

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2009
MAXFIELD'S RESTAURANT, WYMAN**

ATTENDING: DG Wayne Kreitner, First Lady Debbie Kreitner, 1st VDG Laura Johnson, PDG Harry Johnson, 2nd VDG John Monahan, PDG Bill Raymor, Lion Jane Raymor, Reg. Chair Laurene Homsher, PDG John Clemens, ZC Robert Manning, ZC Bill Simpson, Lion Ron Gibson, Cab. Treasurer Kerry McGinley, IPDG Larry Morlock, Lion Gayle Morlock, Lion Matt Niemi, ZC Dick Goedge, Lion John Hunt, Lion Karla Roebuck, Lion Bob Roebuck, PDG Rod Prys, representing Welcome Homes, ZC Peter Conarty, Reg. Chair Tony Rutledge, ZC Timothy Anderson, ZC Neal Boynton, Cab. Sec. Jim Chipman, PDG Lynn Mast, PDG Brian Shepherd, representing All State Band.

9:30 AM Meeting called to order by DG Wayne

Pledge led by Lion Ron Gibson

Invocation by PDG Bill Raymor

Governor's Remarks: DG Wayne started his remarks by introducing the head table and thanking the Region and Zone Chairs for getting started early. He hopes the new meeting place is suitable for everyone. The new International President wants the emphasis to be changed from starting new clubs to strengthen our existing clubs by bringing in new members. Governor Wayne asked that all committee chairs make the State meetings. Our membership is at a negative 3 with the good possibility of losing 15 more at Sheridan. Sheridan is having problems and Lions International has placed them on status quo. They owe \$1,058.00 to Lions International, but Lions International is willing to credit them the members that are no longer active if they get the drops to them before the end of Sept. DG Wayne is actively working with Sheridan in order to hold this club. DG Wayne again thanked everyone for being here and for everyone's early start this year.

1st VDG Laura Johnson: Lion Laura reports that she has started her visitations and has asked all Region and Zone Chairs to get her their meeting dates. Lion Laura will be the official representative of the Governor at all Zone and Region meetings as the Governor does not plan on attending any of these meetings. She asked all Region and Zone Chairs to stress to their clubs not to drop any members until they have talked to them and asked why?

2nd VDG John Monahan: In addition to service and fellowship our clubs need to do "maintenance" For all clubs have internal problems and if they are not fixed they fester and affect the whole club. Retention is the problem that all Lions need to work on and help their individual clubs with it. We need to learn to appreciate each other and then we will get along better than what we do, although most members do their best. Lions International recommends that we have the new members greet before the meetings so they get to know everyone and everyone gets to know them. Another way is to work

together on projects. It is important to include every member so that they feel a part of the club. The whole idea is to get all members involved in their clubs.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of July 25, 2009 were presented and the secretary moved that they be approved as presented. Lion Tony Rutledge supported the motion and it passed.

District Governor Wayne noted that the Policy Manual, in its corrected version, is on the District Web Site.

Lion Chipman mentioned some \$3,000.00 of unpaid dues is still outstanding. He was asked to read the list of clubs, and treasurer, Lion Kerry McGinley did so. Secretary will send out new invoices soon.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER: Lion Bill Simpson asked about the length of the newsletter. Governor Wayne explained that it is information that needs to get to the clubs and it is our only way to do so. He hopes to get it reduced to about 9 pages but will not make any promises.

DISTRICT BILLING: The billing for the District was discussed and the Secretary explained how he billed. A credit was issued to Mecosta for their drop in membership and Sheridan which also has a problem with membership will be issued a credit from the District when we actually know the membership numbers.

DISTRICT AWARD: Governor Wayne stated that he wants to start a District Award to be presented at our District Convention. The award will be a silver dollar with an engraving of Louis Braille on one side. The award will be called the District 11-E1 Louis Braille Award. The award will be fitted with a ribbon so that it can be worn around the neck, a plaque will also be presented to the recipient. The criteria for presenting this award has not been worked out yet, but it will be presented to the cabinet, and a committee will make the selection. A ten year supply of silver dollars has been purchased at a cost of approx. \$34.00 each. Motion by Lion Tony Rutledge to authorize the District Governor to continue planning this award and authorizing the treasurer to pay for the said coins and expense in establishing it, with the money to come from the award line item. Motion supported by Lion Tim Anderson and it passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Kerry McGinley presented the financial statement for the District through Sept. 13, 2009. The balance in the Administrative Fund Is \$17, 785.89 and the balance of the Designated Fund is \$23, 632.53. The complete report is attached to these minutes. Lion Kerry urged the Zone Chairs to talk to the clubs about their donations to the Ear Lab as they were down last year and not many clubs have donated so far. Motion by Lion Laurene Homsher to accept the report as given. Motion supported by Lion Tim Anderson and it passed.

APPROVAL OF BANK AND BOND. Lion Kerry has purchased the bond through the Schuberg Agency in Big Rapids and our banking is through the Chemical Bank in Big

Rapids. Motion by IPDG Larry Morlock with support from Lion Bill Simpson to approve the treasurer's decision. Motion passed.

2009 DISTRICT CONVENTION: As Convention Chair Lion Pam Schroeder was unable to attend today's meeting Lion Kerry McGinley presented her final report. Her report showed Income of \$10,410.72 and expenses of \$9,621.43 for a net gain of \$789.29. The complete report is part of these minutes. Lion Pam asked who was going to be on the committee with her this year as this will be her final year as chair. DG Wayne stated that Lions Debbie Kreitner, Jane Raymor and Jan Mast will assist her. The theme for the 2010 convention is "Down Home" and will be in Muskegon. Motion by Lion Tony Rutledge to accept this report as given. Motion supported by Lion Kerry McGinley and it passed.

EXAMINATION OF 2008-2009 BOOKS: DG Wayne appointed PDG Lynn Mast, PDG Bill Raymor, and PDG John Clemens to exam the books immediately after lunch and report back.

REGION AND ZONE REPORTS:

Region II Chair Lion Tony Rutledge; Lion Tony is working on setting up schedules to visit other clubs and planning on meeting with his zone chairs. He knows he has a few clubs with membership problems and plans to make several trips to visit them.

Zone I Chair Lion Pete Conarty; Lion Pete has zone meetings scheduled and 2nd VDG John will be his program and it will be on membership-retention. Having a little problem on contacting the Sanford club but he is working on it. He has visited the Clare club and they are up to 27 members and seem to be doing well. Planning on visiting Sanford on the 21st.

Zone II Chair Lion Bill Simpson: Having a few problems at Mecosta and Remus but they are both on schedule for visitation. Chippewa Lake is doing well and they have new members coming. Written report

Zone III Chair Lion Tim Anderson: Luther Lions have problems with their building and are working to correct them. Cadillac has had a lot of requests for eye glasses and hearing aids and is concerned if they will have the finances to support them. Lion Kerry McGinley offered to put on a program about the Lions Service Foundation hearing program. Lion Tim has already held one zone meeting and the others are scheduled. Lion Bill Simpson complemented Lion Tim on running an outstanding zone meeting. Written report attached.

Region III Chair, Lion Laurene Homsher; Lion Laurene presented a written report and highlights are; she has met with the zone chairs in her region to discuss the goals of the District Governor. Lion Laurene made contact with Lion Ed Weesies who mailed her a copy of his orientation program. Her primary focus this year will be;

- 1, Support/encouragement to help rebuild Sheridan Lions Club
- 2, More active/aggressive contacts to help Grant get a Lions Club reinstated

- 3, To attend all zone meetings
 - 4, To assist/facilitate programs, workshops, seminars within each zone as needed
- Her complete report is part of these minutes.

Zone II Chair Lion Richard Goedge: Lion Richard will be holding a meeting with Sand Lake as soon as he returns from Florida. Stanton seems to be doing ok and Lakeview has a 50th anniversary coming up. He was unable to meet with Sheridan but understands that Lions International is going to credit their bill, and as the Governor says, if they get new numbers to them before the end of Sept.

Region I Chair Lion Connie McMorris: Lion Connie was not present but sent a written report. Lion Connie is working on setting up a Region meeting and visiting her clubs.

Zone 1 Chair Robert Manning: Lion Robert has delivered all the roster books to his clubs. All clubs are busy, but fund raising this year is a little down. Traverse City has membership problems and 1st VDG Laura is visiting them tomorrow. It seems it is Lion Laura's birthday. Have a Zone meeting scheduled for the 3rd week in Jan. at Empire.

Zone II Chair Lion Neal Boynton: Lion Neal has not gotten roster books out yet but will do so this week. Frankfort has a few problems but they are working it out.

Zone III Chair Lion Carl Hawkins: Lion Carl was absent but sent written report; I have met with all clubs in my zone except Arcadia which I have been canceled twice. All the other clubs are doing fine. Carl's complete report is part of these minutes.

ALL STATE BAND: All State Band State Chair PDG Brian Shepherd presented an update and some good information about the program. Some of the highlights of his speech; The All State Band has made 33 consecutive appearances at the International Convention. In 2002 they became a separate non-profit organization, to help the kids raise money. Lions of Michigan donate about \$31,000.00 a year to help finance the band, this money is used for the administration of the band. The first of October, materials will be sent out to all high schools in the state. The cost this year, for going to Sydney, Aust. will be between \$3,900.00 to 4,200.00. We expect about 48 kids this year for the band due to the cost. While in Sydney, they will visit a local school, Escanaba High School, and participate with them at a band camp. Escanaba High School will also allow our band to use some of their equipment so our band does not have to ship it over there. Lion Matt Niemi is our District Chair and DG Wayne introduced him; Lion Matt is a former band member. DG Wayne thanked PDG Brian for all the information he presented.

WELCOME HOMES: PDG Rod Prys spoke to us about what Welcome Homes is doing. The new correct name is; Welcome Homes Residential Services. They have partnered with 8 residential homes to assist the sight impaired. They are all located in the Lower Peninsula but at the present time homes in Munising and Escanaba are considering signing contracts with W.H.R.S. Welcome Homes goes into these homes and teaches the staff on how to deal with sight impaired clients. Donations are still needed to help fund the project. DG Wayne thanked PDG Rod for coming and making the presentation.

HIGGINS LAKE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: DG Wayne urged all to talk about this training session with their clubs.

12:00 Noon Break for lunch.

12:45 meeting called back to order by DG Wayne

EXTENSION: PDG Harry Johnson held the first meeting of the state committee yesterday in Lansing. Many items were discussed including Ludington, Grant, Reed City, Marion and McBain. These are areas in our District where clubs need to be formed or restarted. He felt a lot of good was done yesterday. He was asked by the Governor if the team from LCI would help clubs in getting new members. Lion Harry said yes to that and he and the Governor would work on getting the team into our District again.

LIONS QUEST: PDG Harry Johnson reported that the first meeting will be the 3rd of Oct. There will be a one day training session in Memphis prior to the USA/Canada Forum. The committee will also look at getting a grant from LCI.

RETENTION: 2nd VDG John Monahan has not heard anything from the State Office yet on a committee meeting but assumes it will happen soon. Lion John has produced a CD on all the information from Lions International on retention and he has shared this material with Sheridan and the Lions at a zone meeting he attended. Call Lion John and he will be happy to visit your club and put on a program. Most problems that clubs have are problems with interaction between members.

MEMBERSHIP: PDG Lynn Mast has not had any committee meetings yet and he feels this is a problem. We seem never to get started before Nov. and we should be going strong by September. Sometimes Clubs have to change in order to get new members. Ask yourself why would younger members want to join your club? Have something planned for the new members, get them involved.

The PDG's reviewed the books for last year and stated they looked ok. A couple of things they are checking on but everything is good.

FAMILY & WOMEN'S INITIATIVE COMMITTEE: Lion Gayle Morlock: No report; have been copying information from LCI website. I have not received any information from either Lions Clubs International or the state committee. The new Cub Program is on LCI website. You can download the booklet and the activity pages for children ages 0-12 years.

MERLOW CHAIR: PDG Bill Raymor: First meeting scheduled for Oct. 4th.

PEACE POSTER: PDG Stan Preshaw absent: DG Wayne reported for Lion Stan that schools should be working on them now but if the clubs hurry they can still get schools

active. All posters will be judged from the District at the Nov. Cabinet Meeting. The State judging this year will be done by art teachers, not by the artless Governors.

REVIEW OF 2008-09 BOOKS: Motion by Lion Tony Rutledge to accept the review of the books. Motion supported by Lion Tim Anderson and it was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: PDG Lynn Mast asked the Governor to explain the letter IPDG Larry Morlock sent to all the PDG's in the District. The letter stated that the Ewart Lions Club had filed a grievance with the 2009-2010 Lions of Michigan Council of Governors. (Note from secretary: If you want to know what is in the grievance please call IPDG Larry and/or DG Wayne and have them explain it to you. I do not want to make a mistake and type something that is not true.)

Lion PDG Lynn Mast brought up the Liaison report about the candidates running for ID from the State. So far Duane Goltz from Drummond Island and Dr. Gary Anderson from C-1 indicate they are running.

Lion Karla Roebuck brought up the IT committee and setting up Club websites. Please contact Lion Karla for more information. This update for web sites has to be done soon.

OLD BUSINESS: Lion Ron Gibson said that the Fremont Lions Club had sent a \$100.00 check to the LEO'S in honor of IPDG Larry Morlock.

Motion to adjourn at 2:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Chipman
Cabinet Secretary

Received written reports from many chairs and they are part of these minutes.