

District 27 B-1 Third Cabinet Meeting
Sunday January 6th, 2013

Call to Order at 1:02 p.m.- DG Meg Post

Pledge of Allegiance-IPDG Merle Strelow

Prayer - Lion Bonnie Strelow

Song - Lion Bonnie Strelow (instead of a song, Lion Bonnie read an inspirational song about Lionism from a very old song book)

Introduction of Guests - DG Meg Post

Lion Marve Henke and Diane, Lion Joanne Hanson (ZC Harvey's spouse), Christine from Collins club (spouse of Vic Voigt), former B2 Lion Dean Haas

Approval of Agenda & Opening Remarks - DG Meg Post "Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad."

Roll Call - Lion Gary Silah, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. A sign-in sheet was sent around; more information than usual was required by International, as there would be an election of 2nd Vice District Governor today, and a report must be sent in. It was suggested to go with a verbal roll call in the future, to help us identify each other. This change will be implemented for the next meeting.

Approval of Cabinet Minutes from August 5, 2012

Treasurers report – Lion Gary Silah: written report distributed, motion by IPDG Merle, seconded by Lion Dave Holschbach to accept as submitted; passed.

Tail Twister - Lion Helen Mork: we have already collected \$548, which surpassed the budgeted amount, and Helen thanked all of us for our good humor, but she will continue to fine (of course).

Communications: DG Meg Post and Lion Gary Silah; a thank you from Lion Myra on the cabinet gift for PDG Herb Schneider. Moment of silence followed to remember Herb and PDG Bob Showers.

Old Business:

Donation for the Disaster Relief fund with the profits from the Conference. Decision to hold this discussion until after the District Conference results later in the meeting.

New Business:

Election of Second Vice District Governor; Lion Ralph asks for nomination for Marv Heinke, who qualified for the post. Nomination by 1st Vice District Governor Dawn Christensen. 2nd by PDG Vic Voigt. Accepted by Marv Henke.

No other nominations from the floor.

Change in Policy Manual for District Convergence (presented by PDG Jerry Post) change to two Lioness as representatives, instead of just one; motion by Jerry, seconded by Lion Ralph, to accept the change; passed.

Committee Reports (Written reports for distribution or 3 minutes or less verbal):

Vice District Governor (now District Governor Elect) Lion Dawn Christensen; thanks for your support; I wish to attend club and zone meetings.

2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Jim Zamzow (not present, because of an ankle break on Christmas Eve).

GLT/GMT

GMT – Lion Mike Helmke: six teleconferences done so far this year, very successful, lots of information to convey. Currently a plus three in membership.

GLT – Lion Dave Holschbach: Thanks for the support at the conference, very successful presentations. Two zone meetings coming up. May 4th and May 7th will be the annual Officers training at Moraine Park in Fond du Lac. Lots of emphasis on the new computer entry systems. Gov Meg has heard a lot of comments at club visits on training for regular Lions members on the information that is available on the various websites that are out there. Suggestion is made that we do some presentations at the zone meetings.

Dean Hass; 'Communicate Like a Leader' is a presentation that focuses on getting up in front of a group and talking on February 21-22-23. If anyone is interested, let Dean or Gov Meg know. Also, the Club Excellence Process: a new program to help clubs deal with drops in membership. A joint B1-B2 training program in Appleton is being worked on.

WLF, Lion Fred Gebhardt: right now the camp is in the RCC schedule throughout the winter. Been successful this year, not so much with the warm winter last year. Invites to the summer campers went out last week. Also, deer hides program is ahead of last year's collection. Thanks to be clubs and their donations that make the camp possible. State Convention 16-17-18; sign-up for visitations start there.

Affiliate President, Lioness Diane Schmidt: thanks to Lion Fred for storing the supplies from the Lioness. Increase of four members in 27-B1 so far this year. Affiliate District is working to make sure that the Lioness presence for the state convention is highly visible.

Affiliate Liaison – Lion Gerry Schmidt: Happy new year, everyone, and nothing new to report

LCIF – PDG Vern Pautz: The foundation has been hit very hard by the disasters recently. Over 4 million people have benefited from the measles program put forward. Lions foundation were the first to help out on the east coast after Hurricane Sandy.

USA/ Canada Leadership Forum – PDG Gary Colton: September 19-21st 'follow the yellow brick road' to Overland Park, Kansas, for the forum this year. 3 great inspirational speakers for this one as well. See USA-CANADA FORUM.COM online for more information.

Lions Pride – PDG Herb Schneider: Gov Meg mentioned the Ray Hempfel fellowship, just like Melvin Jones, \$1,000 for the plaque and pin, and the fellowship supports the Lions Pride foundation. Pride is doing well, up to 7.5 million, and the loan from Lions Foundation is paid in full.

Youth Exchange – Lion Sandy King (presented by Lion Bonnie): our goal is 5 kids for our district.

Special Olympics. PDG Ken Wallander: April 6th at Oshkosh, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Help is also needed Friday 4 p.m. for setup.

Leo Chairman, Lion Joe Barth: still have just one Leo chapter, when a community loses its school, it's difficult to continue. Challenge the clubs in 27-B1 to move forward in Leo to guide our kids to a better idea of community.

Peace Poster, Lion Sandy King (absent)

Diabetes/LEPH/Sight Conservation – Lion Gary Silah: Tuesday, March 26th is Diabetes Alert Day; state office is suggesting that all clubs do an activity to promote Diabetes awareness.

Hearing, Speech & Eyeglass Recycling, Lion Wendy Hartmann: 4 people have been moved off the waiting list. Wendy has received 8 more applications that she is now processing.

Lions Eye Bank of WI, Phil Weber: during the state convention, there will be buses and tours at the Lions Eye Bank. Our immediate past president Tom King is matching donations to the eye bank, Phil urged all zone chairpersons to encourage their clubs to donate to the eye bank, at least as much as they have before and hopefully add to it a bit. The Lions Eye Bank director is resigning, and they are searching for a replacement. They are also trying to find out why the directors aren't staying.

Biggest year for the eye bank; 767 donors, 1,529 tissues. 1,054 resulted in transplants, 826 stayed in Wisconsin, 121 in the U.S., 107 went out internationally, and 289 were used for research and education. The new online sign-up system may have helped a lot. They were looking for one million online registrations; they actually exceeded that.

Wisconsin Lions Missions, Lion Ralph Schneider: Won't have definite dates until next Monday, the 14th. Some supplies are being taken, some aren't. PDG Bob Showers also had a big stockpile of items as well.

Leader Dog, Lion Jim McGee: slow time over the holidays, but we have raised over \$8,000 for Leader Dog so far, about 1/3 of what we did last year. Did want to recognize the Leo Club out of Reedsville; 1st time donation to Leader Dog. Working with a gal from the La Crosse area that is working toward getting a dog, as well as Lion Jim's son, who is starting the process. Also a shout-out to the Menasha club, who donated a Perkins braille.

Quest, PDG Vern Pautz: Currently 64 countries have Quest right now, helping 12,000,000 young people. The Lions of 27-B1 are getting into a Mishicot area school, and they are seeing an improvement in grades already.

District Raffle, Lion Mike DeBaere: We grossed about \$3,000 on the raffle, paid out about \$1,500. How do we get clubs to participate? Some haven't ever participated, but Mike should continue to send them tickets and the zone chairs should be pushing it with their clubs.

State Lions Convention, IPDG Merle Strelow: May 16, 17 and 18 at Middleton. \$92 a night room rate.

District and State Bowling, Lion Bill Hilbert: absent. New Poi Sippi district bowling, February 8th and 9th. IPDG Merle is spearheading the event, if anyone needs information.

IT, PDG Tom Clausen: Surprised there is still confusion after 10-12 years about the information available on the District and State websites. Tom is willing to do presentations at the conference, as well as the Officers Training sessions. Anything and everything is stored there; if people need assistance with finding the information, he'll be happy to help.

Governor Meg met 1st Vice District Governor Roger Weber from C2, who is also IT, and he said that 27-B1 has THE BEST district website he has ever seen.

Public Relations, Lion Mary Jo Abler: Same as usual, if you need help writing anything, let her know. We need articles to get the information presented at the cabinet level to the regular Lions of our district. Will be doing new articles on tissue transplants and other information.

Pin Chairman, Lion Wendy Hartmann: Not currently anything to report, now that we have just the one pin left. Have plenty of District pins left; let Wendy know if you need any.

Gov Meg has some of the 27-B1 pins left; SecTreas Gary and 1VDG Dawn have some as well.

District Bucket Raffle, Lion Jamie Christensen (by 1VDG Dawn): \$1,055 raised this year, over the target amount. Lots of good prizes; compliments to all the clubs. Dawn is looking for a bucket raffle chair for next year; District Governor Meg volunteered to take it for 2013-2014.

Historian, PDG Tom Clausen: last meeting, Tom promised to make all the boxes and boxes of history for our district into electronic files; now everything from the beginning of the district in 1967 until current is on our district website. Also, if any club has information in their files for the individual club pages, have them get it to Tom to add. Tom asked for permission to discard the paper information. Motion by PDG Jerry, seconded by IPDG Merle, to allow Tom to destroy the papers; passed. If anyone wants any of the documents, let him know; otherwise, they will be destroyed at the end of this Lions year.

Elections & Nominations, Lion Ralph Schneider: Thanks to Lion Marv for stepping forward for 2nd Vice District governor for this year. Remember to vote at the upcoming State convention; also, we now need a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor for November. Papers must be filed 30 days before the conference.

Zone Chairmen Reports:

Region 1 Zone 1, Lion Fred Gebhart: most clubs had a lot going during the Holidays; next meeting February 5th, guest speaker Dave Holschbach.

Region 1 Zone 2, combined chairs Lion Joe Barth and Lion Dave Holschbach: next meeting February 20th. Guest speaker Lion Wendy Hartman, and will hold a special raffle for the hearing program. All clubs active; membership down currently -1.

Region 1 Zone 3, Lion Mike Hartmann: all seven clubs are very active. Next meeting March 18th

Region 2 Zone 1, Lion Mike Helmke: no report, next meeting January 21st.

Region 2 Zone 2, Lion Madonna Schneider: all clubs are active, but have lost a few members. Next meeting January 29th.

Region 2 Zone 3, Lion Larry Dikeman: next meeting January 28th; all clubs active with holiday events.

Region 3 Zone 1, Lion Larry Fredrick: next meeting January 16th; PDG Tom Clausen and Lion Dave Holschbach will be doing the presentation.

Region 3 Zone 2, Lion Gary Silah: next meeting February 19th, PDG Tom and Lion Dave will be doing. Membership down 4.

Region 3 Zone 3, Lion Harvey Hansen: Last meeting had about 25 members, and Bud Sabel gave a presentation on eye transport and the eye bank. Next meeting in January or February. Has a receipt form to give to his clubs, to have them look for necessary medical supplies at rummage sales, etc. for donation.

Region 4 Zone 1, Lion Mike DeBaere: finishing up their holiday activities. Next meeting January 29th, with PDG Vern Pautz, IPDG Merle, PDG Ken Wallander, DG Meg.

Region 4 Zone 2, Lion Marv: next meeting March 11th with Vice District Governor Dawn to have an election for zone chair.

Region 5 Zone 1, Lion Carl Rasmussen: clubs gearing up for fisherees in January and February, and getting ready for a zone social. Next zone meeting January 21st.

Region 5 Zone 2, Lion Jeff Reabe: next zone meeting in February. One club lost 5 members, but the rest have been stable.

Zone meeting--reminder to do elections for zone chair before year's end. Also, question raised about getting attendance to zone meetings; possibly have some come after the meal?

Other Business:

Scams have been popping up lately. Papers have been arriving to clubs that look like bills from International. Warn your clubs to be on the lookout.

Next cabinet meeting April 28th at CJs in Ripon. Wear green for it.

Poi Sippi charter night not set yet. Please consider sending a check to get them started.

District Conference, PDG Vern: A great success, committee did a great job. Evaluations were really good, only one or two complaints.

We had discussed a \$1,000 donation to the disaster fund, but tabled it until we knew how the convention did. We also have a \$1,300 credit there, so we can get two Melvin Jones.

Governor Meg suggests that we take out \$500 to have when we lose a PDG, so we can give a memorial for them from the district. PDG Vern suggests we increase the amount to \$593.60 and extend this to include any current cabinet member. PDG Jerry made a motion to make it \$1,000, but no second; motion by IPDG Merle, seconded by Lion Helen, to make it \$500, with a set amount of \$100 per event for a seated Cabinet member or a PDG, with the stipulation that it be designated to the project believed to be the individual's choice. Passed.

PDG Vern also suggested that we set \$2,000 aside for the conference, in the eventuality that the conference loses money in the future. This past time, we received several breaks. Motion by PDG Gary Colton, seconded by Lion Mike Hartmann, to set aside \$2,000. During discussion, PDG Gary did mention that we already have a \$4,000 reserve in the Cabinet budget, but it would not be specifically designated for the conference. We do have to accept that this year was exceptional as far as profit was concerned, and we certainly cannot count on it happening. Motion rescinded. PDG Tom suggests that we simply earmark \$2,000 from the reserve fund for the convention. Motion by PDG Jerry, seconded by PDG Tom, that \$2,000 be made available for convention overruns. Motion passed.

Motion by PDG Merle, seconded by Mike Hartmann, that we donate \$1,092 to the Disaster Relief Fund, for a Melvin Jones to be named at a later date. Passed.

Motion by PDG Jerry, seconded by IPDG Merle, to adjourn; passed.