

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 26-M6 OF MISSOURI
Cabinet Meeting
November 5, 2011**

MINUTES OF MEETING

The second cabinet meeting of the year was called to order by District Governor Stuart Payne at approximately 1:10 P.M. He thanked the Lions present for spending their afternoon doing District M6 Lions business. He said that the reports that he requested are listed on the agenda but any others are welcome when that time comes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2nd VDG Nick Paulin followed by the singing of a patriotic song which was led by Lion Phil Krebs. The invocation was given by 1st VDG Pastor Walter Hamer.

Protocol for Meeting:

PDG James W. Rosbrugh was called upon to establish Protocol for the meeting and he did it with flare and interestingly explained why this is done at our cabinet meetings, yet, offers the courtesy for current and past officers of being recognized. He introduced all of the Cabinet Officers and Past District Governors present so that everyone giving a report would not have to recognize them when giving their reports, thereby saving time and monotony.

Roll Call and Attendance:

Cabinet Secretary, PDG Dave Harris, called the roll of Cabinet Members and Past District Governors. There were 26 officers and cabinet members present, plus, 3 Past Governors who hold no specific cabinet post. A total of 49 Lions signed in on the attendance sheet.

Appointment of Tail Twister:

Governor Stuart, looking over the crowd for a wide awake Lion who could think of all kinds of ways to collect the most money for the cause, appointed Lion Phil Krebs as our tail twister for this duty. That appointment was met with some groans which Lion Phil took immediate notice of. He began his assignment with much enthusiasm which was a sure sign that everyone should watch their etiquette and keep time on their reports during the meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Cabinet Secretary, PDG Dave Harris, noted that two errors were made in the minutes initially sent to the cabinet members and PDGs, but both had been corrected when they were published in the M6 newsletter. Those corrections were that in paragraph 3 of the C & BL's report "By-Laws" should be changed to read "Policy Manual" when referring to the vote taken at the cabinet meeting. The other correction was that the initial format of the ballot was shown instead of the revised ballot used for the actual voting. Upon commenting on those two corrections, PDG Dave Harris made a motion to approve the August 20, 2011 Cabinet Minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by PDG James W. Rosbrugh. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report:

PDG Jim Wilson, District Treasurer, reviewed the District's financial reports. The Administrative Account as of 11/1/11 showed income, this year, of \$16,746.57 with expenditures of \$10,898.32 leaving a checkbook balance of \$5,848.25. Other District accounts total \$26,151.98 for a grand balance of all accounts equaling \$32,000.23.

A review of District 26-M6 Joplin Tornado Relief Funds shows income from all sources of \$145,127.38, expenditures of \$119,108.35 and a balance of \$26,019.03.

A motion to approve the Treasurers report for audit was made by PDG Bill Botzow, seconded by PDG Dean Westbay. Motion passed.

District Governor Remarks/Report:

Governor Stuart said that he and Lion Marlene have been busy almost every weekend attending various Lions related functions, including the USA/Canada Forum and helping several clubs in their fund raising events held around the district. The Governor reported on the Council of Governors meeting held in Lake Ozark on October 29th and encouraged everyone to attend the District Convention. He reminded Lions that in order to receive a grant from LCIF ½ of the money must be raised by the clubs and not come

from outside entities. He said he still needs a District Global Membership Team coordinator which is a crucial post designated by Lions International to assist in maintaining and obtaining club membership in the District.

First Vice District Governor:

1st VDG Walter gave the following report:

Since our last meeting I had the joy of attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum held in Anchorage, Alaska. The forum was an excellent time of learning with time for eight workshops, plus taking a half-day seminar on the day before the forum began. Next year's forum is in Tampa Bay, Florida, again in September. I would encourage every Lion, especially those in leadership positions, to attend. It is the greatest annual learning experience in the hemisphere.

Lion Karen and I had the joy of working with the fine Lions of Miller at the opening night of the Miller Fest. You learn a lot about a club by working side-by-side with the members putting together hamburgers or selling soft drinks.

I made a visit at the Rogersville Lions Club, which is an active organization that had just finished one of their major fund raisers. They have a lot of fine young members to help make this new club a success.

On our way home from a visit with our son in Columbia, MO, we stopped for lunch and a good visit with the Lebanon Lions Club. It was well attended and they have some creative dreamers in their club. They were starting the work on a major fund raising project and I can see why this club produces leadership of the quality of IPDG Lion Debbie.

Lion Karen and I returned to Miller for their monthly fish fry. They really know how to put on a great spread. Remember to attend the first Saturday of every month.

I had the joy of attending the 90th Anniversary of the Springfield Host Lions Club on Saturday, October 8th. The location was beautiful. The meal was excellent. The program was well planned. And the speaker was motivating. It was a great celebration of the first club established in what is now 26M6.

Lion Karen and I assisted the Monett Lions with making their apple butter and helping to sell it at the Mt. Vernon Apple Butter Making Days. Nearly 900 gallons of apple butter was made and nearly \$30,000 was made in sales. There is hardly any left—mostly just sugar free.

We visited our oldest daughter's family in Mechanicsburg, PA, in the middle of October and while there we visited the Mechanicsburg Lions Club. They have a very exciting club that serves a good meal and is actively engaged in their community.

At the end of October I attended the Multiple District 26 Board of Governors meeting in Lake Ozark. Work on the state convention was done as well as dealing with many other issues. The exciting thing was the report of the Athletic Committee that almost got voted out of existence at the last state convention. They presented a check for \$5,000 to MLERF. They also told of plans to expand the all-star football game.

As November is upon us, I will soon begin training for assuming the role of district governor for next year. I am still working on visiting more clubs and hopefully will be more settled down and able to find time to get around. If your club needs a program, please give me a call and I will be happy to make my visit with you.

Second Vice District Governor:

The following report was given by 2nd VDG Nick Paulin:

We are already a third of the way through the year. Time does fly by.

I have managed to visit a couple of our clubs, and Noma and I attended the Springfield Host 90th anniversary celebration. It was a really enjoyable evening. You can't go wrong with great food and fellowship, and an outstanding speaker. Congratulations again on achieving this milestone. We look forward to attending the Marshfield 80th anniversary celebration this evening. Our congratulations go out to the Marshfield club, as well as to the Carthage and Joplin Host clubs on their 90th anniversaries.

I attended the District Convention Committee meeting October 3rd. The second meeting will be this coming Monday. I expect to be there.

Noma and I had planned to attend the Council of Governors meeting last week in Lake Ozark. However, due to the death of Noma's father, we had to cancel out.

I hope to be able to visit a couple more of the M6 clubs in November, before I head to Oak Brook, Illinois, for the Senior Leadership Institute, and visit more clubs in December.

I received notification that I had been accepted to attend the Institute. Since then, they have provided me with pre-attendance assignment, which will likely take 6-8 hours. A portion of the assignments are done as a team. Our 5-member team assignments were received last week. The team leader for our team is from New Zealand, and other team members are from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, I don't know anything yet about the last member yet, but it should be an interesting and fun learning experience. I will be heading to Oak Brook November 16th and returning on the 20*.

Then, suddenly, we are into the holiday season.

REGION CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

North East Region – Lion Jennie Mosher: I visited 3 clubs during the past quarter. The Long Lane Lions Club is doing well and have multiple "Trail Rides" planned to raise funds for their club activities/projects. Their members are very close and appear to work well as a club.

I also visited the Lebanon Host Lions Club (my own club). During the month of October the Club performed a club satisfaction survey. The results indicated while the members are very happy and feel like a strong team they are not happy about their meeting location. They are currently evaluating alternate sites for starting the new year (2012) in a different meeting location. Many members felt their current location was a deterrent to getting new members. They also developed a 5 year membership goal with looking to recruit 5 -6 new members during the current Lion year and ending up at 31 members at the end of 5 years. A guest who had been invited was so impressed with the new proactive membership drive and he wanted to join. They are hoping to induct a new member into the club during this month. Lion Doctor Kevin Bays started with a Power Point presentation outlining the steps the club needed to evaluate in order to determine our 5 year goal plan. This just proves Lions Clubs must have goals that every member has bought into in order to grow and be successful.

I also visited the Lebanon Evening Lions Club; they are struggling but are trying to find new members so they can continue. I inducted a new member who had previously been a Lion, but his membership was in the far past. He returned to Lions as he had enjoyed the work and the fellowship. I volunteered to help with their pancake breakfast which was to introduce people in their community to their Lions Club.

Zone B had a meeting on September 8th. Three of the 7 clubs were represented at the meeting. A second meeting has been scheduled for November 10th.

North West Region – Craig Lehman: No Report

Central Region – Lion Keith Moore: I was unable to attend the august cabinet meeting because our club was operating the bingo games at Freistatt for Erntfest. We had our bingo in aurora the following Monday night, the 22nd and attended Freistatt regular meeting on the 23rd of August, in September and October, we had board and regular meetings at our club.

On November 1, I attended a zone meeting at Miller for Lion Ron Baldwin. We had a number of Lions clubs attending. Those included: Aurora - 2 members; Miller- 2 members; Mt. Vernon- 3 members; Freistatt- 2 members
It was a very good meeting. We discussed Hobo Day and ways to promote fund raisers, etc.

On November 7th, I will be attending the regular meeting of Marionville club.
January 17th will be Lion Ron Baldwin's next zone meeting. I will plan on attending that.

South East Region – Open Position

South West Region – Lion Sharon Morris: Reporting that she had talked with last year's president of the Anderson Lions Club and found that no one is coming to meetings and at their last fund raiser no one showed up to help. She needs help to try and revive that club. She will be making more visits to the clubs in her region.

ZONE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

NE. Reg. – Zone A – Lion Judy McKovich: No Report

NE. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Chester Hill: No report

SE Reg. – Zone A – PDG Bob Crump: The first zone meeting was held on September 27, 2011 in Seymour, Mo.

Clubs in attendance included:

Mtn. Grove – President & Secretary with 2 members

Hartville - President

Mansfield - President & Secretary

Marshfield - President & Secretary with 1 member

Elkland - President with 2 members

Seymour - President & Secretary

Also in attendance was IPDG Debbie Whittlesey. Two clubs were not represented, Fair Grove and Grovespring.

Informational materials were distributed and discussed for each club in attendance: Global Service Action Campaign, electronic payment to LCI, e-Postcard filing with IRS, International dues increase beginning July 1, 2012, MLERF Open House, 2011-12 Club Excellence Application, Lions All-Star Basketball Program, and district directories.

IPDG Whittlesey provided an update on the efforts of the Joplin Relief Campaign and how Lions are making a difference.

Zone Chairman Crump gave an overview of the last cabinet meeting, the Governor's Outstanding Club Award as provided on page 60 in the directory, and dates and information of upcoming events.

The following club's provided information on programs and projects that they are working on:

Elkland — provided a \$1,000,00 scholarship, \$100 worth of groceries to a family, Held a horse show and an ongoing Play Day, Horseshow, Fun Days, ATV rodeo, Lawn Tractor Pull, and will provide Halloween treats.

Hartville Their new club house is now complete, participated in a community awareness day, put a bronze plate in square to recognize former resident that was killed in the 9-11 attacks, donations to residents in the local senior citizens housing, planning a December 17 Branson on the Road Christmas Show".

Seymour - Just finished the apple festival concession stand and had the youth involved from the high school DECCA class, sponsor CBCO bloodmobile, worked with Chamber of Commerce providing their food stand during their event, put up US flags for Labor Day, Apple Festival, and when four soldiers returned home from Iraq, donated items to Christian County Victims Center, and planning for upcoming turkey shoot and Share Your Christmas, Also showed the quilt that will be given away in a program that club president formed for Lions to get tickets when they do certain items for the club in hopes of increasing attendance, membership, and involvement,

Mtn. Grove — Made about \$1700 from a 5K run, contributed \$600 to the school's closet program and when others in the community found out they made donations ending up with approx, \$1725 total donation, started a community garden that ended up donating about 400 lbs. of food to various organizations, had a booth at Kids Fest blindfolding kids then had them perform

tasks that a blind person would do daily, MLERF will be at clubs booth at the upcoming health fair, received a mailbox from post office painted it with a Lions Logo for a glass recycling drop off

Mansfield - Donated to Joplin Relief and other projects, sponsor Butter Days, provided music in the park by the Shrines Band asked for donations to the Shrines Hospital collecting over \$400, and gave out drinks and popcorn, help with school back pack program, raffled a steer making \$1200.

Marshfield — Started the year with 38 members and now at 44, worked with supporting Project Graduation, donated \$2,000 to county food pantry, sponsored students to boys and girls state, holding their 80th anniversary of the club on Nov 5. Club donations total about \$12,000 annually.

Some suggestions on the way the district could help their club including providing a PowerPoint of Lions programs that could be used during community events. Also, the district directories need to be distributed earlier in the year.

Two changes in the directory need to be made: Kevin Cantrell's phone is 417-880-2870. Dan Divine's email is 3ddivine@gmail.com

Lion Cathy Purvis gave a brief program on how to use the district web page and Facebook and how clubs could use these two programs to promote their club's events.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 22 in Seymour at Rusty Spurs with dinner at 6:00 and meeting beginning at 6:30.

SE Reg. – Zone B – Lion Peter Frantzen: Lion Peter was working at the Forsyth Lions auction to raise money for their Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals and was unable to attend the Cabinet Meeting. He sent the following written report.

FORSYTH LIONS: Forsyth has had a rough year two Lions passed away and a close friend of the lions. The Club has been very active with Bingo every Thursday night. They have also worked at two Titanic Events. They also ran a special Bingo for the Forsyth Grant Making Fund and raised \$2600. On Nov 5, they are having a auction and on Nov 12 they are having a special Bingo for Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals.

AVA: President Charles Cantwell has been ill and Larry Morrison has been filling in as President. Charlie did get out of the hospital today. The Club is trying to help an 88 year old vet, with his home. It is not being foreclosed but he is having trouble with the city. If any club would like to help a vet, give Larry Morrison a call 417-683-0188.

BRANSON HOLLISTER: This is a very active club in great financial shape. They have a bingo game on Mondays. They too are also planning Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

GAINSVILLE: They have a noonday club and are active and a fine working club. They too are working on holiday meals.

NW Reg. – Zone A – PDG Dean Westbay: The last zone meeting was held on Nov. 3rd, in Lamar, with 3 out of 6 clubs represented. Those were Lamar, Golden City and Lockwood. PDG Dean said that he had talked to the Greenfield Lions and they informed him that they are going to disband the club as they have only 2 active members. Those two plan to transfer to the Arcola Club.

Region Chair, Lion Craig Lehman and PDG Dean attended a meeting of the Carthage Lions Club and they agreed to host the January zone meeting. Currently they are getting ready for the Carthage Maple Leaf Days.

It was reported that PDG Bob Kitsmiller is currently in Mayo's Hospital for treatments and tests and should be home soon. All the clubs present are active with their fall projects. After the meeting, the Lions present enjoyed snacks and fellowship following the meeting.

NW Reg. – Zone B – Lion Dee Sager: No report

CEN. Reg. – Zone A. – Lion Ron Baldwin: We had our first zone meeting on November 1, 2011. Four of the six clubs were represented, including Aurora, Mt. Vernon, Miller and Freistatt. Aurora Summit City and Marionville were unable to attend.

Attendance was Lions:

Harold Umburger, Lee Carrington, and Alice Griggs of Mt. Vernon
Keith Moore, Gary Allen of Aurora
Harold Lampe and Tom Drewianwa of Freistatt
Marty Ruark and Ron Baldwin of Miller

The rest of the District Directories were dispersed to members of each club.

We had a good discussion of the health of the clubs. Mt. Vernon indicated they needed new leadership and they had problems with the people in control of the building they were meeting in. they wanted to talk to the District Governor about the "Status Quo" of their club and what it would take to get back in good standing with International, State and District. They said there were several members that would like to continue their club, but were at a loss presently as to what to do. I indicated to them that the district was willing to help in any way possible to continue their club. The Miller Club has offered to take on any of their members, but stated, " they were welcome, but Mt. Vernon really needed their own club.

The Freistatt Club indicated they were looking at ways to better utilize their facilities to attempt to make up some of the lowered revenues from their Ernte-Fest. They were working with the fire department to have tractor pulls and discussing other ideas. They did feel the age of the clubs membership was becoming a problem. Some were getting older and couldn't do the level of work they have in the past and it was difficult to get new younger members.

The Aurora Club had taken on Bingo at the Ernte-Fest to help out Freistatt and increase their revenues. They are continuing Bingo at their club and doing Fly-ins at the airport. They were changing to two year terms for their officers. They felt you were just learning how to do the job in one year.

Miller is back to doing their fish fry's on the first Saturday each month. They are scheduled for October thru May.

We discussed the Governor's outstanding club requirements. We talked about all the resources on the International web-site and the District web-site.

We have scheduled our next meeting for January 17, 2012 at the Freistatt Lions Building at 7 p.m. We enjoyed some homemade cookies made by my wife and some chips and cheese dip, tea and coffee. Good Meeting:

CEN. Reg. – Zone B – Lion Alex Warner: No Written Report Available. Lion Alex did say that the clubs in his zone are all active and have some exciting things going on. He also reported that the Beisner Vision Rehabilitation Center's golf tournament netted a little over \$9,000.00.

SW Reg. – Zone A: - Lion Matt Wages: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alert – Lion Kevin Cantrell: No Report

Athletic – PDG Sue Blakley, Chair: Not being able to attend, DG Stuart gave a verbal report for Lion Sue and the Athletic Committee, saying that he had attended the State Committee meeting as Liaison Governor. He said that the \$35.00 advertisement in the program book will be eliminated for the coming year. A club can donate any amount and be listed in the program as a donor. He said that PDG Sue has indicated that she will ask for the District to purchase a \$750.00 ad in the State Football program book.

Audit – PCC Howard Hawkins, Chair: No Report Needed.

Band – Lion Irene Voyles, Chair: The Missouri Lions Band Committee is busy planning the 2012 band camp and trip to the northwest area of Missouri. Band camp will be at Ft. Leonard Wood starting June 24. A farewell concert is being planned for the evening of June 28. Other concerts are planned in St. Joseph on June 29 and in Cameron at a veteran's home. We are planning to go to Mt. Rushmore and return through Colorado Springs. We will be back at Ft. Leonard Wood on July 8, 2012. The proposed cost will be \$900 per student. Band applications will be mailed to the band directors by January 1.

The band will again be under the direction of Lion Steve Eubanks. Last year we had 73 students and we have a goal of 75 this year. Fourteen of those students were from M6. Thanks so much for your support. We need to keep building our band program to be able to compete with Mississippi and other bands in the next International Parade.

We will be getting our raffle tickets for equipment to you as soon as they are printed. We need and appreciate support from each and every club.

Basketball – East Game: PDG Bob Crump, Chair: No Report

Basketball – West Game: PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair: I am happy to report to you that we DO plan to play basketball in 2012! We have signed a contract with Ozark Christian College for the use of their facility the first weekend in June, with the same arrangements as made for the 2011 games. Their facility DOES have air conditioning, and adequate seating and standing room. They will provide a full-scale concession service, and have all the other features for which we have asked. Right after the first of January, I will be asking our District Treasurer to forward a \$300 Facility Use Fee/Reservation confirmation.

Basketball season is just around the corner, so the potential All-Stars will soon be hitting the courts. This year, I hope to be working with media sportswriters as well as school coaches for both player and coach selections. If we can have all players committed, coaches on line and teams formed by the end of April, I know we can do better selling advertisement space for our Program Booklets.

We have already disbursed the "proceeds" from the 2011 ad sales and have enough from the 2010 carry-over that we are able to proceed without asking for any "advance" from the district.

Since we are, in a sense, restarting our program after the 2011 cancellation, and with the current state of the economy, I propose booklet advertisement space be the same rate charged in 2010. [Full page = \$100.00, Half-page = \$60.00, Quarter page = \$35.00 and Business Card = \$20.00.]. I recommend that the admission price be set at: Adults (age 18 and older) - \$8.00, an increase of \$1.00, Students (ages 6 thru 17) - \$5.00, and children (age 5 and under) - free. I further recommend, based upon the number of "unsold" Program Booklets in the past several years, that we reduce the number of Booklets printed to 150, or that they be included in the price of an adult admission. I prefer the latter.

Campus Clubs – Lion Virgil Calhoun, Chair: No Report

Constitution and By-Laws – PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Chair: The State Constitution and By-Laws (C & BL) committee is currently in the process of converting MERL to GMT/ GMT and adding ALERT to agree with the current operation of Lions Clubs International. We have been asked by the Council of Governors to address the restriction to serve on a State Committee for only 4 in 6 years without Council dispensation. We now have the Council Policy Manual for review and will complete that task and report back before the next Council Meeting. We will also be reviewing all other areas of the Multiple District (State) C & BL, for other needed updates and housekeeping items. There are only seven of us on that committee, and will appreciate all the additional eyes and input we can get.

Our District Constitution and By-Laws Committee is formed and ready to go. We have a lot to do, but we have a capable crew. First, we have the carryover item from last year, dealing with the time period in which a candidate for the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor or Second Vice District Governor must submit a letter of intent to seek said office(s).

Then we must also update our district documents to incorporate the GMT/GLT concept and add ALERT.

Finally, we will "comb for bugs", hoping to catch all those little annoying things called "housekeeping" items: spelling, grammar, format, etc. In the interest of time and travel, I plan to conduct our meetings by e-mail as much as possible. We will have our work completed, and any proposed amendments properly worded and in format, ready for presentation at the next Cabinet meeting.

2011 District, State & International Convention – PDG Bill Botzow, Chair

District Convention:

It will be held in Springfield Missouri at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center on March 9 & 10, 2012. The contract has been signed by the authority given at the August 20, 2011 cabinet meeting, under new business motion L page 11"A motion was made by PDG Bill Botzow, second by PDG James Rosbrugh to authorize the District Convention Committee to choose the location of the 2012 District Convention. The sleeping rooms will be \$ 69.00 per night plus appropriate tax's (\$ 73.00 last year). There are not any charges for use of convention center for sessions, lunch or banquet. The meeting rooms in the hotel will be \$ 50 per room, and we have a complementary Town house for our international guest and spouse. The management is ready to "Make the convention an memorable trip for the Lions of M6.

Our international guest will be ID Carolyn A. Messier and Lion Norman who are from Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

There are convention registration forms available here and will be on the M6 web page. Please refer to the web page because future information will be posted as it becomes available.

If anyone has suggestions for the type of sessions and entertainment also see me, the governor or drop me a e-mail.

The committee will be meeting the first Monday each month from November thru March at the Ramada Oasis Hotel Mojave room at 6:30. (Room location / dinner +18%)

Following are the accommodations of the various sites considered for our convention;

Convention Sites Options	Date	Per Night Room Rate	Per Room
1) Camden Hotel & Convention Center, Branson Howard Johnson Hotel Smoking	3/9-10, 2012	\$ 70.00 + \$ 60.00 +	2
2) Ramada Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, small group seminars space(small)	3/9-10,2012	\$ 69.00 +	2
3) Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Joplin	3/9-10,2012	\$ 74.00+	2
	<u>CHANGE</u>		
4) Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield	3/16-	\$ 63.95 + Cabins/lodge	2
5) Ozark Camp and Retreat Center, Neosho ♦required to bring pillows, .sheets blankets ♦bath & showers not attached to sleeping rooms ♦separate male & female sleeping rooms ♦ will be necessary to be outside between buildings ♦General Session would be in a detached chapel building. ♦Attendees can make arrangements with a close motel if desired?	3/9-10,2012	\$14 per p	6

FUTURE STATE CONVENTIONS:

2012: Thursday, April 19-Sunday, April 22, 2012 Jefferson City, MO. Capital Plaza 2013: Friday, April 26- Sunday April 28, 2013 Kansas City, MO.

Diabetes – Lion Larry Martin, Chair: No Report

Family & Women’s Membership Development – Lion Alice Lewis: No Report

Finance – PDG Jim Wilson Chair: No Report Needed

Global Leadership Team (GLT) – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: No report

Global Membership Team (GMT) – Open Position: No Report

Hearing – PDG John Jones, Chair: The committee met October 2 at the Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton, Missouri.

The Hearing Sweepstakes tickets were given out so they can be given to Lions Clubs before their District Conventions. I have Hearing Sweepstake tickets to give to all Lions Clubs represented here today. Be sure that your club picks them up before you leave.

The Affordable Hearing Aid Program is still active even though at this time there are no funds from the State Hearing Committee to apply to this. Clubs can still send applications in but they have to send a check with the application for hearing aids.

The Hearing Van is scheduled to be in our district during January. If any club has an interest in scheduling it during that time contact me. The Portable Audiometers are available for use. Just contact me to make arrangements for them.

The next State Hearing Committee meeting will be a teleconference meeting in January.

Hobo Day – PDG Howard Hawkins, Chair: Hobo Day 2012 will be on January 14, 2012. It will be held at the Branson/Hollister Lions Club Building on East 76 Highway in Branson, Missouri. This will be a fun evening for all Lions and their Guests. This is a major fund raiser for our District. The more money that we can raise will help us to keep from having to consider the increase the dues. This affects all of the Lions and Lions Clubs. The District Officers should work very, very hard to get the Lions to attend and to get donations for the auctions. This helps provide the funds for which you the District Officer are reimbursed for your expenses. We need new items or crafts for the auctions. Lion Jerry Pilz and I will be working the Branson Area for Tickets and other Items for the auctions. But most of all we need the District Officers to promote this and get the Lions to attend. No matter how many Items we have, if we do not have the attendance we not make very much. I have a signup sheet in the back of the room for those wishing to help with this project. The Branson/Hollister Lions Club works very hard to put this on and donate the use of their building.

To make this a success we need these two things the most; Product and People.

Honorary Committee (PDGs) – PDG Zana Botzow, Chair: I apologize for not being present at this meeting. I am doing my multiple GMT chairperson duty of visiting with M7. Also, *before* Lion David reads my report I want everyone to know that tomorrow Lion Bill will celebrate his birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL

Now for my report: The second meeting of the district honorary committee was held in The Cave Restaurant in Richland, Missouri on October 14, 2011. There were ten past district governors and six lions spouses in attendance. The members enjoyed a variety of meals prepared from the menu and served in the unique atmosphere of the cave. PDGs you should have been there.

Items that were discussed were the dates and location for the next meetings. The January meeting will be announced. Lion Bob Crump may have some more information. The April meeting will be at Mythos in Joplin. Also discussed was the hospitality room for the state convention. Lion Elaine mentioned Lion Walt's theme would be "Going Deeper".

We are still recommending changes to the constitution and By Laws that the audit committee be change to follow the same format as the nominating committee having 1, 2 and 3 year members with the one year member becoming chairperson. The club was reminded of district anniversaries and HOB0 days. The nomination committee should be on the lookout for a 2VDG and if anyone has a suggestion to contact Chairperson Jerry Young. Other reminders were the council of governors meeting on October 28-30. Everyone attending had a wonderful time and I would encourage all PDG to attend our next meeting.

Information & Technology – Lion Ken Lewis, Chair: No report

LBOMB – Lion Bob Stewart, Chair: I attended the LBOMB Board Meeting in Jefferson City on October 15th, 2011. The minutes of the April 29, 2011 were approved.

The full year 2012 budget was reviewed and approved after a discussion on multiple year losses for the LBOMB organization. Actions will be taken to reduce losses from many locations.

David Pinkley, President of BVM, updated us on Vendor activities and issues.

Larry Branson, Supervisor of BEP, updated us on all operations and upcoming events.

Elections were held for the coming year. The officers are;

President: Greg Hall 26-M4

Vice-President: Allen Lohsandt 26-M5

Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Stewart 26-M6

Our next meeting will be January 28th, 2012 in Jefferson City.

LCIF – PCC Jim Tesreau, Chair: PCC Jim gave no formal report but reminded us that when we consider our giving, LCIF it is a tax deductible gift. 100% goes to help people and nothing is used for administrative expenses as in some other charitable organizations.

Leader Dog – Lion Phil Krebs, Chair: Lion Phil just made a comment that the Leader puppy his family had raised is now placed as a Leader Dog with a recipient in Spain.

Leos – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair: (See Next Report Below)

Lions Opportunities for Youth – Youth Exchange – Lion Marlene Payne, Chair: The State Opportunities for Youth Committee is selling chances on a gold/purple afghan and the purple quilt in the back of the room. Tickets are a \$1.00 each and you can "help yourself at the back of the room. The drawings will be at the State Convention in April. We need to raise some funds for the International Youth Camp next summer so M6 doesn't have to pay for so many meals and activities. Thanks for your help. Also....

The Spouses of the District Governor's are putting together a Lions calendar for July 2012-Dec. 2013. These will be sold after the State Convention for \$10.00 and all the proceeds will benefit a project within the Joplin tornado area. What do I need from you? Pictures! Each district will have 2 calendar pages to fill with pictures of Lions fulfilling our motto "we serve". Please e-mail me club photos of Lions working on projects or fundraisers. Deadline to send me the photos is January 1.

Finally...

There will be a seminar called "Eat Well Be Well with Diabetes" at the Carl Junction Community Center each Thursday evening during February. The weekly 2 hours of instruction will be provided by a Specialist from the University of Missouri-Extension. Our District voted last May to pay for this program with Diabetes funds. Attendance is limited to 15 people, so let me know if you're interested in attending.

My e-mail address is: mepschool@hotmail.com and the home phone # is 417-525-4434 for anyone needing to contact me. Lion Marlene ended her report by tendering her resignation from the District Convention Committee.

Lions Quest Program – Lion Karen Hamer, Chair: Lion Karen said that she is enjoying learning about the Lions Quest program. She said that it is the Lions worldwide youth program, serving grades K – 12 and has an amazing record of success in its 25 years of existence. Quest is in 60 countries with 200,000 train educators being involved. It is taught in 30 different languages and over 12 Billion children worldwide have had the opportunity to take the program.

In Missouri there are only a handful of schools who are involved with Quest and it should be introduced to many more school districts in the state. She said that she is more than happy to come to any club to give a program and to generate interest in this amazingly successful Lions Quest program. She asked that when she comes to give a program, she requests that the club invite 2 or 3 teachers and administrators from the local schools to attend to be informed about the benefits of instituting Lions Quest in their schools.

Long Range Planning – PDG Lee Binley, Chair: Lion Lee said that he couldn't attend the last Long Range Planning Committee and he asked that PDG Bill Botzow give that report. Lion Bill said that basically it was an organizational meeting had been held to address the State Administrative Fund, both income and expenses and to make recommendations to the Council of Governors and ultimately the Lions of Missouri.

LWSB – Lion Bertia Binley, Chair: Lion Bertia reported that, as of today, she has received a \$250.00 donation from the Miller Lions Club.

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing – PDG Bob Kitsmiller, Chair: No report

MLERF – PDG Sarah Stout – District Board Member: The report was given by PCC Howard Hawkins. He said that the board is working on a new volunteer manual. He also said that a letter has been sent out to all clubs asking for donations and that the help of the region and zone chairpersons in encouraging clubs to make their donations to MLERF. He said that Darian Vanderhoofven will be honored on the Donate Life Float at the Rose Parade on New Year's Day.

The MLERF office in Joplin had to be closed due to the May 22nd tornado. He did say that with the purchase of the 2nd camera for our area, screenings have increased substantially.

Peace Poster – Lion Leroy Potter, Chair: Now is the time to turn in this year’s Peace Poster to the District Governor. They have to be in his hands by November 15th.

AND NOWSTHETIMETOGET STARTED ON NEXT YEAR'S PEACE POSTER! Here's what to do:

- 1 Decide to have a Peace Poster**
- 2 Form a committee (see page 2)**
- 3 Develop a plan**
- 4 Contact local youth programs**
- 5 In early January order Peace Poster Kits**
- 6 Work with local youth leaders to develop Peace Posters**
- 7 Encourage local youths to create Peace Posters**
- 8 Have Peace Posters to District Governor by November 15th**

For Information, a club presentation, contact with local youth leaders or for any other help contact

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Pin Traders – Lion Craig Lehman, Chair: No report

Public Relations – PDG Debbie Whittlesey, Chair: IPDG Debbie said that she wrote an application for our district’s first PR matching grant through LCI for \$1750.00, which is the full amount since we budgeted for the other one half in this year’s budget. She received word yesterday that the full grant had been approved and a check is in the mail from Lions Clubs International and we can now move forward in placing billboards in Joplin to shine a light on the Lions service work that has been done there. The grant will be used to provide 8 months of signage, rotating monthly, on streets leading to and in the tornado areas. She said that we all should be very proud of the amount of service work the Lions have provided in Joplin. A copy of the billboard is attached to her report.

Having recently returned from a “Lions in Sight” mission, she has been asked to write about her experience as a “first timer” on the eyeglass mission. Copies of her article are available, as are Thank You ads for recycled glasses. These make a nice and often free PR item in the local newspapers for your Lions Club.

Lion Debbie reminded us that one of the greatest PR tools we have is ourselves---Telling stories about Lions and how we serve often inspires others to want to be a part of our sharing with others.

Report on LCIF Emergency Grant for Joplin Tornado Relief – IPDG Debbie Whittlesey: At the next meeting Lion Debbie said that she would give a full report on the \$50,000.00 Relief Grant the District received from LCIF, as well as, a subsequent \$10,000.00 grant later approved by LCIF

A report for the first \$10,000.00 has been sent into LCIF and they have responded with two emails commenting on the quality of the final report and what was able to be accomplished with the money. She quoted one email which gave her, and the Lions of 26-M6 high praise for both the report and the way our Lions were willing to give of themselves to help to make it all possible. They said they use the report as a prototype during LCIF presentations. The email from Michelle Morales at LCIF ended by saying, “You are a truly a rock star!” PDG Debbie vowed that the next reports will be of equal quality and her goal is to have our District Shine.

We continue to work on The Joplin Association for the Blind project, as well as the tree planting project in Joplin. We went on our last grocery shopping with the Lafayette House and they have been happy for the support we have given them. She ended her report stating that with the First Response Team we demolished 42 homes and removed 185 stumps.

Sight Conservation – PCC Howard Hawkins, Chair: No report

VSP (Vision Service Providers) PCC Steve Wise gave a brief update on VSP which is a fairly new program developed to provide eye glasses for students under 18 years of age. There is information on LCI's website and we will receive more information in the future.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motions were made as follows:

- A. To accept the Region, Zone and all Committee Reports previously given – Motion made by VDG Walter Hamer, seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh. Carried.
- B. A motion to re-address the previous motion to approve all reports was made by 2nd VDG Nick Paulin, seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh and carried.
- C. Discussion was then held on whether the budget for the district convention should have had separate approval from all the other reports. It was determined that it should have and so a motion was made by 1st VDG Walter Hamer to approve the District Convention Budget as presented. Seconded by PDG James Rosbrugh and carried.

Governor Stuart asked for any other business. There being none he asked for clubs to make known their upcoming events, if any. Several clubs took advantage of that opportunity

The tail twister completed his mischievous task by assessing more fines on unsuspecting Lions. The proceeds of the day will be added to the balance and the use of the accumulated funds will be determined at the last cabinet meeting in May, 2012.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by Governor Stuart at approximately 4:40 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
Cabinet Secretary
Missouri Lions District 26-M6

Note: The next Cabinet Meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 @1:00 P.M. at the Miller Lions Club Building at 200 E. Main St., Miller MO. The meal will be served by the Miller Lions Club.