped for, everyone had an enjoyable time, and raised some money to help in holding down the dues for the district. Our thanks go out to the Branson-Hollister Lions for hosting the Hobo Day, and to PDG Howard and Lion Pete for their efforts in chairing the committee, and organizing everything.

As follow-on to the discussion of Hobo Day, it has been suggested that we attempt to hold a similar event in June, as a family fun outdoor fund-raiser for the district. We will discuss that later under new business.

I look forward to meeting more of the Lions of the district, as I continue club visits, and hope to see many of our members at the upcoming events.

First Vice District Governor:

Since our last cabinet meeting I have attended our conventions planning meeting.

We have covered a lot ground, but have a lot of area to cover. There is more to these things than meets the eye. Like anything else we do.

I did attend the GLT Area Training Meeting for 1st Vice District Governors at the American Airlines Training Center in Fort Worth Texas, January 4-5. The first day GLT was to leadership.

GLT District Region and Zone responsibilities, they spend time on the internet. Then they spend time on leadership Characteristic. They also went into Team Qualities, and membership reports.

Sunday afternoon the fun began. Springfield Airport was closed. Was stuck for two days, I didn't get home until Tuesday afternoon at a cost of \$171.00.

VDG Peter gave us a reminder that the following are coming up in the near future: 1) Council of Governors Meeting; The Mid-Winter Forum; Our M6 District Convention; The MD-26 State Convention; and then the International Convention.

Second Vice District Governor: No Report

ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

NE – Zone -A – Lion Larry Martin: (Bolivar, Half Way, Hermitage, Morrisville and Weaubleau) --- **No Report**

NE – Zone B – Lion Jennie Mosher: (Buffalo, Conway, Lebanon Evening, Lebanon Host, Long Lane and Louisburg) – **No Report**

SE – Zone A – Vacant Position: (Grovespring, Hartville, Mansfield, Mountain Grove and Seymour) ---**No Report**

SE – Zone B – Lion Tom Blackstock: (Ava, Blue Eye, Branson Hollister, Forsyth and Gainesville) ---**No Report**

NW – Zone A – PDG James W. Rosbrugh: (Arcola, El Dorado Springs, Golden City, Lamar, Lockwood and Stockton)

The past three months have gone very quickly. With time out of state, three holidays, severe weather and other unavoidable circumstances, I have revised my calendar of club visits and scheduled Zone Meeting such that I have been unable to accomplish any since our last Cabinet meeting. My new calendar begins with club visits next week and a Zone Meeting the second week of February, tentatively at Lamar.

NW – Zone B – Lion Marilyn Harris: (Carl Junction, Carthage, Diamond, Joplin Host and Sarcoxie)

We have been very busy as a Zone since November 2nd and all through the holiday season. Each club had its fall or Christmas parade or other community projects for their Christmas activities through the month of December.

We scheduled a combined Zone meeting with Southwest Zone B - Chairman Kevin Bartley. It was held on November 19th at the Happy House in Monett. Each club in my zone was notified. Carl Junction was the only club represented from my zone with 5 members.

I had the opportunity to present 8 special Lions with their respective chevron. On January 9th, I presented 6 awards to members of the Carl Junction club for 10 years of service. They were Lions Marlene and Stuart Payne, Lions Leona and Vernon Stice and Lions Stephanie and Jerry Botts. Also before this meeting, at our Community Breakfast on January 4th, I presented two more awards, one to Lion Lisa Knutzen and one to Lion Randy Roy. A surprise chevron went to Lion Dave Harris for 35 years of service. I visited the Joplin Host club to present a chevron to Lion Lorry Lazenby for his 10 years of service. I plan to deliver the special awards I have for Sarcoxie, Diamond and Carthage.

I plan to complete my year as zone chair with at least one more visit to every club encouraging them to attend the District Convention. If we could just wave a magic wand to let them know how informative it is and what fun we all have together, they would all be present.

CEN.– Zone A. – Lion Judy Young: (Christian County, Republic, Springfield Evening, Springfield Host and Springfield Queen City)

The meeting was hosted by the Queen City Lions Club. We had 4 of 5 clubs in attendance. Lion Duane greeted everyone and we enjoyed a good meal before the meeting started. Guests were introduced and also each lion present introduced themselves.

Lion Alex Warner talked about the Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks and the things that they are doing at the clinic. Donations are always welcome and sent to the office at 1661 West Elfin dale Springfield Mo 65807. Also Clubs can make donations at the district convention during the parade of checks. Lion Wendy will be at the convention with a display table of things happening at the clinic. Lion PDG Jerry Young talked about the Hearing Sweepstakes tickets & about the use of funds raised and prizes to be given. His advice was SELL, SELL, and SELL

Zone Meetings are about the clubs and what they are doing in their communities; Examples: Adopt a street, trash pickup, had tables at community fairs, Freedoms Rest, decorating at for Chris center room, selling nuts, membership drives, Christmas Party and invited local clubs to attend. Helped a person get a Leader Dog, and helped with a child care so the person got the training needed, eye glass collection, 4th grade class project talking about Lions and the visual impaired. Christmas Party for the blind. MOLATA 50-60 Lions and families helped plant trees in Joplin.

Talked about upcoming dates and set the hosts at the next meeting as Host and Evening. Date and time TBA.

I have visited all clubs at least once and all are doing a great job.

There will be a Central Region meeting of Zones A & B with family invited, sometime in the spring. More info TBA

CEN. – Zone B – Lion Kevin Cantrell: (Elkland, Fair Grove, Marshfield, Rogersville and Willard). **No Report**

SW – Zone A: - Lion Donna Rickman: (Aurora, Aurora Summit City, Kimberling City, Marionville, Miller and Shell Knob) ---No Report

SW – Zone B: - Lion Kevin Bartley: (Freistatt, Granby, Monett, Neosho and Seligman)

As of now, I have made at least one visit to the clubs in my zone at least once with the exception of Seligman.

Monett Lions Club

Monett is still running under excellent leadership and continues to grow. No apparent or immediate problems with this club at this time. I will work with club as needed for leadership to maintain and increase membership.

Neosho Lions Club

Neosho is still fighting the fight with membership. At the last board meeting, we discussed participating members that still struggle with only 25 of the club active. Neosho is working on a plan for a membership drive thru marketing channels and new projects to take on. Neosho is much more financially stable and has been able to take on many new needs of the community.

Granby Lions Club (aka East Newton Lions Club)

A lot has happened with this club since the November 1st cabinet meeting. This club is my biggest concern and I am focusing the majority of the time working with this club to rebuild and gain ground with the "New East Newton Lions Club". I have made many meetings and good leadership is in place, but struggle with "the way it used to be". January, we started working on new members and a new image for the club. I am attending all meetings to keep things focused until further notice. We are aggressively using marketing and print adds to create interest with projects with the other towns in the county besides Granby. We have moved the meetings to a new centrally located location to help accommodate travel for the rural areas. They have gained a couple new members that seem to have the enthusiasm needed to get this project done.

Freistatt Lions Club

Freistatt Lions Club is running on "Autopilot" but will soon run out of airspace. With only 2 members under the age of 60 in the club, several members have expressed interest in trying new things, but face heavy opposition in any change to club rules and regulations. It will be imperative in the years coming to establish a game plan for this club and get new members active to carry the torch into the next decade. I attended a board meeting with this club and the lack of enthusiasm with the club will be the downfall of the club at this point. This club will be my next focus for creating and implementing a membership program.

Seligman Lions Club No report thus far.

Zone Summary

Overall, Zone B appears to be in good shape. I will continue to work with all clubs to address concerns and act as a liaison to the District.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alert – Lion Kevin Cantrell: No Report

Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair: No Report

Audit – 2nd VDG Peter Frantzen, Chair: No Report Needed

Band – Lion Nancy Eaves, Chair:

On Thursday, January 16, I called the Lions State Office and there are presently 20 students who have sent in applications.

The incoming president Bill Preston has asked that the Missouri Band march in the parade as his Presidential Candidate Band. Then the band will take their rotation as a multiple district band for competition. The Lions Band will have to be large enough in numbers to make this happen. Lions, it has been a long time since Missouri has represented an International Candidate. Let's do our best and better to get kids.

Lion Bill Botzow PDG moved that the Band become a 501C3 organization. Motion seconded by Lion Altha Marsh. Motion carried. It is in the stages of investigating with the OK from the committee.

The Missouri Lions Band Committee met via Conference Call. Everything is locked in at Fort Leonard Woods. A tentative schedule is planned for the Canada trip.

I am available to come to your clubs and present a band program. I am willing to go with you to your school and talk to students about the program.

I would like to encourage Lions to keep trying to recruit students.

Basketball – Lions All-Star Twin Classic: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair;

Since my last report, I have one club ask for more information on providing concessions as a club fundraising activity. I am awaiting a reply from the Neosho HS concerning locating the sales area to the hallway vs. using the "concession stand" window around the corner.

I am currently putting together a club "sales packet" which I will be mailing within the next few days. I have a new cover letter explaining that ad sales mean more than making a club "donation", but selling advertisement space.

Please put the 26-M6 Lions All-Star Twin Classic Basketball game on your calendar for June 14th, and do your best to encourage you club to support both basketball programs. **It's Great to be a Lion!!!**

All-Star Basketball Classic: PDG Bob Crump, Chair: No Report

Old Business from August 3, 2013 Report to Cabinet:

- The one outstanding check for advertising has been received. Therefore, the figures presented then are accurate showing the 2013 classic had a net profit of \$5,115.58.
- Based on past years history of giving at least 95 of the profit to MLERF, now Saving Sight, I recommend \$4,900.00 go to Saving Sight with the balance of \$210.58 be retained for our contingency fund. The donation to be made at the district convention.

Now for the 2014 Classic:

- The 37th annual classic is set for Saturday, June 14, at Baptist Bible College. Girls' game begins at 6:30 p.m. with the boys to follow.

- Recommend the following rates:

Advertising rates remain the same:

1/8 Page	\$30	1/2 Page	\$100.00
1/4 Page	\$50	Full Page	\$175.00

Programs ---- \$2.00 each

Admission --- General Admission \$6.00 per person (Increase of \$1.00 per ticket) Children 5 and under - Free

- Letters are ready to go to each club in the district asking for a donation in the program book - Note: clubs still are not aware there are two games in the district. In fact this past year was the worse. Zone Chairs please take time to go over this at your next meeting.
- At the next cabinet meeting I will discuss the need for business advertising from the communities where players have been selected. Springfield, you will have players so NOW is your time for those ads. I will also discuss the work schedule and volunteers needed at the game.

Constitution and By-Laws – PCC Steve Wise, Chair:

Inquiries to several Lions around the district have yielded no changes needed to be voted on at the 2014 M6 District Convention, with the exception of one item. Due to the change of name of the *Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation MLERF*) to *Saving Sight*, all references to MLERF should be changed. I have noted one such reference in the Constitution, and three in the By-Laws.

Proposed changes in Dist. 26-M6 Const. & By-Laws to be voted on 3/15/2014:

Mark Yes or No to indicate your vote.

CONSTITUTION:

Requires 2/3 majority approval at district convention for adoption.

Change all references to Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (MLERF) to Saving Sight.

(The affected section is Article IV, section 4 (page 1)

Yes No

BY-LAWS:

Requires simple majority approval at district convention for adoption.

Change all references to Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (MLERF) to Saving Sight.

The affected sections are: Article II, section 1d (page 1)
 Article V, section 3a (page 7)
 Article V, section 6 (page 9)

Yes No

(Similar changes will be submitted at State Convention for approval by MD-26)

Convention Committee – PDG Bill Botzow, Chair:

PDG Bill presented the following report to the cabinet:

**LIONS ROAR IN JOPLIN MISSOURI
March 14 & 15, 2014 - Holiday Inn --- Joplin Missouri**

Convention Items of Interest:

Meals:

Lunch: Range Line Club, sour dough bread, homemade red potato salad, chips, pickle, alternating dessert, water, ice tea & coffee

Banquet: Apple cinnamon roasted Pork Loin, garden salad, 3 dressings, rosemary oven browned potatoes, glazed mini carrots, rolls, butter, cake reg. & cheese cake, water, ice tea & coffee

Great Speakers:

Lunch: Dr. C. J. Huff has served 18 years of service to children and in his 6th year as the superintendent of the Joplin, Missouri School System. He has received numerous award and his complete bio is on the M6 web page.

Banquet: Michael E. Molenda is a 1st. Year International Director from Hasting, Minnesota. He has held many offices within our association. He is an attorney and is active in numerous Professional and community organizations.

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Workshops:

Saturday 9:30 to 10:15 AM

- How to plan and deliver a local diabetes workshop by _____
- Human Trafficking by Lion Shirley Scott
- Navigating the web by _____
- “Connecting the Dots” Low Vision Awareness & why we need Lions help by Calvin Churchwell, Joplin Assoc for the Blind.

Saturday 10:30 to 11:15 AM

- History of the Lutheran Braille Writers by _____
- The Art of Conversation by Lion Shirley Scott
- District Alert Teams by _____
- Attracting Younger Members by Lion Eric Norris

Saturday 1:30 to 2:15 PM

- Informal time with the International Director Michael Molenda - District officers, PDGs, Club officers & Lions

Saturday 2:30 to 3:15 PM

- “What Does Being a District Officer Entail?”
- Panel composed of the District Governor, 1st. & 2nd. Vice’s, Cabinet Secretary & Treasurer which.
- Open discussion with questions asked from the floor to the panel.

Cultural & Community – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair: No Report

Diabetes – Lion Sharon Morris, Chair: No Report

Environmental – Lion Jennie Mosher, Chair: No Report

Family & Women’s Membership Development – (Vacant): No Report

Global Leadership Team (GLT) – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair:

All Lions in the District should put at least one of the following dates on their calendars for an opportunity to learn about Lionism and enjoy the benefits of their efforts of being a Lion.

Mid-Winter Forum	2/7 - 2/9	Branson, MO
District Convention	3/14 - 3/15	Joplin, MO
State Convention	4/25 - 4/26	Sedalia, MO

The Mid-Winter Forum is being held at the Chateau Hotel in Branson. Hospitality room Fri. night (6:00) and sessions start at 8:30 Sat. Register by going to web site MissouriLions.org and select training.

Global Membership Team (GMT) – Vacant Position: No Written Report

Hearing – PDG Jerry Young, Chair:

State Committee:

The State Hearing Committee met via teleconference for its 3rd meeting. The committee approved plans to repaint Van # 3.

Hearing Screenings:

The Republic Lions used the portable audiometers for another screening

Hearing Sweepstakes:

Hearing Sweepstakes tickets have been distributed to ALL Lions clubs in M 6. Thus far, only 6 clubs have sent donations and ticket stubs to the Chair. Receipts are currently under \$200. (Last year the receipts were \$2,456). Money and stubs should be returned to Lion Jerry Young prior to the District Convention so that all may be entered into the drawing.

AHAP (Affordable Hearing Aid Program):

The Monett Lions and Republic Lions have each sponsored a person to receive an affordable hearing aid this year. Money remains to help at least one more person.

Hobo Day – PCC Howard Hawkins, Lion Pete Waldo Co-Chairs: The below is a summary and was prepared by our district treasurer, PDG Bill Botzow:

Event Receipts:	Donations from Clubs:	\$ 250.00	
	Activities @ Event:	<u>\$1,804.51</u>	
	Total Receipts:		\$2,054.51
Event Disbursements:	Pay for 2 cooks:	\$ 100.00	
	Meal Supplies:	\$ 214.55	
	Postage:	<u>\$ 11.50</u>	
	Total Expense:		\$ 326.05
	Net Income:		\$1,728.46

Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Debbie Cantrell, President: (Report given by PDG Dave Harris, Vice President)

The 26-M6 Honorary Committee (PDGs) met at the Family Steak House in Monett on January 20th, 2014. In the absence of our President, PDG Debbie Cantrell, the meeting was led by VP PDG Dave Harris. PDG Debbie had prepared a letter to the group and a copy was given to everyone. After the normal items of business (minutes, treasurers report, etc) dinner and fellowship were enjoyed by those present. Hosts PDG Walter and Lion Karen Hamer gave us some topics of discussion during dinner which created some lively discussions.

VP Dave asked that the nominating committee have a list of officers ready to vote on at our April meeting, so that the new officers will be in place as of July 1st, 2014. He also gave an updated report on progress made with tornado relief and the MOLATE project.

Several PDGs voiced concern about the membership in our district and what we might do to encourage better retention within our clubs and how to add new members, as well. Two things were identified that may help, those being use of the Club Excellence Process (CEP) and **intentional orientation** of new members, as well as re-orientation of current members.

Information & Technology – PDG Stuart Payne, Chair: No Report

LBOMB – DG Nick Paulin, Acting Chair: No Report

LCIF – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair:

Our District has the worst per cent of club participation in the state.

LCIF is totally different than Lions Clubs International which is our administrative office and where all our dues goes. LCIF is our charitable foundation that is responsible for grants that benefit us all and is really the main reason to be a Lion beyond our local charity efforts. All donations are tax deductible as opposed to donations to your Club (unless you have a foundation). ALL Lions can donate and earn Melvin Jones recognition. Send personal and Club donations to me with checks made payable to LCIF and I will forward to the proper office. My address is: Jim Tesreau 154 Commander Ln. Kimberling City 65686

You can direct your contribution to: 1.Area of greatest need; 2. Disaster Relief; 3. Sight; 4. Youth; 5. Humanitarian (measles)

Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair:

No written report but Lion Phil told us that Sophie, a Leader Dog they had raised had sadly been put to sleep due to incurable illness. They have a new puppy that they are raising for Leader Dog at this time and he will be glad to come and give a program to any club upon request.

Leos – Lion Katie Smith, Chair: No Report

Lions Opportunities for Youth Lion Theresa Botzow, Chair: No Report

Lions Services/Children – Lion Judy Young, Chair: No Report

Lions Quest Program – Lion Karen Hamer, Chair: No Report

Long Range Planning – Lion Michael Miether, Chair: No report

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Bob Kitsmiller, Chair:

Mid South Lions will have a leadership weekend on April 11 and 12. There will be a hospitality room on Friday evening and a tour of Hamilton Eye Institute on Saturday. Attendees will be able to talk to the doctors who treat the patients. I would encourage you to attend if possible. The Vice President for Missouri is our own M6 PDG Walter Hamer. I am available to come and give programs to your club.

Saving Sight (formerly MLERF) – PDG Stuart Payne – District Board Member:

The new website address for saving sight is: www.saving-sight.org

Attended the MLERF/Saving Sight workshop September 13-14, 2013.

October 16, 2013 we reach an incredible Milestone 300,000 children have been screened with the Children Vision Screening since it's start in 1995.

Gave a programs as the Monett Lions club, Southwest Zone B and El Dorado Springs Lions Club.

I attended the Saving Sight Board workshop December 12, and board meeting December 13, 2013.

Before the Saving Sight board meeting, each board member was presented a copy of "Ten Basic Responsibilities of a Nonprofit Boards". There were 3 separate chapters that we were to read before or work shop. During the workshop Friday night, the board did a self evaluation. The purpose behind these exercises is to position the board to be in a place for growth for Saving Sight.

The board voted to no longer offer eye Care Assistance to adults. It was determined that it was a drain on our resources. If a patient calls in asking for assistance we will direct them to various agencies so they can receive the treatment needed. However, the patients in the ECA program will continue to receive assistance until they no longer need it. We will still supply gratis cornea tissue. The resources from the Eye Care Assistance are to be reinvested in KidSight (used to be known as Children Vision Screening. (A list of six vision screenings scheduled for the remainder of January was also included in this report)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – PDG Charles Haywood Chair:

To date, we have nomination letters for District Governor from 1stVDG Peter Frantzen. We have talked to 2nd VDG Craig Lehman and he was to forward his letter to me. As of this date, I have not received it. There has been no letter of intent from anyone who wishes to run for 2nd VDG for the coming year.

Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair:

DG Paulin stated that the District's Peace Poster winner was Joanne Kim, a student at Carl Junction Middle School. She was sponsored by the Carl Junction Lions Club.

Pin Traders – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair: No report

Public Relations – PDG Debbie Cantrell, Chair:

Are you "Revved and Ready" for Public Relations Matching Grant #3??? I am ready to make it a "Milestone" for District M6 this year. I have confirmed with Lions International we are eligible to apply.

I had a Lunch Meeting with Executive Director Wendy from VRCO at Madison Street Grill in Lebanon. I presented 1) Lion/Pin idea and design 2) Lion Ambassadors for VRCO 3) Beisner Award (Similar to Melvin Jones Plaque). The VRCO Board of Directors unanimously approved all three actions. We have endorsed them as a District and need to RALLY behind them right away. As I stated before Lions International has proven they are worthy as well

with the \$40,000.00 Grant they received a short time ago. I am in the process of writing it up formally for LCI and Governor Nick now.

I will be an instructor for Great Plains Lion Leadership Institute this year. I am proud to representing our District as an instructor and hope I do a good job. PID W.R. O'Riley contacted me and let me know they wanted me. Cool...

Lebanon Host Lions had a contest for a new Club Pin to be designed. The Lebanon High School Graphic Design Class worked on the elements we wanted included and we have ordered our new pins. We will have great PR from our local newspaper as well as the student will have a nice item to include in their College Portfolio! Win / Win, You might try it with your Club!

I ALWAYS say our greatest PR Tool as Lions is **ourselves**... please continue telling stories about Lions and how we make life a little better for those less fortunate. Always speak positively and proudly when you use the Lion name or association. If you are proud to be a Lion others will see it in YOU! MOLATE is a Great topic to include.

District Tornado Relief Effort– PDG Debbie Cantrell Chair:

Update on MOLATE: Missouri Lions Adopting Trees for Education. The marker is paid for, for Irving, and ready to be shipped there. Once it arrives we will help monetarily with the setting of the stone. I am keeping in close contact with Dr. Huff and Mike Johnson on this. They plan to have a dedication ceremony for the marker at a future date that we will be given.

Lion Jim from Pennsylvania will be here for District Convention along with Bailey. Remember Bailey still knows nothing of the marker having her name on it.

Dr. CJ Huff will be our Luncheon Speaker at our District Convention; you will not want to miss that. We are getting some MOLATE pins made up ... they will be given to donors of MOLATE to express appreciation of that support as well as mark the State-Wide Project with a Lion Pin!!

Several Lions attended the Open House for Irving. PDG Dave Harris and Lion Marilyn, PDG Gordon Wellman and Charlene, PDG Jim Wilson and Joan as well as PCC Steve Wise, Lions Kent Wise, Darci Klick, Kevin Cantrell and myself. KY3 was there and a few Lions made the big screen.

PDG Gordon, PDG Dave and I have been working with Lafayette House in Joplin and have identified another family with two children that are tornado victims. We have assisted them and will do more with them on Monday, January 20th. More info will come later on the Pennsylvania Lion Funds.

I continue my communications with Oklahoma Lions and have been working with Lions in Illinois. The exciting thing is I was able to connect Tad Agoglia with Washington Lions and they are working together like we did in Joplin after the storm. It is Awesome! 1 VDG Buzz is thrilled with the info and they are seeking an additional Grant much like what we did here.

Sight Conservation – PDG Stuart Payne, Chair: No Report

Web Master – Lion Cathy Purvis: (Given by PDG Bob Crump)

- Slow time of year – look at info in your club, any changes need to be made on WEB?
- No information coming in, so can't make changes (I do have a few, i.e., District Convention Brochure
- Our Website address is: www.molionsm6.org
- District web and Face Book (FB) pages not just for district events but your club, too. Same with your club's website and FB.
- Want new members? Get someone in your club who uses social media to set your club's FB page up.
- Email your club and district information to: molionsm6@yahoo.com Don't send Lions information to my personal email or it will get lost.

WSB – PDG Cliff Curtis, Chair: No Report

Old Business:

PCC Steve Wise, C &B-Ls Chair made a motion to update all sections of the 26-M6 Constitution and By-Laws that refers to Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation or MLERF to now read, "Saving Sight" and that those updates be voted on at the M6 District Convention on March 15, 2014. PDG James Rosbrugh made a motion to amend that motion to include Heartland Eye Bank. That motion was seconded by PDG Bill Botzow. Then PCC Steve Wise made a motion to approve his original motion as amended. That was seconded by PDG Charles Haywood. Motion Passed.

*****Secretary's Note:** Upon checking the document, it has been found by PCC Steve that there was no reference to Heartland Eye Bank in our Constitution or By-Laws

New Business:

Motions were made as follows:

- A motion to accept and approve the Zone and all Committee Reports as given was made by PDG Jerry Young. It was seconded by PDG Bob Crump. Motion passed
- A motion to allow PDG Bill Botzow, Convention Chair, to enter into a contract with the Joplin Holiday Inn to hold our 2014 District Convention at their hotel was made by PDG James W. Rosbrugh, seconded by PDG Zana Botzow. Approved
- DG Nick Paulin discussed a district outdoor event to be held in Marshfield and sponsored by Central Zones A and B. that, as he understood it, would be similar to our Hobo day event to help support the district. PDG Jerry Young made a motion that the Governor appoint a planning committee for the event and that the committee's report be approved by the District Executive Committee. A second was given by PDG Bob Crump. After a good deal of discussion about the purpose of the proposed event, which, the Zone Chairs explained has nothing to do with fund raising for anything, but is to be a summer social event for those two zones. The zone chairs just thought it would be nice to invite entire district to participate and were trying to make that known. After that, the motion and second were withdrawn and Central Zones A and B will proceed with their original plan without any input from the district's executive committee.
- A motion by PDG Zana Botzow, seconded by PCC Steve Wise, to make a donation of \$250.00 to Leader Dog in memory of M6 Leader Dog "Sophie" who had to be put down in 2012. That donation is to purchase a memorial brick. Motion passed.
- Some discussion for wording on the above referenced brick after which PDG Bill Botzow made a motion that our Leader Dog chair, Lion Phil and Lion Phyllis, take care of the wording to put on the brick. Motion seconded by PDG Bob Crump and passed.
- A motion was made by PDG Zana Botzow, seconded by PDG Stuart Payne that today's tail twisting money go to the districts Alert Fund. Approved.

The tail twister then finished up his collection of fines for various infractions of the group and he made off (collected) with a total of \$50.00.

With no other business to come before the cabinet, DG Paulin adjourned the meeting at 2:12 P.M.

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
(Acting) Cabinet Secretary
Missouri Lions District 26-M6

Note: The next cabinet meeting will be held at 12:00 Noon, on Friday, March 14, 2014, in the Cedar Ballroom at the Joplin Holiday Inn, in conjunction with our District Convention.