

**Lions District 26-M2  
Cabinet Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2017**

House Springs Lions Club Hall, House Springs MO

DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto) called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 7:09 pm.

Pledge: Lion CB Bonham (Bonhomme)

Invocation: Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto)

DG Lion Joe Detter welcomed everyone for attending and introduced our new 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster. (Applause) 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster said he would like to thank everyone for allowing him to honor this district again and I hope that I can fill the shoes that this District expects me to fill. I will do my best 100%. Thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity.

The meeting was then adjourned for dinner and reconvened at 7:48 p.m. DG Lion Joe Detter thanked everyone for signing the birthday card.

Appointment of Tail Twister: PDG Lion Jack Lenk (Webster Groves)

**Secretary Report:** Lion Kelly Rackovan (Mehlville) Copies of the minutes were emailed out and provided copies at the Cabinet Meeting for anyone that didn't receive them. Asked if anyone that didn't receive the minutes see me after the meeting and make sure that they will get them. Motion was made by Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area) to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific); motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Lion Steve Davis (DeSoto) passed out reports on every table. July 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2017: The Administrative Account total income is \$12,889.00 and total expenses are \$10,930.92. The Service Activity Account balance is \$44,804.95. Cash Reserve Account balance is \$15,347.06. DG Lion Joe Detter asked for any questions or discussion; there were none. Motion was made by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific) to accept the report, which was seconded by Jeff Rackovan (Mehlville); motion passed. Budget approval, DG Lion Joe Detter asked for any questions or discussion; there were none on the budget approval. Motion was made by Steve Parker (Eureka) to accept the Budget, which was seconded by Pam Manuel (Pacific); motion passed.

**Zone Chairperson Reports: 2nd VDG Lion George Winkeler (House Springs):**

Zone 1: No report.

Zone 2: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Mehlville): Highlights of club events. Concord Village Lions have 1 new member. Mehlville Lions have 2 new members.

Zone 3: Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton): Highlights of club events.

Zone 4: No report.

Zone 5: Lion Steve Parker (Eureka): Highlights of club events. Union Lions have 1 new member and dropped 3 members. Gray Summit Lions have 2 new members and dropped 1 member. Pacific Lions lost 1 member to death.

Zone 6: Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves): Highlights of club events. Southside Lions are about to install 4 new members.

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood): Highlights of club events.

Zone 8: Lion CB Bonham (Bonhomme): Highlights of club events.

Zone 9: Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area): Highlights of club events. Wildwood Area has a -3 in members for the year.

DG Lion Joe Detter (DeSoto) asked that Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton) introduce two members that have never been to a Cabinet Meeting: Lion Cindy and Gene Baker (Valley Park) and Lion Bob and his wife and 1 other first time to a meeting. Welcome.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort):**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

District Bulletin (Sue Templeton/Maplewood): Accepting any information, stories or events that need to be in the bulletin by October 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope to get it out by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Also please get your club tee shirts for the district quilt to me ASAP.

District Convention (PCC Lion Gina Boettcher/Gerald): March 23-25, I hope everyone has it on their books. We are going to be at the Double Tree, our guest speaker is going to be International Director Tom Goodon from Ontario, Canada. Friday night we are going to have hospitality for \$185.00 per club. If you need an application, I can email it to you. It is also on the website. Saturday we will have our business session along with lunch, voting and banquet. Sunday we will have a Memorial Service. Prices are the same as last year. (\$28.00 for lunch, \$45.00 for banquet and \$25.00 for breakfast).

State/International Convention (PCC Lion Gina Boettcher/Gerald): Our committee met at the Double Tree September 23 and discussed the upcoming State Convention which will be held on April 26-29 at the Double Tree, M2 will be hosting the convention. 2019 site, St. Joseph will be having the convention. We are also collecting for the giveaway basket for early registration; the theme is "Gateway to Vegas." Please contact PCC Lion Gina Boettcher/Gerald or PDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort if you would like to donate anything.

Public Relations (CB Bonham/Bonhomme): He has signs for the District to us for publicity, if you need them just let him know.

2017-18 Environmental Photo Contest (Lion Barb Kurkowski/Maplewood): Remind your members to participate in the photo contest. We will be voting on the entries at the December Cabinet Meeting. Only one from each club. 8 ½ X 10 on quality photo paper, color or black and white. LCI will select the theme for this year at their November 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Plan on a nature theme, such as plants, animals, weather. No people in the picture. Any questions, contact me at barbkurkowski@att.net.

### **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM/GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM/GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM**

District GLT Coordinator (Lion Devin Struttman/Union): Our district wants to commend those who have traveled to learn new things and network with other Lions. We have a small group at the USA/Canada Forum two weeks ago. Then, we have a whole busload of Lions just return yesterday from Leader Dog for the Blind. You may be asking yourself, what can I do now? Here are a few options: Attend a zone meeting. Visit the Lions Learning Center and take an online course (For example, Time Management). Plan for the future: 2018 International Convention (July, Las Vegas), 2018 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (last weekend in July, Maryville), 2018 USA/Canada Forum (September, Columbus, Ohio). Leadership is embracing new technology to reach others. It's not a matter if social media will be used, even if we don't embrace it, our future Lions will. I have an uneasy relationship with social media. Make a commitment with me to embrace and use social media to support and strengthen our clubs and district. Take 1 Step. I'm developing a program and tools about social media that can be presented at zone meetings or club visits. Gratitude; for leadership to be effective, we need to start from a position of gratitude. Look around this room and those on each side of you. These are Lions willing to go the extra step to serve us and others. We often judge each other and harshest because they don't meet our expectations, don't attend as many events as us or work as hard as us. We also do this with our Lions clubs and club members. This can be unfair. Let's be grateful for those giving of their time and talents and find unique ways to work together.

District GMT Coordinator (Lion Pam Mauel/Pacific): As of today we have 1424 members in our district. We are -6 for the year. I believe we are off to a great start and have heard from several clubs that they are signing up new members so the -6 will be turning to a positive number in no time! Only about 25% of Lions in the state of Missouri are woman. We are missing out on all the wonderful opportunities there are by asking woman to join. Ask your friends, coworkers, and the checker in the check out, the bank teller. Let's make DG Lion Joe Detter's goal of 2 new Lions a month per zone happen. The new Rock Community Club is off to a great start. We just need a couple more members to get them chartered. If you know of anyone living in the Barnhart/Imperial area, let them know there's a new Lions Club coming soon. Lion Jeff has business cards he would be more than happy to share with district. Have his card available to share with anyone interested in joining a brand new club. When you're talking Lions to friends and family, mention how wonderful the clubs are in their area and ask them to check them out too. Offer to take them to a meeting. We are a TEAM! Let's spread the god name of Lions and help each other out!

District GST Coordinator (Lion Sandee Marshall/Wildwood Area): The goal (of Global Action Team): As I reported at the August meeting, the goal of the 3-person Global Action Team is to impact more than 200 million lives through service, to increase our membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos, and to provide learning opportunities to more than 500,000 members by the year 2020. The service portion continues what we have been talking about for 3 years with the Centennial Service Challenge. Remember that this year there are 5 campaigns to address to earn the patch. And they are hunger, vision, environment, youth (especially pediatric cancer) and diabetes. Lion Ruth Boyer will have some suggestions for you about service in the diabetes area. Don't forget about your Legacy project. That is a highly visible addition to your community celebrating our history of service. To accomplish these goals, LCI is highly encouraging each club to elect a service chair. This person can find what your community needs are and hopefully balance the percentage of fundraisers with hands-on service opportunities. Lastly, the team encourages the clubs and District and individuals to work together. Some clubs need help and some clubs need service opportunities. Working together helps achieve everyone's goals. It's time to look at new ways of thinking and doing things. I know that we all want healthy, vital clubs in our second century of service. Thanks to clubs participating in World Service Day. Together, let's prove that, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion!"

## **LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH**

**Leo Clubs** (Lion Toni Mahoney/Richwoods): Leo Rally at Council of Governor's on October 28. If you have Leo's please encourage them to attend. Hillsboro Lions are considering a Leo's Club. This past July M26 hosted 11 youths from 7 different countries. (Brazil, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy and Turkey.) Quite a few Lions attended a meet and greet at House Springs Lions Hall. Fun had by all. Please share this outstanding opportunity for our MO Youths between ages 16-21 to attend an International Lions Camp. All camps will be listed on line by the end of October @ [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). I'm available for more detailed information and presentations. Any donations are appreciated. Thank you for all your support.

Toni Mahoney (Richwoods): Talked about Richwoods since the zone chair wasn't there. 570 used eye glasses were collected. Fall Festival; which is a service for our community, free train rides, hands on for children assembling action figures with hammers and nails. No charge for booths. Fire awareness. Governor's Visit was this past Tuesday. We still have 26 members.

**Peace Poster** (Lion Becky Speeler/Webster Groves): The theme of the 2017-2018 Peace Poster contest is "A Future of Peace". I gave a presentation to the Ferguson Zone Meeting. I am thrilled they're participating this year. I believe we have 6 clubs participating this year. Please bring your winning poster to the G-Force Meeting, November 6<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make it. I will pick up your poster. This is where we will judge the posers and send our winning poser to the Multiple District, for the next level judging.

**State Band** (PDG Lion Joe Foster/Beaufort): Update: They voted to have a Missouri State All Star Band this year. They are currently working on putting together a program. They are trying to get the cost down. Our District did say that they would come up with 15 band members. That's what we discussed at our last Cabinet Meeting. Trying to keep the amount under \$700.00. The band committee is trying to keep the cost down. More information to come soon.

## **SIGHT AND HEARING**

**Delta Gamma** (Lion Barb Kurkowski/Maplewood): The Center has had a very busy summer with several trips for each age category. Chicago and Denver were two of the longest trips. They still have a couple of job opportunities, if you know of anyone looking for a very rewarding career. They have several upcoming events in October and will be opening their Shining Light Tree Lot the day after Thanksgiving on Rock Hill. They need many volunteers to staff this project. You can volunteer through the website [www.dgckids.org/treelot](http://www.dgckids.org/treelot).

**Diabetes Awareness** (Lion Ruth Boyer/Beaufort): More than 422 Million people worldwide have diabetes and this number is increasing in every country. Diabetes is a leading cause of blindness, amputations, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke and early death. The International Diabetes Federation estimates that by 2040 there will be more than 642 Million living with the disease. Help out by participating in World Day events on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Organize a "Strides; Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event in your community. Volunteer to serve at a children's camp for diabetes. Support your nearest diabetes foundation.

**District & State Hearing** (PCC John Yount/Richwoods): Portable audiometers are available for your use at functions such as health fairs and festivals where the community may gather. The hearing van is also available throughout the year. Keep this rolling billboard in your thoughts when planning events so we may have it in our area. Please remember we are urging full support for the Hearing Sweepstakes (The only fundraiser for hearing), **Nothing** comes from your dues for this program. It is entirely supported by your donations and the sale of sweepstakes tickets. This being said the tickets are being printed at this time. They will probably be available in the next two months. On another note the District has had 10 requests for Hearing Aids of which 1 application has been completed and returned for review. This application has been approved and the applicant is being sent to the Beltone facility in their area.

**Leader Dog** (Ron Nisbet/Brentwood): This report began on Friday, September 29, 2017 and ended Sunday, October 1, 2017. End of report. Oh, for those Lions who were unable to attend the bus ride up to Leader Dog School for the Blind and back, it was a successful trip. PCC Lion Joe and his wife Lion Michelle Foster of Beaufort Lions Club worked for approximately one and one half year along with Lion Beth Slade at Leader Dog School in Rochester, MI to coordinate a Missouri Lions trip to the school. When Lion Joe put out the word for the trip a whole lot Lions wanted to go even up to about 6 months ago there were two busloads, well we were even short one bus this weekend but it was almost full. We stayed at the Holiday Inn Express, in Jackson, MI. Lion Joe called ahead and told them when to expect us and they were ready. In approximately one half hour they had all 49 of us checked in. (49 was the bus driver).

Saturday morning was off to Leader Dog School. A presentation by Lion Beth Slade and Beth Sheppard took a little longer than expected due to questions, but then lunch, which Lion Joe provided for us in our fees. After lunch we were divided into groups to tour the school grounds, which included the puppy kennel, training area, student rooms (which by the way, were out training, even on Saturday, while we were there), gift shop, blindfold area to walk with Leader Dogs in training, veterinarian clinic. These areas we visited will be in a photo group. This scheduled four hour trip to the school took six hours. We were also given some information

cards and place mats, which will be available after this meeting. DG Lion Joe Detter presented a check for \$5,200.00 from different clubs and committees. Five Missouri Districts were represented in this visit. Lion Joe has asked to really spread the word and see if another trip could be scheduled for next year. We all returned home safe and sound thanks to Mid America Coaches and our driver, Floyd Bailie.

LCIF (PDG Debbie Blumenberg/House Springs): When service projects are too large for a club or our district to financially support, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there to assist. A great example of Lions and LCIF working together happens in the midst of disaster. This summer, the world watched as natural disasters struck around the world. In South Asia, parts of India, Nepal and Bangladesh are experiencing devastating monsoon rains. In Mumbai alone, over 1,000 people have been reported killed in the floods. In the past 3 months, LCIF has approved 20 emergency grants to South Asia, totaling \$125,000. In July, flooding in Japan took lives and destroyed homes. LCIF awarded a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to help community recover. In August, Hurricane Harvey devastated the Texas coast stretching from the Houston area into Louisiana. LCIF immediately awarded a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to assist in reconstruction efforts. Within two weeks of Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma struck Florida and other areas of the Southeast and destroyed much of the islands in the western Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. At the same time, Mexico was hit by its strongest earthquake in 100 years. LCIF has made funds available for two more \$100,000 grants. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, World Sight Day will focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment. Lions have been leaders in supporting this cause since 1925, when Helen Keller challenged us to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.”

Missouri School for the Blind (Anna Schell): Missouri School for the Blind would like to invite us to their Christmas Extravaganza on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. Students will receive their Giving Tree gifts. Anyone that wants to participate in the Giving Tree Event, please contact Ms. Lee at the school for more information.

Saving Sight (Lion Pat Martchink/House Springs): Proposal for corporate restructuring was brought before the board in August. After much discussion in Executive Session the board did not approve the proposal. The Executive Committee of the board met in September with a strategic plan for Saving Sight. The Executive Committee will submit their ideas to the rest of the board and the management staff within the next several months. Next Saving Sight board meeting is in December. Patrick Matchink (House Springs) was elected to Board Secretary. Serves on Executive Committee and Finance Committee.

Used Eye Glasses (PDG Elmer Weinrich/Chesterfield): Does anybody have any used eye glasses? I have 20,000 pairs in my 10X10 storage room. So I told my wife that we need to go to Columbia. So we loaded 16,000 pair in the truck and we are going tomorrow morning. I couldn't fit the other 4,000 pair in the truck. About 5,000 pair came from House Springs Lions Club. Need more glasses.

**New Business:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Joe Foster (Beaufort) reported at Camp Wyman had a huge fire over the weekend. He will check into it further and report back.

Gene Baker (Valley Park) He is having a really big issue with the cost of membership for Veteran's that is in need. They need people to talk to. Where does our money go? How can we break these costs down? Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton) and Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific) will explain it to him.

**DG-Elect Closing Remarks:** None.

**DG Closing Remarks:** DG Lion Joe Detter wanted to talk about upcoming dates. Camden on the Lake is October 27 & 28. Our next Cabinet Meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup> at House Springs Lions Club. Short meeting and then a Christmas Party. Our next G-Force Meeting will be November 6<sup>th</sup> at Firehouse on Lemay. Would like to thank everyone who came out tonight. All of our clubs seem to be doing well. Anything anyone else would like to talk about: PCC John Yount spoke about we have a lot of veterans. In M1 in Perryville they are putting up a full size replica of the wall, Vietnam Veterans and all. They are trying to raise money for that. This is not a Lions project. But I think at a District that we might want to make a donation to this. DG Lion Joe Detter would like to talk about this at the Council of Governors Meeting. Also there's a Purple Heart Program. If your town wants to do that go to your Mayor and talk about it.

**50/50:** \$124.00 was won by Lion Jack Lenk/Webster Groves.

**Tail Twister:** \$82.40 was collected and donated to LCIF Disaster Relief. A motion was made by Lion Steve Parker (Eureka), second by Lion Jeff Rackovan (Mehlville).

The G-Force meeting will be held November 6<sup>th</sup> at Fire House Bar & Grill, Mehlville.

The next Cabinet Meeting will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> at House Springs Lions Club Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. A motion was made by Lion CB Bonham, second by Lion Teddi Speeler. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lion Kelly Rackovan*

District 26-M2 Cabinet Secretary