

27-A1 Cabinet Meeting Agenda
March 25, 2024
East Troy Lions Club House

Attire: Council Shirts

Call to Order – by DG Lion Tal Janowitz at 6:30pm
Pledge – PDG Lion Neil
Song – VDG Lion Ray
Invocation – DG Tal Janowitz

Lion Diesel introduced members from his club.

PDG Gary Stewart introduced his wife Lion Charlotte as his guest.

DG Tal introduced DG Greg Kubichka, from D1. Introduced himself and his many activities and his goals for Lion Clubs.

Roll Call – Cabinet Secretary – Lion Kim sign up sheet going around make sure you sign it.

Correspondences – Cab Sec Lion Kim, rec'd email for supporting the Helen Keller Memorial Brick Cabinet purchased.

-Lion Patti Hurtgen deadline for the articles for the May/June issue of the WI Lion due by end of month, May 31. Email to the a1@wilions.org to get in the paper and on the online district calendar.

-Email from Cheryl Orgas from ABLE (Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement). I meet her at the New Berlin

-Parade of Checks, sent me information to share with the District Cabinet and clubs in our district their funds are down and would like to do a presentation to explain what their organization does.

-DG Tal rec'd email for a Convention Message from PID Dr Manoj Shar .

-DG Tal rec'd letter from PIP Brian Sheehan for the \$500 donation LCIF for Area of Greatest Need/MJF Fund.

-Rec'd letter from Wisconsin Lions Foundations for our recent donations of \$537 for the Lions Camp from our Tailtwister Merci.

DG Tal asked Uncle Buck to be the Tailtwister since Lion Merci wasn't at the meeting tonight.

DG Tal had DG Greg Kubichka, from D1 speak now since he was there as he was part of new business later.

DG Greg is a candidate running for ID role. He introduced himself and his many activities and his goals for Lion Clubs. Really would like a leadership role in the State of Wisconsin Lions.

Approval of Minutes from Jan 2024 – Cab Sec Lion Kim. 1st approval by PDG Jerry, 2nd by Lion Terry, motion passes.

Treasurer report: Lion Ted Cain Approval of Jan report based on motion to approve based on parade of checks follow up. Report presented was through February 29, 2024. Parade of checks report was sent out by DG Tal 2 days after Convention and will have it sent again. We collected \$207,000 at Parade of Checks and when you include what was collected outside of, but for Parade of Checks it was \$590,283. Lion Ted explained where the money was on the report that was for Parade of Checks but was sent after. DG Tal stated he will RE re send out the report again. Motion 1st PDG Greg, 2nd Lion Kathie. Discussion what can be shown on the report but can be sent to the District Convention report can be listed. We are trying to change the process and make it more streamlined like being seen at other District Conventions. We need to know about it into to bring it up at convention. Motion passed.

Zone Chairs Reports – please provide meeting dates

1. Lion Frank was unable to attend this meeting.
2. Lion Terry- had 36 people at last meeting missing 2 clubs. Next meeting is on April 30 at 66 & Greenfield. Lion Terry has 1/2 of his club meeting visits completed.
3. Lion Sue- Next meeting hosted by Big Bend at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. Lastzone meeting had 5 of 10 clubs present and had 2 guest speakers.
4. Lion Diesel-May 8 next zone at Big Foot hosting at 6:00. Last zone meeting had 45 people show.
5. DG Tal doesn't have a zone leader but Fort Atkinson stated they will host the next meeting.

District Committees –

Leo Clubs PCD Uncle Buck/Neil. East Troy has reestablished their Leos club. S Milw working with the high school. New Berlin , Sharon & Paddock Lake considering sponsoring a Leo's Club.

Constitution-Lion Steve He's fine tuning the changes to the Constitution and should be done shortly.

GMT-PDG Larry he has been making more visits to the clubs to discuss retention and the clubs are doing better. DG Tal states he should bring SPOONS to the next Cabinet meeting.

WLF Director Lion Denise states Registration is going well. Doing well with the outside cabin rentals and making money. DG Tal sends congratulations to Lion Denise as she was elected the WLF Cabinet Treasurer

WCIF- PDG Jerry Gibbons, thank you for all the generous donations, so far collected \$40,853 that's 78% of our goal of \$52,218. So far 15 clubs in our district haven't donated yet and our district is way ahead of the other districts. PIP Brian Sheehan is going all over the word to get these donations. You can also donate and be given a pin, \$50 is Bronze pin, \$100 is Silver pin and \$200 Gold Pin. We have the fund raiser coming up at State Convention Pie in the Face. There are at least 11 people from each district participating with the top 5 people with the most money will get the pie in the face. All monies got to the Melvin Jones Fellowship. There are a lot of awards that can be given so discuss in your club who should receive this award.

Leader Dog Lion Kathie V. The program for 16-17 year olds will continue from June-August Summer Break. They are looking for people to adopt a dog, they have a lot to give out and are looking for the Vets to get one. It gives the Vets their Freedom, confidence and opens up their world and helps them go to work. Need to fill out an application to get one.

Vision Screening Lion Mary L. reported from July 2023-January 2024 12,999 screened. 1988 referrals. For Feb & March 2024, not reported yet 4,831 screened with 603 referrals. So far for this year. 17,830 screened and 2,591 referrals.

There are 191 Lions certified to do the screening and 10 clubs don't have anyone trained/certified yet. On 4/27 there will be a Community Health fair with a UWM nurse who will earn credits. We will be doing vision screening, diabetes information and talking about eyeglasses collection.

Lion 2DGE-Patti Redlin, Screener Training, April 9th certification will be held at East Troy Club house, last one in this area. On April 16 the last one will be in Racine Area.

Colton who was going through Vision Therapy graduated 2/28th and both of his eyes are working together now. There will be a story coming up in the next Lions magazine.

Karla Harris Leadership Fellowship-2VDE Patti, Cabinet to approve to set up foundation. 1) this is in our District for the Award and 2) Scholarship-reason of importance of this award. This is to give an upcoming Lion in Leadership form and info for money used to continue with Training (info can be found in a1wilions.com There was talk to put fund under Debbie Schwan account. There's a motion to make the Karla Harris account stand by itself and reactivate the account, 1st motion PDG Neil 2d by PDG Greg, motion carries.

There was a question about money used from the Debbie Schwann Memorial (Red had ?? about acct),the money was used for WALLI to off set some of the females for Leadership Training.

Also mentioned about a bill coming to the clubs for their Optix device. This bill is for 3 years for insurance and the district devices will be paid for out of sight fund. They combined with clubs with devices to get cheaper insurance rates.

Hearing Lion Jeff- financially doing well. In the WLF there is \$17,000 and in the District Fund there is \$30,000. This fund is doing well due to the generosity of the Clubs and the low application requests since COVID. It was decided a while back making it easier to obtain, starting January 1, 2024, and only had 1 application and since July 1/24 only had 5 requests. There is a way to get someone to qualify even if the person is on the edge of not qualifying financially. The Hearing chairs have a lot of desecration but if the person still doesn't qualify there is money in the District fund that maybe used to purchase a hearing aid thru WLF for the discounted rate. The thinking of why applications are low because of certain stores providing hearing aids at a cheaper price, i.e. Costco or Walmart. Question how do we give hearing aids, Adults get 1 & children get 2. Can the district help with coclear implants, Lion Jeff states it's our money & there's a need and as long as it's hearing related we can purchase depending on the application, need and amount. Dominican Republic missions would like to do a Hearing mission (combined with Vision). DG Tal relies on Lion Jeff's opinion/judgment is to help and would help where he can.

Vision Forward-Lion Mary Tatera, the new activity they are doing Beep Baseball with the Kids and then serve lunch when done. Lion Dave Abstetar email would like to add Diabetes & Vision Retinopathy with Kenosha (Kenosha has the highest #'s in the State) and would like to work with Dr. Emerson. Asking for \$4k to be used and can we cross 2 categories? He did discuss with Lion Sue Jones because she does the Diabetes for the District. Talked with Lion Ted we rec'd more funds and they are growing with no expenditures. Lion Dave had to postpone till after May or June DG Tal was not sure of the timing. There was a question brought up if should approve the funds. Per PDG Jerry the District Chair has the responsibility to use the money if asked and doesn't need the Cabinet Approval needs deemed appropriate. Some money can come out of sight if needed.

Hunger Project Lion Sue Jones, had a Food Drive that went well at Convention-Record Food Drive. Make sure your Club reports hours worked. She has gone to speak at some clubs and is available to come to your club if she's available. She's also spoken at Zone meetings. Vision Forward is coming to her April Zone meeting.

Leader Dog-Lion Marcia Belair, flags around the world where some of the dogs were placed. She Quinley her current dog until April 27th (her 20th dog!) then she goes off to college (they only have the dogs for 1 year for training) for her formal training at Regional Training at Carroll University where they have 2 puppy raisers. Lion Marcia has been doing Leader dog for 20 years and the manual now has 300 pages. Prison puppies get placed with a raiser for 2 months because they need to learn to socialize in the store on the streets, etc.

Disaster Fund-PCG Gary Stewart, the Disaster Fund is doing great until the next disaster. Need to keep building the fund because the disasters are getting more costly. LCIF goes towards matching grants & appreciate the club donations.

Eye Bank-PDG Greg Pryor, thanks all the clubs for their generous donations as they exceeded their goal with 6 clubs who still didn't donate yet so hope the donations continue to rise.

Eye Bank tours during State Convention on Thursday, May 16th from 2-4 but need to reserve a spot to go on the tour.

District Calendar put your event on a1wilions.org and he can't accept pdf links because he can't link them to the calendar.

Lions Training-Melissa Riddell, per DGE Ray will be on June 1st. Portal Training DGE Ray said yes.

Bold Lion-Maggi next 1/4 activity list will be coming out. They have more VIPs and need more transporters and drivers.

Peace Posters have been ordered and she's still waiting for them and hopes to have them soon.

Childhood Cancer-Lion Terry T. as good news, bad news and good news again. Good-we were trailing B1 but we passed them up. Bad- BI took over the lead again. Good there's enough funds to go back into 1st place.

Reporting Service Hours-IPDG Dave Stedman. Remember to report Scrape Like a Lion hours on my LCI we are up only 3% since January, make sure to have clubs report their hours.

Public Allies – DG Lion Tal Update, PCC Jodi step back due to Medical. Lion Robin worked on Scrap Like a Lion project. DG Tal, Michael D and Haley are stepping in and will help guide Lion Robin as she is missing her communication with PCC Jodi. They are going to meet with Lion Robin to find out where she's at in the District. She has a coalition/group of people who wants to do environmental projects and needs to know if they want to be a branch or full club. There is lost guidance at where Lion Robin is at. May want to bring in Guiding Lion assigned to this new club-this is going to be a different type of club. There was help from Lion Robin at the Bradley Tech School Health Fair and there was a lot of interest to create a Leos Club.

Old Business –

District Goose ad hoc committee – VDG Patt – PDG Larry We met as a committee to discuss if we should have this. We decided that this has to be earned by a club focusing on membership using the % of the clubs growth & retention bas by LCI's monthly report. There is no money involved and the winning club will have bragging rights for a year. We need to know if the committee should continue to meet and to write by laws, membership is the International goals, and smaller clubs have a better shot at getting this award. Motion to continue, 1st by Maggi, 2nd by Terry, motion passes.

District Convention wrap up – Lion Jackie Everyone had fun.attendance went up. 352 attended, 313 paid registered.

Dominican Republic trip – Lion Patt is out of the country.

New Business – GAT area C1 membership info GAT C1 includes WI, MN, IA & part of the Dakotas. District 27-A1 is top District in the US. The top five in CI Districts are 1) MN MD5 2,818 mbrs, 2) another MN district and the next 3 are from WI 1) B2 2,100 mbrs, 2) D1 2,097 3) A1 1,943.

Servant Leadership class (Lead by Example) being offered Aug 9-11, will be held at Verterbo University. Can go to D2 website to take classes also.

Two candidates running for ID role vote for PCC Tammy Rockenbach or DG Greg Kubichka at State Convention

State Convention meet PIP Doug Alexander he will be there.

Lion Portal update Current portal is done on April 12th-my lion goes away/over with. Slowly the new Portal starts April 15 which is to be better. There are videos-they are on Utube search for the Portals. Make sure all club/member information is in My LCI before it shuts down and make sure to copy/print your club roster. Hopefully there will be training shops at State Convention and their will be training to learn it for the clubs.

Guiding Lions – Lion DGE Ray. Lion Don Drew & Lion Patt did most of the training and we now have 9 new/more Guiding Lions in our District.

Comments from 2VDGE – Lion Patti, looking forward to working with Lion Ray & Lion Patt. Looks forward to serving.

Comments from 2nd VDG Lion Patt absent from meeting.

Comments from 1st VDG Lion Ray would like to thank everyone for helping him out and working with him when he needed it. Ask questions with him and he had a great run & lets continue on.

Comments from DG Lion Tal states this in not his district it's all our district that makes it strong. It is noticed and the more we can share with multiple districts the better.

Tail Twister – Lion Neil (Uncle Buck) all the bucks/money will go to Lions Camp

Adjournment – Next meeting Saturday May 18, 2024 at 8:00am, State Convention, Middleton

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm, 1st Diesel 2nd Lion Terry, motion passes.

Submitted by 27-A1 Cabinet Secretary 2023-2024, Lion Kim Papp