

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 27 – C2
CABINET MEETING
January 30, 2011
Lake of the Torches Casino & Hotel
Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin

The January 30, 2011 Cabinet Meeting of the Lions District 27 – C2 was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by District Governor Bob Moen at the Lake of the Torches Casino and Hotel Conference Center in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin.

VDG Leon Christiansen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PDG Jim Boettcher led the cabinet in prayer and song.

Opening Remarks

DG Bob explained that Lions License Plates are available. They can be ordered from the DOT through the mail or over the internet. Peace poster kits for next year are available after January 15. This year's peace poster submissions will be displayed at the convention in April. Lions membership in Wisconsin is down 169 people. Eight clubs have dropped in Wisconsin including the Harmony Club in our district. Our district is down 28 members. DG Bob recommended getting applications in and rooms reserved for the State Convention in Appleton soon.

Motion ... D. Ashby/B. Watkins to approve the agenda for today's meeting as presented ... carried.

Communications

None

Treasurer's Report

Bills will be sent out to the clubs soon for the second half of the Annual dues. We received \$198.00 in donations toward today's meal expense. After further discussion of the balance sheet and profit and loss statement presented by Cabinet Treasurer Don Pirk, motion to approve ... E. Linnemann /B. Schonberg ... carried.

Region Chairs

R.C. Bill Kriegel will be having a region meeting the end of February. He stressed the importance of giving verbal recognition and thanks to all Lions that help and work at our local events. R.C. Greg Tobisch offered his thanks to the zone chairs for all the work they are doing.

Zone Chairs

Lions Leon Christiansen, Greg Krug, Mike Lorbetske, John Ader, Jim Lee, Carl Kubley and Ted Benson reported on upcoming zone meetings. Their zones are doing well and working on membership. Lions Lee and Ader announced this will be their last year on the cabinet as zone chairs.

Leadership Training

VDG Leon is working on plans for the Leadership Training Sessions to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Minocqua. He has gotten valuable information from PDG Shirley about last year's event. More information will be sent out as details are finalized.

GMT/GLT

The Merlow Team is excited about the Leadership Training scheduled for April 30th. They are emphasizing getting the membership chairs to the event for valuable instruction. DG Bob Moen will be sending them a letter of invitation and PDG Bob Schonberg will follow-up with a phone call to each of the clubs.

WLF

WLF Director Dennis Christianson explained the board of directors is trying to get a greater attendance at the Camp Open House. A letter and survey postcard will be sent to each club. Be sure to fill out the survey and return to the Board. This year's open house will be in September as it was scheduled ahead. Camp registration forms are out and deadlines are posted. Some weeks fill up fast so be sure to get applications in as soon as possible. Please ask your clubs to get their annual donations in as soon as possible to get full recognition and before the camping season opens if possible. Only 11 Lions Clubs have submitted their "Club Associate" names to WLF. The club associate will serve as the communication liaison between each club and WLF. WLF Director Greg added that you can request to keep your old license plate numbers on the new Lion's plates if you wish. Diabetes Alert Day is March 22, 2011. Clubs have been sent information on ordering supplies from the camp. Be sure to report results of your efforts back to WLF and to Don and Bonnie at the district level. Director Greg stressed that both he and Director Dennis are available to speak at zone and club meetings to explain where their club's donations are going.

LCIF

PDG Dennis Knott announced that Lions Day at the United Nations will be observed on March 18, 2011. A new measles initiative is being undertaken with the Gates Foundation to vaccinate 41 million children in Africa as measles is a leading cause of childhood blindness. There will be a resolution on the ballot at the Seattle International Convention to increase dues by \$2.00 in 2012 – 2013 and another \$2.00 in 2013 – 2014. LCIF does have funds available for grants. Wisconsin has received another \$20,000 grant to promote membership over the media. We have 367 Melvin Jones and 2 progressive Melvin Jones in the district. We have a number of clubs that have money sitting in this fund and have not named lion recipients for the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Donations to LCIF as of December 2010 totaled \$30,932. Lion Dennis encourages clubs to use this money sitting on the books to name Melvin Jones members from their clubs to recognize them for their efforts.

Eye Bank

PDG Stan Carlson reported that the Wisconsin Eye Bank is doing well. They are dealing with a current challenge in that Executive Director Elizabeth Koenig is on a medical leave of absence

while being treated for a serious form of cancer. The Minnesota Eye Bank has come to their aid by sending Wallis Cale to Wisconsin to fill in three to four days a week. The Wisconsin and Minnesota Eye Banks have had a very close working relationship over the past years. District 27 C2 met its goal in donations to the eye bank in 2010. Our district also met its goal in paying off the pledge to purchase the public relations room at the eye bank during the capital funds campaign. This is Lion Stan's last year on the eye bank board. He will be going off in June. They have already found a proposed replacement candidate. This will be further discussed later in today's meeting. Lion Stan thanked the cabinet for their support over his past 7 years on the eye bank board and for allowing him the privilege of serving on the board.

Vision Screening

Lions Dennis and Mary Jane Hirtz reported that both adult and children's vision screenings have been conducted in multiple areas around the district. Over 2,500 children have been screened. In many of the adult vision screenings, 50% or more of those tested have been referred to their eye care professionals. Our district will be sponsoring a children's vision screening training session in August, 2011. Lion Greg Tobisch was approached by an AARP representative to consider doing adult vision screening in conjunction with their Older Americans Driving Education Program where older drivers can come in for reeducation on driving skills. Mary Jane added that District 27-D1 got their adult vision screening program up and going. She and Lion Dennis presented our program to them at their district convention last year. Clubs doing vision screening are asked to report their results to our district representatives as well as to Prevent Blindness of Wisconsin.

Diabetes

Lions Bonnie and Don attended a Diabetes Focus Group meeting yesterday. As you know, March 22 has been designated as Diabetes Alert Day. Brochures are available from WLF. A new set of books is available for grade school libraries. They are written in a native American format, covering healthy food choices, exercise and tricky treats to avoid. U-W Superior Diabetes Prevention and Control Group will be putting on a seminar in Minocqua April 7 for health care professionals. They have asked several Lions members to show up with their vests on to meet and greet attendees and show them to the room. Lion Don reported the Wisconsin Focus Group will be sponsoring a diabetes float in the Lions International Convention Parade in Seattle.

Curling/Hearing

Lion Larry Ray reported the state curling was held in Centerville in January with 34 teams participating. Next year it will be held in Waupaca and in Medford the following year hosted by the Whittlesey Club. For hearing we've had 12 applications, four are still at the office. Anyone that has donations for hearing, please send them in as we can certainly use the funds.

Xerophthalmia

PDG Ed Linnemann explained that Bill Davidson, head of Xerophthalmia in Wisconsin, is in Nicaragua now. When he returns we will try to get him to hold a breakout session to explain xerophthalmia and have a table on xerophthalmia at the expo. Motion to forward a check for \$11,000 from our xerophthalmia fund to the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partnership... J. Lee/S. Lemke...carried. Organ donors are encouraged to go on the internet to "yesiwillwisconsin.org" to officially register as organ and tissue donors. Please communicate your wishes to your family

members. A picture was taken of treasurer Don Pirk presenting the \$11,000 xerophthalmia check to PDG Ed Linnemann for recognition of our contribution.

Mission to Mexico

At the moment Mission to Mexico trips have been put on hold until the potential risk of violence settles down. The project is still encouraging and accepting donations for when they do resume their travels to orphanages in northern Mexico.

Affiliate District President

Affiliate District President Betty Watkins explained that volunteer hours are on the rise and can be broken down into three broad areas: Providing a Service, Fund Raising and Christmas Activities. The next affiliate meeting is scheduled for February 24 in Woodruff. Her goals are to meet with the zone chairman of each area to redefine the role of the Lioness within their zone and to have a special meeting with each club's officers to keep them informed.

Constitution and By-Laws

PDG Chuck Franz reported that 13 resolutions will be voted on the State Convention. The state committee has gone over the Constitution and By-Laws thoroughly. The resolutions will be published in the Wisconsin Lion newspaper.

District Policies

DG Bob recognized IPDG Shirley Lemke as the force behind the policy revision committee. The committee which met three times included Lions Shirley, Chuck Franz, Stan Carlson, Dennis Knott, Harry Helwig, Ed Weise, Leon Christiansen, and Bob Moen. They looked at several previous versions of the policies and reviewed the policies of district D-1. The completed revised policy manual was distributed to cabinet members before this meeting. PDG Stan Carlson presented additions and amendments to the revised policy. After a review and discussion by cabinet members present, motion ... J Ader/Ed Linnemann ... to approve the proposed policy with revisions presented today ... carried. DG Bob and the cabinet members offered their thanks to IPDG Shirley and the committee for their work and accomplishments.

Leader Dog

Lion Shirley reported for Lion Dave Lemke that Leader Dog representative Linda McClain and her dog Disney will attend our district convention. Linda and Disney will visit Medford Area Schools on Thursday April 14 and Lac du Flambeau area schools on Friday, April 15th before the convention.

2010 – 2011 District Convention / Expo

Lion Larry Krull summarized changes to the proposed schedule of events at the convention. Breakout sessions will include Jerry Rabbach speaking to eye tissue transporters and Bill Davidson wishes to speak on Xerophthalmia. Nancy Jensen and Lisa Bishop will speak at the noon luncheon. Motion ... D. Hirtz/B. Watkins... to authorize up to \$250.00 from the diabetes fund to purchase hats and t-shirts for Strides Walk participants achieving specific dollar pledges and to approve split of strides walk proceeds between the diabetes camp and ADA...carried. Motion... C. Franz/M.J. Hirtz...to not go along with a proposed Red Cross Blood Drive at our convention due to conflict with local blood drives... carried.

Peace Poster / Environmental Photo

Lion Judeen Knott announced that the winning peace poster came from the Merrill Club. The student and family will attend the luncheon. The new theme for next year is Children Know Peace. The environmental photo entries are due by March 1. We will have a couple of participants. Honorable mention certificates can be printed off the website for deserving peace poster entries.

Youth Exchange / Leo Clubs

PDG Harry Helwig reported that approximately 60 foreign exchange students will be coming this summer. They are still looking for host families. Clubs are encouraged to send in contributions to the district as we are assessed \$1700 each year. The Rhinelander Leos are still strong with 23 members and recently celebrated their 3rd anniversary. Lion Harry has been speaking to contacts in Tomahawk, Merrill and Ashland about possible future Leo Clubs.

Pins

Lion Mike Lorbetske reported that the next 2 pin designs are completed. Each will cover a 2 year period.

Bowling

PDG Ed Weise urges everyone to get their state bowling applications in. Next year's bowling will held in Medford.

Other Business

PDG Stan Carlson explained that an eye bank director can serve for two three year terms. The district nominates a candidate for the position and the eye bank board elects the candidate to the director position. Motion ... S. Carlson/L. Christiansen...to designate IPDG Shirley Lemke as our nominee to serve as a director on the eye bank board...carried.

PDG Stan Carlson provided a handout and explanation of the Helmer Lecy Sight Service Award. Applications need to be in by February 1st. Past recipients of this award from our district include Milt Hapke and Stan Carlson. The nomination is made by the District Governor.

DG Bob has received a letter from Lion Ken Otte, Secretary of the Hurley Lions Club requesting consideration to host the 2013 27-C2 District Convention and to be placed on the ballot to be voted upon at the 2011 District Convention.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Vic Schiszik
Cabinet Secretary