

**Cabinet Meeting, January 7, 2024**  
**Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee**

**Attire: PDG, DG, VDG Jackets**

**Call to Order 9:30am**– DG Lion Tal Janowitz

Introduction of Guests – DG Lion Tal and PID Mark Hintzman

Pledge – 2nd VDG Lion Patt

Song – 1st VDG Lion Ray

Invocation – Rev. Lion C.B. Ubanks

**Election results** - Lion Cindy Lotzer, handed in report

Election Winners 2024-2025

DG: Lion Ray Jones 99 votes

1<sup>st</sup> VDG: Lion Patt Goerke 104 votes

2<sup>nd</sup>VDG: Lion Patti Redlin 104 votes

WLF Director: Lion James Howard 59 votes

Bowling Cudahy: 108 votes

Golf: East Troy: 106 votes

Resolutions: all passed

Motion to destroy the ballots: 1<sup>st</sup> PDG Greg Pryor, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Patt Goerke, all in favor, motion passes.

**Roll Call** – Cabinet Secretary – Lion Kim, Sign up sheet up front & to be passed around.

**Correspondences** – Cab Sec Lion Kim, none

**Approval of Minutes** from Oct 2023 – approval, 1<sup>st</sup> PDG Jerry Gibbons, PDG Larry Redlin, motion carries

**Treasurer report:** Lion Ted Cain added Parade of Checks to District Statement Activity form (he made 20 copies and will email out to all Cabinet members). New line item #47, Environmental Conservation. Asked for numbers/acct balances. Per Lion Dave Abstetar, \$46K went to WLF, Birch Sturm, Lions Pride. WCIF-unknown at time of meeting. How do we know balance according to DG Tal we had a total \$77k reported (with \$46k to WLF) we may not know final totals because the Clubs were told to mail checks directly to WLF, LCIF, Eye Bank, etc. Parade checks forms were to be turned in but only a few were turned in. Lion Ted will try to list certain donations when he emails out the Financial Report but he won't know what was mailed directly for certain donations. There is a computer form that will help with the Grand Totals. DG Tal doesn't want us to be a pass through when the clubs can mail the checks but we are trying to get the clubs to let us know from their forms as they come in. Would like the clubs to do an additional attached list with a breakdown of all their donations that they gave out so we can show what the clubs do and donate. Unable to hear some of the suggestions as voices were too soft (and they were in the back of the room). The Cabinet wants to know what is the actual amount of checks turned in at the Parade of Checks. Lion Tal will have Lion Ted email the list from the Parade of Checks and another list for the checks he received prior to the Convention to the Cabinet Members. Motion 1<sup>st</sup> from PDG Jerry Gibbons, accept the Treasurer's Report contingent with the info we want, the Parade of Checks and a grand total and total with all the checks mailed out prior to Convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PCD Neill motion passes 23 yes to 4 no.

**Old Business** –

**Lion Portal update**--postponed

**Mission 1.5**-Lions International goal for 3 yrs is to bring membership up from 1.4 million to 1.5 million and keep the membership remain in the clubs for 3 yrs. That's 2 new members per club per year.

**Project Homeless Connect-2nd**VDG Patt reported that this project run by A2 at Marquette University connecting homeless to come in to find out what services they need: vision screening/glasses, see a doctor, get a haircut, there were all kinds of opportunities there. They did vision screening to over 100 people and provided glasses from the camp. The following Thursday they had the same project at Carroll University but they use Prevent Blindness & they still use eye charts and they use the training by the nurse students. They would like to get the glasses but 2VDG Patt stated the glasses go where the Lions go.

**Pie contest for LCIF** – PDG Jerry Gibbons - At State Convention-Pies the Limit, for \$10 Pie in the Face. There are 11 people running to get a pie in the face and the top 5 winners will throw the pie in the non-winners faces. The money goes in your name & Club as a LCIF donation.

**Constant contact email system** – DG Tal & Lion Jim Shelenske are working on this and is a work in process, they are trying to get more emails out to the members. Was going to about 10% of members now up to 20%. Your email needs to be valid/updated and correct to be able to get an email from this.

You need to get your events on the WI Lions website at [A1@WILions.org](mailto:A1@WILions.org) PDG Greg Pryor states go to the calendar on the website, enter your information on the date of your event and the calendar will be forwarded to be updated to include your club's event.

**Scrap Like a Lion** – Lion John Drew-Lion Jon not at meeting but DG Tal states hope everyone stopped by he gave out all the seeds and the 2 composters and looked to be very successful. State of WI Lions theme is to Scarp Like a Lion and there were tabletop composters for sale at District Convention. Also, if you purchased a composter take a picture of it and post on Facebook on @Lions Go Green or @Changing the World so International can see it and it shows we are composting.

#### **New Business –**

**Helen Keller Brick** this is an anniversary year for the Helen Keller House in Alabama. PID Connie & Lion Mike would like every District to have a brick in MD27 (10 clubs) to donate \$100 each for a total of \$1,000. PDG-Greg makes a motion 2<sup>nd</sup> 1VDGE Patt Goerke. Money to be taken out of the Vision/Sight Fund. PDG Neill calls the motion. Motion passes.

2VDGE-Patti Redlin would like to make a motion for 27-A1 donate \$1,000 for their own brick for the Helen Keller House from vision screening, PDG Carl Marquardt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion-after some discussion the Cabinet felt it needed more information about what the State is writing on the brick, size, etc. 1<sup>st</sup> motion Lion Jackie, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion PDG Gary to table for future meeting. Someone went on the website and tried to make a donation but the website stated not taking any donations at this time. After hearing this PDG Carl withdrew his motion and so did 2VDGE-Patti Redlin.

State Cancer initiative – Lion Terry Tveita, There is a state initiative to raise awareness and money for Childhood Cancer. They are asking all clubs in the District to donate \$100 each. This is a State project not a District project, our District doesn't have a budget for it. There was a question about a donation of \$101 from District and the money was raised by the Tail Twister Lion Mercy from funds she collected. There was a handout/email about the Initiative, it was sent as a reminder.

Deaf Children mental health film – Lion Jeff Meyer reports about the making of the video “Hearing in the Jungle” to help with deaf children students (based on life of a Lion from Waterford) there was a request to the district they are looking for \$20,000 to finish the video and the latest report states they received the monies needed. This video was important to complete and the project continues toward completion.

Bradley Tech Fair – Lion Patti, there was a Zoom meeting with 8 different people to target the students at the school for vision, hearing, diabetes, and social. On 1/29 there will be 3 lunch sessions about the May Health Fair and the District is to bring the device to give a demonstration about the camera & what it does and what

they are looking for. There would not be any screening until May. The nurses are setting up the sessions for May and they will be giving out sunglasses and water bottles at that time.

**District Duck** – Goose - Lion Terry T came to DG Tal about several clubs complaining they don't have a chance with their funds to obtain the Convention Duck. Even though it's a great fundraiser for the District Lion Terry is proposing 2 auctions, 1 for the duck and another for a goose. Someone donated a goose to him and maybe we can have the 2 auction for it with clubs that have lower funds and have more clubs to proposed. 1VDG-Patti, goose a traveling goose based on membership by percentage, the winning club can take the goose home for a year. There would be no money involved but they would get the bragging rights for the year. OR How about a drawing for a set amount of money for all clubs who qualify to get the goose. There's a question about the by policy/by laws and there is one for the duck. There would have to be a committee that would review and come up with the concept/idea. It would have to be brought up at convention, voted on before it could pass and make sure there is a policy/bylaw for it—this could take a couple of years to become about. The intent of the duck is to be a fun thing but we have the intent taken for granted. PDG Gary-made a motion have the DG appoint an ad hac committee to review if this is a good idea and come up with ideas. Lion Jennifer made a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. DG called for the vote and motion passes by a 19 for -17 nays to have ad hac committee to investigate.

**ELLI** – 3/15-17, 2024 at Shooting Star Casino in Minnesota. There is a line item for Advance training like mileage or something for reimbursement to encourage members to move into Leadership. Per Lion Ed per Internation you cannot have been a president of a club to attend but you have to be on committee of club.

**Dominique Republic**--1VGE Patti, there were pictures that were taken in a slide show showing examples from there. This was for vision screening and there are 10 stations & they screened last year around 850 adults because they need to see because they need/want to work or do something. Cataracts develop early there because they are closer to the sun. The church there created a clinic for Dental and Medical but the doctors come only once a month. Delores is a lay person there and Dr Emmer asked what was needed the most she stated dental chairs. They have 2 chairs but they are in very poor condition and it costs \$3,100 for 1 dental chair. They didn't want Delores to have a long list of things they needed and get their hopes up. 1VDG Patt stated her club was very generous and donated funds. She is asking for \$2,500 so they can get a chair and believes there is \$1,900 right now in the WI missions did receive from Convention Parade of Checks. Lion Ted states Line 42 has funds in Unrestricted funds and state to give the \$3.100. 1VDG Patt states (laughing) she'll take the funds stating there are other items greatly needed. Motion by Lion Ted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Greg to take \$3,100 from Unrestricted Funds to give to Dominique Republic. Discussion showing none, someone called-Make the motion. After the vote the motion passes. PDG Lion Drew had a concern about Mission Funds because we have to make sure we have the committed funds for the State Mission and can't take the fund down to zero.

**Zone Chairs Reports & District Committees (everyone all over the room)** – Limit to two minutes each & Lion Mercy is the timer.

**Calendar**-PDG Greg states to keep putting your events on the calendar for the district and/or send an email to Willions website to him or to Lion Patty to get the items listed. PDG states he also takes the events off of Facebook to put into the calendar.

**Eye Bank** PDG Don Drew-Hope everyone stopped at the Eye Bank table to ask questions. They have a brand new Eye Bank will get numbers from Parade of Checks. There will be a Board meeting with discussions in a couple of weeks.

**Zone 2**- Lion Terry L-has Zone meeting January 29th in Muskego. They are doing great and having around 28 members at every meeting.

**Sight**-Lion Jerry Johnson, Already paid out \$4,000 for Colton's therapy and will paying out the next \$2,000 making it \$6,000 paid out and Colton is doing fantastic. Another Lion donated \$6,000 for the balance if \$12,000.

**Karla Harris Award** 2VDG-Patti-\$500 Award will be starting 7/1/24 for Leadership Development. Will get a plaque and pin if you want to do Leadership Development will need to apply with an application. The money donated \$500 will apply like the money does for the Melvin Jones/Birch Stum award and will go to Leadership Development.

**Zone Meeting Membership & Retention** PDG Larry Redlin, clubs are asking mostly about retention and comment on new members. Call and let him know and he'll attend your meeting it takes about 5 minutes. And we need to spoon (stop pissing others off now).

**District Vision Screening** Lion Mary Lewendowski- there has been 11,056 screened from July-December with 1,743 referrals with only 9 clubs reported. They have certified 569 screeners and there is an upcoming class on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to certification at Whitewater Club. There are about 20 Clubs who are not reporting their vision screening numbers.

**Vision Forward**-Lion Mary Tatera, They have a new Technology & Education Center & tech seminars on line. There are more than 100,000 who report of blindness or have trouble seeing. There are 60,000 in the Greater Milwaukee area.

**Hearing** Lion Jeff Meyer-they have a approved 4 applications, usually for 1 hearing aid but approved one for 2 hearing aids. As of 1/1/24 changed income requirements and it made it easier for people to get hearing aids. There is an application to fille out contact Lion Jeff Meyer and he will get the information to you.

**BOLD** Lion Marty, Congrats to Jackie with how easy it is to get around with the codes for the Hotel. An anonymous donor gave \$500 to Lions Camp to do such labeling codes to use around the camp. Can now find the Dinner Halle, Memorial Bldg & Trading Post. Trying to get everything coded at the camp.

**State Newsletter** Patti Hurdgen- Social Photographer. Last year voted to go all electronic and if your email isn't correct you won't receive it. Mar/April due soon, when submitting don't change size when emailing to the paper they will make changes to fit the newspaper. Sometimes to get in the paper a little tight or too many stories from the same club. If there is an issue with your summation you will be notified by email. The pictures from the District Convention will be on the 27-A1 Facebook page.

Leader Dog Ambassador Marcia Belair-Changed her area (lost IL her area goes East to West and some on the MN border, she does has 1 puppy raiser in Madison. She states got discounted food for Purina usually \$80 a bag the puppy raisers get it for \$40..

**Zone 1 Lion** Frank Miller-All clubs but 1 attended last zone meeting (but did send their report) usually has 30-34 people attending. All raffles/donations went to Childhood Cancer. Next Zone meeting on 2/29 with St Francis hosting and location has not been determined.

**Constitution & By-Laws** Steve Kmiec-lost his voice last night and couldn't hear him.

**Zone 4** Diesel – Couldn't hear about report but I heard the zone is growing due to new membership. Next zone meeting January 30<sup>th</sup> at East Troy.

**Disaster Relief Fund** PDG Gary Steward – Thanked every club for their donations. There was 2 disasters from what I could hear (back of room).

**GLT Coordinator** Ed Neckar- couple of trainings coming up. 3/9 Training for Guiding Lions 3/9 at NB VFW. Watch your emails for more information. 7/1 Officer Orientation in NB at Holy Apostles Church in the hall and meeting rooms, more to come.

**Peace Poster** Lion Maggi Bain – All the posters were posted in the hallway and the Program is growing as more clubs get involved.

**BOLD** Lion Maggi Bain -Thanks for all the donations. New activities list is coming out shortly.

**WLF** Lion Dave Abstetar – update at camp lot of changes since State Convention last year. Added shade areas to the lakefront area. Finished the multiple purpose courts with lights and fencing. Green Bay Packers gave a \$20,000 grant for all purpose courts. Need to get the word out about the camps to get the attendance growing. Lion Denise Gibbons-they need the club contacts for each club to give info out about the Club to the parents and drop off info to the schools. Applying to camp is open starting 1/1/24. Remember-- the Camp is the best kept secret and we need to get the information out there.

**Zone Chairperson** Kathie Vanden Berg- Thanks to the chairs for getting meetings done with all the new changes this year going from 10 Zones to 5 and is working very well.

**Leader Dog** Kathie Vanden Berg-Thanks for all the donations. Teenagers division to help improve their skills with mobility with the cane.

**Zone 5** PDG Gary - had their 1<sup>st</sup> Zone meeting all attended but 2 clubs. Next zone meeting in February at Dousman and hoping for the zone meeting after that at Cambridge.

**Convention Chair** Lion Jackie – Applause from everyone. The next District Convention will be January 3-5, 2025. There will be a convention survey going out and would like everyone who attended to give feedback, good or bad, this will help for next years convention. If anyone is interested with helping to plan next years convention let her know.

**Global Service Chair** IDG Dave Stedman-our clubs went from 45% to 61% of reporting service hours. Zone chairs have the clubs report service hours and every club should have at least 1 service project by now.

**Leos** PDG Neill. There are several clubs in various stages to start Leo clubs. If you need assistance starting or questions for info/help let him know. There are good sources starting with school teachers/advisors who could help get students and they are very effective knowing which students would be interested.

**LCIF** PDG Jerry Gibbins - had a wonderful meeting w/PID Connie about millions of dollars available for grants please apply. See increase in Melvin Jones awards, there is one club that has 45 members that are eligible for Melvin Jones awards these people need to be recognized. Need to send money to LCIF for future grants.

Greater Milw Club – Lion CB thanks for all the help on their dinner that raised a \$1,000. Help gain members with Public Allies. Scrape like a Lion showing how much is wasted with a wonderful demonstration of how much is wasted.

West Allis Club Club President Lion Cindy Alioto, thank you for all the hospitality it was greatly appreciated.

Zone 3 Lion Sue Jones-November 30 first meeting with 8 of 10 clubs attending. We had the Hearing video do a presentation. February 29 next zone meeting with Waukesha Lions hosting.

Hunger Lion Sue Jones-Thank you to everyone who brought can goods and donations and continue donations.

Diabetes Lion Sue Jones-Had a chance to visit 2 clubs to share diabetes information. WLF makes materials available to help share information about Diabetes.

**Public Allies** – DG Lion Tal hope you met w/soon to be Lion Robin and she helped with Scrape like a Lion. Her next phase will be building of clubs to form new clubs in our area.

**Comments from 2VDGE** – Lion Patti, Thanks to all the cabinet members who supported her as PCG Larry also to help her show the way but she will make up her mind. She will have people to help her along the way.

**Comments from 1VDGE** - Lion Patt, nothing at this time

**Comments from DGE - PDGE** Ray thanks for voting for him. If you're interested in a Cabinet position let him know as he needs members to take care of issues. District Convention will be handled by Lion Jackie and see her for questions and he will not get in her way. They have the ability to train but will need to use and have clubs attend. Need to ask questions there are people who are trained to help answer them.

**Comments from current DG** - Lion Tal Next meeting, March 25<sup>th</sup> at East Troy Lions. Wear your Council shirts. A1 is strong and getting stronger. IP Ben was impressed with our District. It's our District not his district Please invite DG Tal to your club and invite him.

**Tail Twister** – Lion Mercy at Convention raised \$510 for Convention Fund (difficult to hear), Cabinet meeting to go to Lions Camp. 1<sup>st</sup> motion Jackie, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Terry, motion passes.

**Adjournment** – IPDE Tal asks for adjournment, 1<sup>ST</sup> motion Lion Kathie, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Terry, motion passes.