

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 27-C2
CABINET MEETING
January 31, 2010
Lake of the Torches Casino & Hotel

The January 31, 2010 Cabinet Meeting of District 27-C2 was called to order by District Governor Shirley Lemke at 2:00 p.m. at the Lake of the Torches Casino & Hotel Conference Center in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin.

VDG Robert Moen led the cabinet in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PDG Jim Boettcher led the group in prayer and song, "God Bless America."

Opening remarks by District Governor Shirley

Wisconsin Lions MD 27 was awarded a \$20,000 public relations grant from Lions Clubs International. Funds from this grant were used to promote our Lions Organization throughout the state of Wisconsin during the last two weeks of January 2010. Cabinet members and any member lions that were involved with Lions In Sight projects or that viewed, heard, or read any media communications are asked to complete a survey in the Wisconsin Lion Newspaper or online and return to Wisconsin MD 27 PR Chair Jodi Burmester. The February issue of the Wisconsin Lion also highlights our State Convention scheduled for May 13, 14 and 15 in Stevens Point. The Saturday night banquet has been eliminated so the noon luncheon will be a major event of the week-end. The 2010 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Milwaukee this year, September 23, 24 and 25. They are looking for around 400 volunteers to help with the event. Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets were distributed to cabinet members present. The Council of Governors has voted to move the Wisconsin State office from Stevens Point to the camp. Reasons for the move include: less expense, possible sharing of equipment and better telephone coverage. We have already received notification of LCI working together with Walmart in collection of used eye glasses. The proposal of Lions License Plates still needs to go through the full Assembly and Senate. It has been going through various committees so far.

Communications

We received thank you notes from the Bud Hyland family and from Lion Jean Kubley who is recovering well from surgery.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2009 Cabinet Meeting as emailed and mailed.... Lee/Linnemann.... CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

No treasurer's report is available today. Lion Bill Kriegel has agreed to finish out the year for Lion Dean Klemm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lion Dean Klemm and his family.

District Reports

Merlow Report

PDG Jim Boettcher reported a well attended and productive meeting. A series of three letters will be sent to new members. Information on this will be coming to the clubs through the zone chair. The first

letter will come from the District Governor, the second from Merlow Chair PDG Jim, and the third from the membership chair of the club to get plenty of orientation information out to the new members. The committee also discussed the importance of PU – 101 forms. Our district 27-C2 has a need for better officer training so an office training session has been scheduled at Lake of the Torches, Lac du Flambeau on May 22, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. On February 27 and 28, 2010, a Lions seminar, “Communicate Like a Leader” will be held at Stevens Point. Our district is allowed 5 representatives, so far we have 4 and possibly 5 representatives lined up.

2009 – 2010 District Convention

As of today, 20 expo tables have been spoken for. There are two tables left and we can go into an overflow area if needed. PDG Stan Carlson summarized the convention schedule with registration beginning at noon on Friday and our Cabinet meeting at 3:00 p.m. Voter certification will take place Saturday from 8 to 9:00 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Voting will take place from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Motion to waive registration fee for any Leos wishing to attend ...D. Hirtz/L. Christiansen CARRIED.

Credentials

Lion Julene Mueller is not here. However, DG Shirley has received an application from the Tomahawk Lions Club to host the 27C2 District Convention in April 2012 at the Inshalla Country Club at Tomahawk. They have met the specifications listed for meeting rooms and lodging to host our convention. DG Shirley also has 1st District Governor Bob Moen’s nomination papers for District Governor. These will be on the ballot along with nominations for 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. The 2011 District Convention will be held at Lake of the Torches in Lac du Flambeau.

Constitution and By-Laws

PDG Chuck Franz pointed out that not all clubs are up to speed with internet technology, so there is still a need for printed forms of Constitution and By-Laws. Change in our District Constitution need to be voted on at the District Convention. Change to our Policy Manual can be voted on at the cabinet level. DG Shirley hopes we can have proposal changes at our April Cabinet Meeting. Any cabinet members that can review and find necessary changes to the Policy Manual are asked to send that information to DG Shirley or the By-Laws Committee as soon as possible.

Pin Chair

Lion Mike Lorbetske has received some pin examples and has more designs coming in. The pin design will be presented at the April Cabinet Meeting so they can be ordered for the upcoming year. It was suggested to cut the number of pins ordered to 300 and run the pins for a 2-year period. Chair Mike will be taking care of the District Raffle Ticket. The Zone Chairs will be reminding the clubs to bring an item to be donated to the Governor’s raffle.

WLF

WLF Director Dennis Christianson announced that WLF is going to bring back the “Club Associate” to send information to, so he can bring this to material to his club. Walmart and Sam’s Club are working with LCI on used eyeglass collection. Special containers will be located in their stores. The flat roofs on the camp’s memorial building are in need of repairs. It was decided to remodel them into pitched roofs and re-shingle the A-Frame at a cost of over \$100,000 so this issue will be on the ballot at the State Convention. WLF is looking at the concept of “Adopt a Cabin” for the districts in the future. The Wisconsin Gaming Commission has said WLF cannot mail “Raffle for the Kids” tickets to clubs so they will be handed out to each club. Lion Bernie at Thorp reported that this year’s deer hide total was down by approximately 200 hides. PDG Bob Schonberg was present with a pin for last year’s 100%

donations to WLF. Last year's Affiliate District President Mary Jane Hirtz was also recognized for the Lioness' donations to the camp. WLF Director Greg Tobisch repeated that WLF will be sending out information on what is happening in the organization. The Pride Campaign is at the \$5.3 million mark. Our directors are pushing for an increased number of campers from our district. He is willing to talk to school representatives if we can get contact names to him. This year's open house at the camp will be on September 18, 2010. It will be a picnic format rather than a barbequed chicken dinner. Spring Clean Up at the camp will take place on September 24, 2010.

LCIF

PDG Dennis Knott reported on the Walmart used eyeglass collection program. Our multiple district 27 received a \$20,000 grant from LCIF for the Lions In Sight program referred to earlier by DG Shirley. LCIF immediately awarded a \$50,000 Major Catastrophe grant after the Haitian earthquake to help with relief efforts. Since then, club pledges to Hope for Haiti have amounted to over \$1.2 million. Lion Dennis stated there has been some talk of dues increase at the international level. He is available to speak at club meetings if asked.

Eye Bank

PDG Stan Carlson reports that the eye bank is "holding our own" as far as tissue donations go. 327 transplants performed in the last six months. A new generator was installed in the facility in case of power failure. Lion Stan is also very willing to give club presentations on eye bank activities.

Vision Screening

Lion Dennis Hirtz summarized what has happened with vision screening in the past year. The screening machines were obtained in September. On September 25, 39 people were trained and 13 more were trained in October. Screening involves both glaucoma and acuity tests. This is screening only and those who fail are recommended to follow up with the own health professionals. Lion Dennis and Mary Jane have put in the 49 hours of time. They will be giving a presentation at the 27-D1 Convention and also at our 27-C2 Convention. Screenings have been conducted at 4 locations and the failure rate at each was approximately 40%. More screenings are planned including 2 days at the Phillips Home Show. The organization started with approximately \$16,000 in club donations. The purchase of the machines, tables, and supplies has taken their fund down to approximately \$9,400. Lion Mary Jane Hirtz reported that over 1,000 children have had vision screening through the Lions and Lioness clubs. Prevent Blindness only wants to go out once a year to train. Mary Jane plans to contact Prevent Blindness to see if they would be willing to do a "Train the Trainer" so Dennis and Mary Jane could become trainers in the future.

Diabetes

Lion Bonnie Ashby pointed out that March is Diabetes Awareness Month. WLF has mailed order forms for supplies to each club. They will be having a booth at the convention expo. Lion Don distributed pledge sheets for the "Strides Walk of Diabetes" at our convention. VDG Bob Moen added that the 29 year old woman we donated \$500 to at our last meeting for expenses during a beta cell transplant has not had her surgery yet. Over \$5,000 has been donated so far and she said to be sure to tell the clubs thank you.

Hearing/State Curling

Lion Larry Ray reported that 32 teams curled in the State Bonspiel in Medford in January. For hearing, they have 4 applications pending and 3 waiting. We do have money in the bank.

Historian

PDG Ed Linnemann and PDG Ed Weise are working on putting our district's history together.

Xerophthalmia

Lion Jean Kubley reported that Treasurer Dean did get the donations sent it and new contributions are coming in.

Mission to Mexico

Lion Tom Hyland thanked DG Shirley for the article in the Lions Newspaper about Lion Bud Hyland. Lion Tom did take a mission to Mexico about 3 weeks before Lion Bud passed away. Mission to Mexico will go on in District 27-C2 through the efforts of Lion Tom and the encouragement of Toby.

Affiliate District President

Lioness Betty Watkins reports 446 members in 11 clubs. The various clubs are now gearing up for their spring and summer activities and the convention at Hurley.

Communications/Long Term Planning

IPDG Bob Schonberg encourages the use of our website to obtain current in information. Hopefully we will be able to have the written reports from the April Convention on the website. Lion Bob is available for anyone needing to put together information on future changes.

Leader Dog

Lion Dave Lemke reported that Lion John Aderis working with Leader Dog representatives coming to our convention. The Leader Dog representatives will also be visiting the Mellen Schools and possibly another.

Peace Poster

Lion Judeen Knott will have the Peace Poster entries at the convention. New kits are already available for next year. The theme is Vision of Peace. Our district winner received 2nd place at the state level.

Youth Exchange/Leo Club

PDG Harry Helwig is looking for host families for youth exchange. The Rhinelander Leo Club is doing very well. They had their 2nd anniversary in January. They have 19 members now and have more wanting to sign up. The Hazelhurst area may be developing a Leo Club.

Bowling

This year's bowling tournament starts next weekend at Port Washington. PDG Ed Weise announced that the Medford and Gilman clubs have put in a bid to host the tournament in 2012 with bowling to take place in Medford.

Motion to adjourn.....Franz/Helwig.....Carried. 4:35 PM

Respectfully submitted
Lion Vic Schiszik
Cabinet Secretary