

1) Call to Order by DG Larry Redlin at 6:05pm

2) Pledge – 1st VDG-elect Ln Tal Janowitz

3) Song – 2nd VDG-elect Ln Ray Jones

4) Invocation – DG-elect Ln Dave Stedman

5) Roll Call

- a. Cabinet Secretary sent roster around for Cabinet attendance sign in
- b. Addition to 1-16-22 Cabinet Meeting Minutes - Ln Marty Hutchings ABLE added
- c. Ln Marty Hutchings made the motion to accept the minutes with the addition, Ln Ray Jones second = Approved

6) Financial Reports: 1st PDG Jordan Chadwick made the motion to approve the Financial reports, 2nd Ln Tim Szeklinski = Approved

- a. State account added in the P & L in Convention Fund
 - i. Any way to pull out State Convention expenses & income to separate District from State
 - ii. Only 1 checking account
 - iii. Convention Committee received a District report
 - iv. Cabinet Treasurer will do a report for Cabinet
 - v. Seed money (\$3000) will be repaid to District once State Convention is done
- b. PDG Jordan Chadwick requested that the Cabinet needs to look at Fund accounts
 - i. Several categories were combined for easier understanding of the account
 - ii. Disaster will now include current Alert and Disaster
 - iii. New category called Sight Services will now include Vision Screening and Sight Conservation
 - iv. Youth Services will now include Drug Awareness, Quest, Youth Exchange and Youth Outreach
 - v. Debbie Schwanz Scholarship will be moved to the Administration account & treat it more like an award, similar to Melvin Jones, etc.
 - vi. District reserve fund will now include Miscellaneous (i.e., interest)
 - vii. Zone chairs will be able to promote and explain
 1. Zone chairs will be able to explain accounts to clubs
 - viii. Next step would be prior to POC to have clubs know how much money is in each account

- ix. Motion made to combine accounts as outlined by PDG Jordan Chadwick – 1st PDG Ln Dave Hempel, 2nd 2VDG-elect Ln Ray Jones = Approved

7) **Zone Chairs:**

- a. 3.1 Ln Kim reported the Feb. 24 Zone meeting was held at Big Bend Vernon Lions Clubhouse with a discussion on Leadership presented by DG Ln Larry Redlin, next Zone meeting will be on May 26 hosted by Prospect Lions to be held at New Berlin VFW
- b. 1.1 will have a Zone meeting on May 23 at the Caledonia Clubhouse
- c. 5.1 Ln Al reported the last Zone meeting was hosted by the Wales-Genesee Lions. Ln Al also reported that he has visited all clubs in his Zone except for one. His next Zone meeting will be April 18 hosted by the Dousman Ottawa Lions. Ln Al is working with 2 clubs who are having issue as well as working with clubs on tax preparations, reporting and filing.
- d. 5.2 reported they had approximately 50 members attend their last Zone meeting. The CEO of the WI Lions Eye Bank was the guest speaker. Clubs were informed to get ready for officer elections.

8) **Committee Reports:**

- a. Ln Patti Redlin Restoring Hope House transplants are moving along prior to COVID however at the House COVID is still an issue dealing with protocols, etc.
- b. Ln Marie report for Kathy's House that COVID is still a concern. She reported that since the opening of the new Kathy's House in June provided over 6,000 nights of lodging to 495 families. 36 rooms were initially being use but now they are up to using all 38 rooms. Typically, 80-90% at full capacity. Average night stay is now up to 13 nights. People are now starting to make dinners for Kathy House guest. Ln Marie will be doing a presentation at State Convention.
- c. PDG Dave Hempel reported on Vision Screening. They have picked up the MKE public schools and are 16-18 schools doing 3-4 screenings a week. Average referral rate in the Milwaukee School system is 25-40%. March is all booked for screening and Ln Dave has 5 bookings for April/May with more coming in. He doesn't know how many of those referrals follow up with the doctor. We don't have the right to that information. We are trying to get the schools to contact the Lions for financial help. Walmart will provide glasses at \$50/pair. Screening is still being done in Mukwonago with Williams Bay to follow along with Lake Geneva. MD27 was presented with a trophy by Kids Sight USA to be housed up at the State office.
- d. Ln Rob Johnston reported Club Retention is still looking good. However, Ln Rob is looking for ideas on retention at the Board level within the clubs (President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.).

Most clubs are filling vacant positions with past presidents just to fill the spot, and then start recruiting now for next year, most clubs need at least 1 position to be filled.

- e. PDG Greg Pryor reported on membership saying as of January 31, 2022 we gained 57 members. This is 71.25% of the DG's goal of 80 new members. 31 out of the 51 clubs have added 1 or more new members. As of January 31 we have recruited 172 new members and dropped 115. Female membership increased by 48 to 531 and male membership increased by 9 to 1383. Currently there are 358 Family unit members throughout the clubs in the district. Lastly, MD27 is the 4th largest district in the world!!
- f. PDG Jordan Chadwick reported the State Convention website has not easy to register and all rooms at the Grand Geneva have been filled. Now registrants will need to go to outside hotels which will be on the website. All cabinet members should attend.
 - i. Zone chairs should obtain a \$25-50 raffle from their Zone
 - ii. Would like 1 hole sponsor for the golf outing from each Zone
 - iii. Ln Joan Post for the State Convention Program book needs a sponsor for the back cover @ \$250 She also needs additional adds; the form is online
- g. Ln Marcia reported for Leader Dog without her dog. Her dog is at Leader Dog going through Foundations, moving up to Basics soon, with another dog.
 - i. March 26 Leader Dog Coordinator training will be at East Troy Clubhouse for trainers.
 - ii. Ln Marcia is going on her 19th dog!!
 - iii. Ln Marty reported on BOLD where 95 VIPs were supported in A1, signed up new VIPs as well as 3 new VIP skiers. Appreciated clubs supporting BOLD with sponsoring events, food, transportation as well as money. There's another BOLD out in Pennsylvania but they are not supported through their Lions clubs.

9) Old Business:

- a. Computer was repaired and upgraded and handed over to the Cabinet Secretary. This laptop will now go with the Cabinet Secretaries as they transition from one Cabinet to the next.

10) New Business:

- a. DG Ln Larry would like to apply for a matching funds grant from LCI for Vision Screening cameras and printers. District 27-A1 has been borrowing or sharing cameras around the district to do vision screening in areas where clubs were unable to purchase any cameras. In order to increase the ability to vision screen and to have more vision screens involved the District 27-A1 would like to purchase 4 PlusOptix vision screening cameras with printers and the District will purchase a 5th printer for a total cost of \$22,086.75. PDG Ln Greg Pryor made the

motion to go forward with the grant proposal, PDG Ln Neil Winchell second the motion. The motion passed. PDG Ln Dave reported that he keeps the District camera and the clubs keep their own. The District is moving from eye charts to the devices

- b. Ln Ed Neckar will do Orientation for new members. Please keep him in mind and invite him when you have a new member. An idea is to have either a District or Zone New Member Get Together, maybe in late May. Tichigan Lake Lions have an Orientation video they created that they are will to share.

11) 1st VG Elect Comments: Ln Tal reported that retention is the next big thing – how do you keep members in your club. He is willing to attend club meetings.

12) DG Elect Comments: Ln Dave Stedman mentioned how pleased he is that members are stepping up to fill spots on the District Cabinet so he can have a 'full' Cabinet. In the future you will hear the incoming International President's theme: Together We Can. He is currently working on his District goals.

13) DG Comments: DG Ln Larry exclaimed District 27-A1 is just great!

14) Tail Twister – Ln Jackie did Happy Dollars for this meeting and collected \$90

- a. Ln Jackie Bordak made a motion for the \$90 to go to ABLE Foundation, Ln Rob Johnston seconded the motion = Motion passed

15) Motion to Adjourn – 1st Ln Joan Post, 2nd Ln Tal Janowitz = motion passed

Meeting Adjourned 7:41pm

Next Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the State Convention

Respectfully Submitted,

Ln Patt Goerke, Cabinet Secretary