

## District 27-A1 Cabinet Meeting July 31, 2023 Minutes

Call to Order at DG Tal Janowitz at 7:00pm

Introduction of Guests:

PCC Jodi Burmester

Lion Rena Monroe

Lion Charlotte Stewart

Davka Nyamsuren,-Lions Clubs Int'l Youth, guest of 1VDG Ray & Lion Sue Malson Jones

Pledge – IPDG David Stedman

Song – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Patt Goerke

Invocation – DG Tal Janowitz

Roll Call – Cabinet Secretary sent Roster around for Cabinet attendance sign-in

Awards and Honors

-Certified FDAs-congrats

-Certified Guiding Lions-Cab Sec Lion Kim Papp and 2VDG Patt Goerke

-Certificate Wisconsin Lions-IPDG David Stedman

Installation– PDG Don Drew; installation of Cabinet and officers

Approval of Minutes from May 2023 tabled to October 14 meeting (Past Cab Sec- Lion Sue Malson Jones states in paperwork given to Cab Sec Lion Kim Papp should be there)

Financial & Audit Committee Reports – Lion Tim Szeklinski

Motion to approve as reported: 1<sup>st</sup> PDG Don Crew, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lion Terry Lemke, Zone Chair

-Audit committee was completed on July 12, 2023, discovered no material discrepancies. Although - Audit Committee questioned a clarification of funds for State Convention it was a couple of years old, this closes the books for fiscal year 2022-2023.

-Call for approval motion carries.

2023 Cabinet Approval-Treasurer Lion Tim Cain

Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> PDG Lion Gary Stewart, 2<sup>nd</sup> PCG Lion Jerry Gibbons

-Budget was presented to the Cabinet.

-There's a new line item 65260 for Advanced Leadership Training for members who want to take advanced leadership classes & to encourage training for future District Leaders to take classes that are available, ie ELLI, ALLI, etc.

-IPDG Dave Stedman questioning DG Budget was \$200 less this year as it was \$2,400 last year. DG Tal stated that International pays expenses also and he would like the money could go to District to expand on leadership. IPDG asked if future budgets would reinstate the \$200 & DG Tal states that's up to future DG's.

-Lion Jackie Bordak questions the Tail Twister \$50 budget expenses, may need to buy tickets, stickers, etc and DG Tal states that money comes in & out with Tail Twisting, difficult to give a dollar figure.

- Call for approval of budget-motion carries.

Public Allies PCC Jodi Burmester and DG Tal WI is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest membership in CA1 & goes with Mission 1.5.

-If you want more clubs in 27-A1, more members in your clubs, Improve Service, Leadership, and Market your Club for free 40 hours a week. This will be done with Public Allies.

-As of 9/25/23 we will have a fully dedicated person working for 27-A1, there is another area in Wilmington DE, that are the test markets using Public Allies. Their job is to help to be a full time dedicated person working for us to improve clubs in an Urban city-like Milwaukee and target the hardest area to reach and set up a club(s).

1) The goal is to help start one new club.

2) Strengthen clubs retention is a huge issue. Working with Greater Milwaukee & work with other clubs that's important.

3) Promote the Lions brand and see how they work in Urban markets and to build new clubs for LCI and our district.

-LCI will pay \$16,000 toward the Public Allies Intern's salary with the District 27-A1 to pay \$5,000, and no more, to pay toward expenses, a laptop, cell phone, rent for their own office. They will work Monday-Thursday with 27-A1 and Friday dedicated to Training. Their supervisor will be PCC Jodi Burmester and 27-A1. Their office will not be in the city of Milwaukee but close to it.

-The goal is to develop a plan for LCI and districts to create a program that will help reach out to increase membership and clubs.

-Hoping the next Cabinet meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> will try to have our representative there to introduce to the Cabinet and get a feel what they are about.

- If you have additional questions please contact DG Tal and if he receives information he will pass to Cab Secretary to forward to the Cabinet.

-Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> PDG Gary Stewart , 2<sup>nd</sup> by GLT Lion Ed Necker.

- Call for accept and approve the \$5,000 for Public Allies, motion passes with 1 abstention

Zone Chairs Report has all 5 zone chairs at Cabinet meeting

Zone 1- Lion Frank is behind and scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on August 29 with Kenosha Noon Lions and South Milwaukee is also stepped up to host a meeting. Trying to get a full schedule from all the clubs in zone and explain new zone structure.

Zone 2-Lion Terry waiting for Lion Don to get back to him 1<sup>st</sup> zone meeting to be scheduled and waiting to hear from West Milwaukee. Things in the works nothing concrete yet.

Zone 3-Lion Bob we're all new at this. In meeting with Prospect & Waukesha, Want to move fast and get things moving.

Zone 4-Lion Diesel, contact with everyone but 2 clubs and waiting for someone to host so they can get started.

Zone 5-Lion Alex rec'd correspondence with one club stating they don't meet very often. Have the clubs meeting information and trying to decide who will hold first meeting.

District Committees

Eye Bank PDG Don Drew is our rep for 27-A1

Reports from May 1-June 30 had 465 transports, exceeds more than before COVID.

There will have representation at State Convention. CEO Stacy will chair that event.

Eye Bank has established it's goals for this year. IPDG Dave Stedman was given the Knight of Sight Award for 27-A1 for making goal.

Welcome to PDG Greg Pryor to the Board at Lions Bank

Visits to Eye Bank, COG to visit 8/3, Youth to visit 8/16.

Mission fund in Guatemala and take equipment before to do surgery and will use it and train people there to use the equipment.

There is roughly \$4,300 to use with matching grant for equipment. Would like to use mission or sight funds to get the matching grant towards expenses of \$4,300.

Mission drive through 10/22 & 10/23 with full mission in spring.

LCI Board \$29,000 matching grant. LCIF grant not approved (Per PCC Jodi at their meeting July 30<sup>th</sup>). She also stated COG tabled approval and per Erica not approved. PDG Don thought it was approved. P/DG Tal council was about Cancer.

When LCIF on agenda to approve grant on Aug 9-12.

PCG Drew would like \$1,000 from Missions and \$3,300 from Sight Fund budgets, pending approval.

1<sup>st</sup>-Lion Cindy made motion to approve \$1,000 from Missions and \$3,300 from Sight Fund

2<sup>nd</sup>-Lion Jackie agreed contingent on grant.

Agreement depending on missions restricted on LCI approved, depending on grant is going either way. Forward \$4,300 now or future.

Motion was denied w/more nays than yays per restricted to LCI granting failed.

Question brought up as to why out of the country, it's a way to expand Eye Bank. WI is first, surrounding states is second and then out of the country. Expanding out of the country we are taking the lead.

Lion Jeff and PDG Larry suggested to donate \$4,300 w/out restrictions to Lions Eye Bank \$1,000 out of missions, \$3,300 out of sight. If not happening put money into mission funds.

Motion carries w/more yays than nays.

#### Environment – Lion Jon Drew.

Coordinate with clubs in our district with Environmental practices and to report events.

Suggestions and requests can be given just contact Lion Jon.

#### Old Business

##### Constitution and By laws Lion Steve Kmiec

Working on amendments since 2022 need changes to Constitutional P&P's go time to start working on forms having all by law changes worked out (there's about 18 need changes).

P/DG Tal, Simple Constitution by law changes from International that can go through (just housekeeping) can go out by October 15 (Cab meeting 10/14). Change intent to combine changes has to come to district for Constitutional By Laws that might be a Constitutional change and will need approval by the district at District Convention.

P/PDC Don Drew stated change Constitution requires 2/3 majority vote and By Laws will need 50% majority vote.

P/PDG Larry policy may need simple updates can be approved by District Cabinet as it's more for clubs.

DG Tal would like assistance from PDG Larry and Lion Steve to go through on everything to hopefully reduce By laws to 4-5 for the District Convention and make easier for Lion Cindy for the ballots. P/Lion Cindy, needs to be done before 60 days before our convention, she needs changes by Oct 15 so she can get everything to the clubs before the convention. Changing words have to explain what the changes are w/reason for change.

P/IPDG Dave was out on the WI Lions website and states the Policy Manual is for the Multiple not for District.

##### Leader Dog Lion Marcia Belair

There are many changes coming to Puppy Raising. They are discontinuing German Shepherds as they are difficult to pass.

There is a pass along program with some handle certain duties (like potty training) and someone else will take on other puppy training.

There is a Corporate program she isn't sure about but does have additional training meeting coming up in the end of August.

Kathy's House, 2022 impact report, there were 10,1200 people who went through Kathy's House.  
1<sup>st</sup> house had 18 beds and 2<sup>nd</sup> house has 38 beds and as of 3 weeks ago had 20 people on the wait list.  
Trying to grow Kathy's House and they sent out surveys to patients and caregivers and 60% wouldn't be able to handle w/out Kathy's House.  
They have 9 employees with 3 being full time. There were 3,744 hours of volunteer work that supported Kathy's house.  
Need a speaker for your Club contact them and they will be happy to come to your club.

#### Voting Convention Lion Cindy Lotzer

Accepting applications for DG, 1VDG, 2VDG (no one running right now) needed by October 15<sup>th</sup>,  
Also will need a WLF Director for our District as Dave Abstetar's position ends this year.  
Paperwork on our website.  
Know someone who's interested or thinking about any of these position contact PDG and find out what's involved and what the job is all about, call someone who knows.  
We also need some Club(s) to District Bowling and Golfing.  
--all have the same deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Missions Lion Jack WI mission Lions are independent and answer to ??? Influential people who run them.  
NW of state hears about the missions and fill all the slots by the time we hear about them.  
Guatemala was turned over to MN to handle & WI has around 15-16 people who help out.  
Dominican Republic, Lion Steve will try to get info on trip.  
There are other trips to Pine Ridge and Wounded Knee Reservations aren't letting people in but can get equipment and clothing in.

#### Convention 2024-Lion Jackie Bordak

Theme - Concert of Service  
Save the Date January 5-7, 2024 at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee  
Live Music on Saturday Night  
Looking for October 1 Registration starts  
International Director Ben Affleck & his spouse from Boseman MT has never been to a convention as big as ours.

#### Newsletter Patti Hurtgens

Articles are due August 1 for the September/October newsletter.

#### Leadership Lion Ed Necker

USA/Canada Leadership Forum coming up in September 21-23, 2023, in Reno NV. If you don't want to fly to get there, from Milwaukee take the Amtrack train that stops 4 blocks from the Convention Center.  
Otherwise, the Next USA/Canada Leadership Forum September 5-7, 2024 is in Louisville KY and it's within driving distance.  
At the Forum there are several seminars and training sessions for Leadership. If you go the Lions University you have the opportunity to get a Bachelors Degree, a Masters Degree or a Doctorate Degree. Zone chairs should mention this at their Zone Meetings.

#### Diabetes/Hunger Lion Sue Malson Jones s the Chairperson

Asking Zone chairs to promote having chairs in each club having reps for both per club.  
Blessings in a Backpack, she wants to bring this program into the District and we could do fund raising more to come.  
Need to promote books about Diabetes and can be obtained through WLF. There is a new Diabetes Christmas book this year.  
Hunger drive need person for District Convention  
Also WLF Strides walk will needs District Club members to assist.

#### Vision Screening Lions Patti Redlin and Mary Lewendowski Co-Chairs

Per Lion Patti, we will be doing WI State Fair all 11 days and have 44 people signed up so screen children. Lions Eye Bank donated 800 pairs of Sunglasses that will be on the table in hopes that they will draw in children to be screened.

Per Lion Mary, on 2/27/23 held another training session to get certification of 24 new vision screeners.

As of Oct 2022 we have 128 vision screeners in the District. Lion Mary has their Certificate/Badges from WLF. Everyone is certified under Kids Sight USA and everyone needs to be certified under them. There will be another training sometime in March 2024.

#### Member Retention with PDG Larry Redlin and DG Tal

PDG Larry was reviewing lots of Member Exit forms and wants to visit clubs in the district, also DG Tal and meet with members who want to leave their club or Lions and maybe because they're not comfortable in their club and have a private discussion before they leave Lions. Could be a possible transfer to another club could help.

#### GST Chair IPDG Dave Stedman.

If you're having a significant Service Projects need help with promotion or grant help, let him know. They are having the 1<sup>st</sup> Statewide GST meeting on Sunday.

#### WLF Camp-Lion Denise Gibbons.

On August 12 Smore Fun at Lions Camp. Come on out for \$10 box lunch with wagon ride and certain activities and crafts. For \$20 Basic admission w/Platoon rides, canoes and much more. \$30 all fun and benefits that they have at the camp including climbing tower access for ages 10+. Register on the website to attend.

Last week for campers. Many new donations and exciting activities at the camp.

So many clubs don't know what's going on at the camp and they need to know what the camp does. Need to get the word out about WLF and the camp. Contact Lion Denise or Lion Dave and they will be happy to attend club meetings to get the word out.

Clubs and get info on Diabetes, Hearing & hearing aids, Eyeglass recycling and so many things. Lion Denise will be at the camp 8/12 and if Diabetes info/items need to be brought back to the club(s) let her know and she will bring it back for them, otherwise it will get shipped out.

#### LCIF PDG Jerry Gibbons.

They are the money people and give grants to help with different projects. At Area D (all USA and the Caribbean) had training on July 22-25 on how they want to raise more money. LCIF goal is to raise \$52.5 million, PIP & LCIF President Brian Sheehan wants to everyone to know they are AWESOME and wants to raise \$75 million. Wants the Area D to raise \$1.2 million, our district \$52,218. DG Tal wants to raise \$38,000 with 85% of participation by District members. LCI proposes \$37 p/person and PDG Jerry thinks we can do better than that. PDG Jerry is willing to help clubs get grants.

#### Childhood Cancer Lion Terry Trevisa & Lion Denise Gibbons

Terry, why Childhood Cancer? Started here in District 27-A1 by the late PID Karla Harris pushed LCI to make it a LCI Global project. The goal is \$24,000 to be raised or more.

Lion Denise the goal is for every club in our state is to donate \$100. The money will be used to help families with a child with cancer that need assistance for expenses, ie. Gas, cancer drugs, etc. Need to get the word out to clubs and right here in our district Zone chairs to reach out to their clubs.

#### Zone Coordinator Lion Kathy Vanden Berg

New to her this is the 1<sup>st</sup> time all zone chairs are male this year. History for District went from 10 zones to 5 and all are attending Cabinet Meeting.

Puppies/Leader Dog Lion Kathy Vanden Berg

Last year raised \$16 million and \$1.4 million came from Lions.

New program using 3-16 year olds for Orientation for Mobility using canes. They got access and getting familiar with their surroundings.

There was a \$500,000 donation in honor of a Veteran son and the first dog was received by a Veteran.

Puppies are doing very well in prison dog training. If you have puppies/dogs consider feeding them

Purina who supplies all the dog food for prison programs & schools, donating \$56,000 lbs of food.

There will be a new program coming out in October and will report at next Cabinet Meeting.

New Officer Training and New Voices Program, Lion Melissa Riddell.

New Officer co-chair and Chair of the New Voices Program and plans to give out more info soon.

District Disaster Relief Fund-PCG Gary Stewart Chair

The Fund is in great shape with around \$34,000 and thanks all Lions who contributed. We have used the fund for 3 events in our area. Long term goal concern that the fund is at risk for more major disasters. In the past \$5,000 grants won't get a community very far nowadays.

Eye Mission-Lion Steve Dimotts

Next mission to Dominican Republic is scheduled the second week in January 2024. Talking with Deacon Wilson to talk about airline tickets because they are expensive. Move to come

Peace Poster-Lion Maggi Bain

School year stating up an last chance for clubs. If kits are needed let Lion Maggi know.

Bold-Lion Maggi Bain

Applied for new participants. Received \$1k donation from Dousman/Ottawa Club in honor of a previous Bold member.

Audit Committee Chair-Lion Mary Tatera

No report

Hearing – Lion Jeff Meyer

District Hearing apps for funds is slow. Financially good. Otherwise no report.

Club Recognition-Lion Joan Post

Nothing at this time.

Youth Scouting-Lion Rick Seeger Chair

Someone can get Scouting Program Award does include Girl & Boy Scouts for more than 5 years.

Congrats to Hales Corners Lions Club for taking over sponsorship for St Mary's Church for 3 units and picking up a new member.

Also congrats to Waterford Lions Club for taking over a scout unit at St Thomas Aquanis Church.

Restoring Hope House-IPDG Dave Stedman

Restructuring Expansion Fund is working w/National Builders w/companies that help with construction and help raise funds. Because of COVID lost their funds. The received a \$60,000 donation to help with project.

They are raising their rates to \$55 a night instead of \$45.

Besides transplant recipients need to start helping caregivers with diabetes awareness and taking care of their health.

Expanding 16 more rooms

Karla Harris Fellowship-PCG Don Drew.

Has criteria for the fellowship and plan to meet with Lion Clarence and then hoping to get his approval on things. Will report at next Cabinet meeting.

## **New Business**

### **IP Patti Hill Theme and Goals**

Theme: Changing the World

- Goals: 1) Create a greener and cleaner environment  
2) Share your story with the world  
3) Reach service potential  
4) Empower the greater good

### **DG Tal District Theme and Goals**

Theme: Concert of Service

Goals problem sending them but are report to LCI will try to send them again soon.

Underlying Goals:

- 1) Improve Zone meetings only way to get Clubs to know what is happening.
- 2) Improve training for Leadership
- 3) Report/show service, report all hours.

### **State project – DG Tal and Lion Jon Drew Chair**

State project focusing on Composting. Lion Jon has ideas & who works w/it and encourage the community. Would like to know who was already composting and at the end of the project how many people are doing it. There's a State website [md27compost@gmail.com](mailto:md27compost@gmail.com) if you need ideas or have questions.

This project goes with IP Dr Patti Hills goal greener and cleaner environment.

Take pictures and post on social media at: #@lionsgogreen or it could be #lionsgogrenn

WALLI training – Jan 19-21, 2024 at Lions Camp and the cost is \$150 to attend (may get some money for Leadership Training). GLT David Strudoff states been a Club President or Zone Chair but it's for 2VDG. Each District can have 3 participants. More info coming.

### **Lions Portal and report service DG Tal**

Lions Portal date keeps changing with the next date being September 1<sup>st</sup>. Also keep your service hours updated.

### **Mission 1.5-DG Tal**

We've been at 1.4 million Lions for awhile and the target is to go to 1.5 million Lions this year.

### **Comments from 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Patt**

Anybody going to Hustle Smores at Lions Camp she has 2 people that needs a ride as they are blind let her know.

Postponed Secretary/Service chairs training. On 9/9 will have Secretary training only and place TBD will sent out an email where it will be at.

### **Comments from 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ray**

Training, training, training need Leaders and people to step up

**Comments from DG Tal**

BIT OF WISDOM: If things don't go your way remember to challenge & Adversity contains with it the seeds to grow.

**Tail Twister** – Lion Mercy, collecting \$1 for people who know they created a fine and more for add'l fines.

**Adjournment** – Next meeting Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Location TBD-hoping for Dousman/Ottawa

Meeting adjourned at 9:37

1<sup>st</sup> by Lion Terry Trevisa

2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Rick Seeger