

**1) Call to Order by DG Larry Redlin at 9:30am**

**2) Pledge – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-elect Ln Tal Janowitz**

**3) Song – DG-elect Ln Dave Stedman**

**4) Invocation – Lion Keith Johnson**

**5) Roll Call**

a. Cabinet Secretary sent roster around for Cabinet attendance sign in

6) **PID Lion Mark Hintzman** - made opening remarks and introduction for ID Lion Larry Edwards who was the Conventions special guest; ID Ln Larry Edwards gave a few remarks about attending this year's convention

7) **DG Ln Larry** thanked the Cabinet, the Convention Committee and all those who attended for this wonderful convention

**8) Approval of 10-23-2021 Cabinet Meeting Minutes:**

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Ln Tracy DeAngelis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ln Joan Post = Approved

9) **Financial Reports:** 1<sup>st</sup> PDG Jerry Gibbons, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-elect Ln Ray Jones = Approved

a. Parade of Checks total = \$237,408.00

b. PDG Jordan Chadwick raised the question of monies for Youth programs (specifically Youth Exchange and Youth Outreach program), what are we doing with it? Or can the monies be re-allocated?

c. PDG Jordan Chadwick also raised the question of the \$30,075.72 in Disaster 27-A1 fund. Do we want to leave in fund we will never use or have a maximum in fund of \$10,000. Anything over \$10,000 would come from grant monies through LCI or federal.

i. IPDG Ln Don Drew suggested as an option to take the Disaster fund off of the Parade of Checks for possibly 1 year.

ii. DG Ln Larry would like to form a committee of to recommend changes. Committee to consist of PDG Jordan Chadwick, DG Larry Redlin, Cabinet Treasurer Ln Mary Tatera, PDG Neil Winchell, IPDG Ln Don Drew, DG-elect Ln Dave Stedman and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-elect Ln Tal Janowitz.

d. Cabinet Treasurer also mentioned a bank charge on the Convention fund account has been at \$5/month and now was raised to \$8/month. The bank states that the first 4 accounts are bank fee free but the 5<sup>th</sup> account there is a bank fee. Suggestion was made to close the money market account and move monies to the Admin. Fund under a separate line item, thereby only having 4 accounts and no bank fees.

- i. Motion to transfer from Money Market to Admin. Fund; 1<sup>st</sup> Ln Mary Tatera, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ln Rob Johnston = Approved

10) **Zone Chairs:**

- a. 5.2 DG-elect Ln Dave Stedman – February 28, Fort Atkinson hosting at American Legion Club
- b. 2.1 date changed from February 10 to February 3, St. Francis is hosting
- c. 3.1 next Zone meeting will be on February 24 with Big Bend Vernon Lions hosting
- d. 2.2 next Zone meeting will be February 9 at Kowicki Center tentative with confirmation from Greater Greenfield – trying to get clubs to work better together
- e. 3.2 and 4.1 no Zone meetings set up so far this year and none are scheduled as yet – DG Ln Larry will contact Ln Nate, Zone Chair as well as Ln Casey for 4.1
- f. 4.2 PDG Ln Greg Pryor emailed the Zone meeting will be on January 26 at the Whitewater Lions Clubhouse.

11) **Committee Reports:**

- a. PDG Ln Neil Winchell Leo Chairperson – Franklin Lions will pursue a Leo Club and after PDG Neil's presentation at Convention 2 other Lions Clubs are interested in pursuing Leo clubs.
- b. Convention Committee Chair Ln Darlene Janowitz reported 340 Lions registered for the Convention and 17 Leos registered. She thanked one and all
- c. WI Lions Foundation – Ln Dave Abstetar reported changes to vision screening since Prevent Blindness wants to charge \$75/Lion. Therefore, WLF will take over training and certification at no cost. Camp will be hosting 125 campers for this upcoming year. ½ trailer full of glasses, and deerhides will be reported later in the year. Still collecting inkjet cartridges, hearing aides, cell phones and glasses, etc.
- d. Outgoing WLF Director, Ln Tracy DeAngelis welcomed Ln Denise Gibbons into WLF family. Ln Tracy thanked all for supporting her, her family, and her Muskego Lions Club. Ln Tracy reminded all that Admirals Lions Day is the end of February. \$4 from each \$22 ticket sold goes back to the camp!
- e. Ln Jeff Meyer Hearing Chair reported applications down again this year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year possibly due to covid. Financially in good shape; only 9 hearing aids purchased this year so far. \$3600 winning bid for the District Duck won by Tichigan Lake Lions. Monies used to buy hearing aids. Ln Jeff reported that there is enough money in account to buy hearing aids on a case-by-case basis. See submitted report for more information.
- f. Ln Sue Jones, Hunger Chair reported food donations collected at this year's Convention will be passed on to the Walworth County Food Bank. This is an annual event.

- g. PDG Greg Pryor, Chair for Global Membership Team, GMT Family & Women's Specialist reported as of January 5, 2022 membership was at 1889, up from 1857 back on July 1, 2021. Ln Rob Johnston reported recruitment is up even though one (1) club disbanded causing a loss of 25 members. To date, PDG Greg says we have recruited 138 new members and dropped 106 giving us a net gain of 32 members. Female membership increased by 38 to 521 and male membership declined by 6 to 1368. Currently there are 328 family unit members throughout the 51 Lions Clubs in 27-A1.
- h. Ln Marcia Belair, LeaderDog Counselor for SE WI and Northern IL. Ln Marcia reported she has been with LeaderDog for 19 years and her current dog is Shepard mix and is a 'Challenge Dog', very vocal by yawning which is the dog's way of trying to relax. Dog is going back in 2 weeks for initial pre-med qualifications on the dog. No dogs went outside the US of late. LeaderDog stopped breeding during Covid.
- i. Lions Eye Bank – IPDG Don Drew reported Cornias collections are down due to Covid. The Eye Bank are hiring more people for collecting. Available for club or Zone meetings.

## **12) Old Business:**

- a. \$300 to update/restore/refurbish old treasurer's laptop has been completed and will get to Cabinet Secretary.

## **13) New Business:**

- a. Parade of Checks current total: \$237,408
- b. Voting Result Winners: Ln Jennifer Pryor Young, Co-Chair
  - i. 90 voters
  - ii. Golf – Oak Creek Lions
  - iii. Bowling – Hales Corners Lions
  - iv. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor-elect = Ln Ray Jones
  - v. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor-elect = Ln Tal Janowitz
  - vi. District Governor-elect = Ln Dave Stedman
  - vii. WLF Director = Ln Denise Gibbons
- c. Ln Jennifer Pryor Young made a motion to destroy all ballots,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ln Denise Gibbons = Passed
- d. Ln Marty Hutchings asked the Cabinet if they have ever heard of ABLE = Audio Braille Literacy Enhancement
  - i. its an organization out of Milwaukee
  - ii. they translate restaurant menus into Braille

- iii. they also translate books into digital audio format for easier reading by the visually impaired
- iv. Ln Marty would like ABLE to be included in the Parade of Checks

**14) 1<sup>st</sup> VG Elect Comments:** Ln Tal thanked all who voted, thanks the election committee and for everyone's support.

**15) DG Elect Comments:** DG elect Ln Dave Stedman talked about the journey from 3 years ago until now and how tremendous A1 really is. "We are a team and a model for the rest of the state."

**16) DG Comments:** DG Ln Larry exclaimed what an incredible first ½ of the year we have had with the Convention and focus on membership. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half is State Convention which 27 – A1 is hosting and the same committee is being used for District as well as state. The focus for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half will also focus on retention and reporting. Currently only 54% of clubs are reporting and DG Ln Larry would like to see that up to 75% by end of Lionistic year.

- a. State Bowling will be in LaCrosse from Feb 26 – April 10; Ln Joan Post has application forms
- b. New Constitution & By-laws chair will be Ln Steve Kmiec from Mukwonago Lions

**17) Tail Twister** – Ln Jackie reported \$335 was collected from stickers.

- a. Motion was made for the \$335 to go to WLF Lions Camp for Diabetes Week; 1<sup>st</sup> Ln Darlene Janowitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ln Tracy DeAngelis = Passed
- b. Motion was made for the remaining \$516 collected through tail twisting to go into the Convention fund; 1<sup>st</sup> PDG Jordan Chadwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ln Ray Jones = Passed

**18) Prayers and concerns** for PDG Gary Stewart of Muskego Lions Club, Ln Al Bassett of South Milwaukee Lions Club and Ln George Cook of New Berlin Lions Club.

**19) Motion to Adjourn** – 1<sup>st</sup> PDG Jordan Chadwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ln Maggi Bain = Approved

Meeting Adjourned 10:39 AM

Next Meeting to be held on Monday, March 7, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Ln Patt Goerke, Cabinet Secretary