

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING**  
**February 22, 2009**  
**RANKIN CENTER, FSU BIG RAPIDS**

**ATTENDING:** District Governor Larry and Lion Gayle Morlock, IPDG Bill Raymor, VDG Wayne Kreitner and Lion Debbie, PDG Dan Gibbons and Lion Pam Schroeder, PDG Stan Preshaw, PDG Jerry Brandt, PDG Janalee McClure, PDG Harry Johnson, PDG Lynn Mast, Cabinet Treasurer Kerry McGinley, Lion Ron D. Trzeciak, Lion Dave Rowe, Lion Larry Alman, Lion Steve Adsmoind, Lion Laurene Homsher, Lion Karla Roebuck, Lion John Monahan, Lion Tony Rutledge, and Lion Bill Simpson.

Call to order by District Governor Larry Morlock.

Pledge led by DG Larry.

Invocation by IPDG Bill Raymor

**GOVERNOR'S REMARKS:** DG Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for braving the weather to get here. The International trainers will be coming to Marion, March 23-25. In March he is hoping to be working on the Marion, Lake City and McBain areas and perhaps in May the Scottville-Ludington area. He would like more Lions to attend the training session on March 23 and 24. Please take time and come to the meeting. The Michigan Forum was held on Saturday; the Governor felt it was very well done. Columnist Tim Skubick was the featured speaker. Our next Cabinet meeting will be held at the District Convention in April.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** PDG Chipman presented the minutes of November 2, 2008 and asked for motion to accept. Lion McGinley made motion to accept with the following corrections; RANKIN was spelled wrong on the first page and PDG Harry Johnson was listed twice in the attendance. Lion Tony Rutledge supported the motion. Motion passed. PDG Chipman reported on the billing and the collection of the dues. All but 6 clubs have paid their dues and two clubs are delinquent from the first half of the year.

**VDG REPORT:** VDG Wayne Kreitner stated that the District had taken in 80 new members so far this year but we have lost 105 for a net loss of 25 members. He feels the District should strengthen the clubs we have instead of starting more clubs of 10 members. Much discussion followed on ways to improve our clubs; orientation, pride in being a Lion and getting involved in our communities. The Global Program from International can be used to assist clubs besides just starting new ones so stated PDG McClure. Rebuilding Lions may be able to assist some of these clubs that are having problems. PDG Mast said that what he finds as he travels to the different clubs is the lack of attendance by the members. We need to encourage the clubs to schedule interesting programs. The VDG was asked how the other areas in the world are doing and DG Larry replied that all were losing members but not as fast as North America.

Michigan has a net loss of 51 members so far this year. PDG Gibbons thinks that we have to revitalize our current clubs and try and get them excited again. VDG Wayne says his club is having orientation before the regular meetings and members are having fun at the meetings. So far this year, Greenville has brought in 10 new members. IPDG Raymor said that the clubs that you have success with rebuilding are the clubs that want help and have a member who is excited about being a Lion. PDG McClure said her club tries to encourage all members to have pride in their club and pride in the Lions organization. They also work on all projects that come along and have fun doing it. VDG Wayne thanked everyone for assisting him this year and asked for help next year when he is governor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lion Kerry McGinley presented the financial statement as of Feb. 22, 2009. The administrative fund shows a balance of \$21,044.30 and the designated fund a balance of \$29,719.43. The complete report is on page The treasurer feels the District is in good financial shape. We do need more donations for the Ear Lab. Lion Dave Rowe suggested hiring an outside trainer to assist us in rebuilding our clubs. DG Larry asked him to check on the mechanics of it and report back at our next meeting. Lion Kerry explained where some of the designated funds came from and what they are to be used for. Motion made by Lion Rutledge and supported by Lion Alman to accept the report as presented.

#### **REGION and ZONE REPORTS:**

Region I Chair Lion Connie McMorris; Lion Connie was absent but sent written report stating that her health and that of her family have made it very difficult for her this year.

Region I Zone I PDG Richard Daniel; Lion Dick was absent today but sent written report; he has only traveled to two clubs; our winter weather has been a problem. He will visit the other clubs before Convention. His complete report is on page .

Region I Zone II Lion Bob Gray; Lion Bob was absent.

Region I Zone III Lion Carl Hawkins; Lion Carl was absent.

Region II Chair Lion Laura Johnson; Lion Laura was absent due to health reasons; PDG Johnson gave her report. Everything going well in the Region and zone meetings have been well attended.

Region II Zone I Lion John Monahan; Lion John has held two zone meetings, December 10th and Feb. 11th. Six Lions attended the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 14 on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Midland attended both meetings and they have been growing in membership. Coleman and Harrison also have new members. Clare is the one club that does not attend.

Region II Zone II Lion Tony Rutledge; Lion Tony has one more club to visit this year and will hold his next zone meeting before the Convention. Remus is struggling, and he

is trying to help them. Lion Tony is looking for help; he will attend the training in March.

Region II Zone III Lion Tim Anderson; Lion Tim was absent.

Region III Chair PDG Lynnwood Mast; Lion Lynn stated that Zone Chair Lion Lainie Niemi was absent but she has been visiting her clubs.

Region III Zone II Lion Larry Alman; Lion Larry has a written report on page . He is planning a zone meeting at Camp Tuhsmeheeta, the end of April, when the weather is nicer.

Region III Zone III Lion Laurene Homsher; Lion Laurene has visited all clubs at least once since July. Her final zone meeting will be held in White Cloud on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The Newaygo King Lion, Dale Weaver, is working along with Lions Johnson and Mast to re-charter the Grant Lions Club. Complete report on page .

Motion by Lion McGinley to accept reports as given. Lion Alman supported the motion and it passed.

**MERLOW REPORT** PDG Janalee McClure; Lion Janalee asked her committee to give reports; she presented a written report which is on page .

**MEMBERSHIP;** No Chair at this time, but as reported earlier, membership is down 25.

**EXTENSION;** PDG Harry Johnson: Looking at Clubs in Marion, Lake City, Grant and PDG Jim Walls is looking at a club in Big Rapids Township.

**ORIENTATION;** Lion Dave Rowe: He has been visiting zone meetings and will visit more when asked.

**WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT:** Lion Laura Johnson was not present; she sent a report to be included in the District Newsletter.

PDG Chipman presented a bill from the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids that was made April 27, 2008. This was for beverages and room rent. Total bill was \$256.10. The Holiday Inn was trying to settle this. After discussion, motion made by PDG Mast to pay the bill. Lion Rutledge supported the motion and it passed. PDG Raymor said he did not believe they had any coffee. PDG Chipman will negotiate with the Holiday Inn.

**LEADERSHIP INSITUTE;** PDG Lynn Mast asked the Governor if Lions International had pulled its support for the institute. The Governor did not know the answer, and said he would bring it up at the next Council meeting. Lions International is having financial problems; he does not think it should have a bearing on grants.

**CONVENTION REPORT:** Lion Pam Schroeder; The Convention is set; she recommended room reservations be done ASAP, as they are going fast. If you need a table to display items, contact Pam soon. Shirts will be available for sale; we just have to decide on colors and price.

PDG Johnson asked about selling items at the District Convention; He feels that items should not be sold. After discussion, a motion was made to allow the Fremont Leo Club to sell items at the 2009 District Convention in Big Rapids. This motion was made by Laurene Homsher and supported by Lion Rutledge. Discussion followed about allowing clubs to sell items or not. Ideas ran from not allowing anyone to allowing all clubs to sell items. The District Governor called for the question and asked for the motion to be read and asked for the vote. The motion passed. The Governor then stated that discussion on this item to be halted until the end of our agenda, if time allows. If time does not allow at this meeting it can and should be brought back up at the first meeting in July.

Governor Larry asked Lion Pam to continue her report. Mix and meet Friday Night; asked all clubs not to open there hospitality rooms until after the entertainment. There are 5 hospitality rooms this year. All Clubs are asked to bring used eye glasses and hearing aids. Forums are set for Saturday. Be sure to bring your stand for your banner for the parade of flags. New member induction again this year and new members will get a free lunch. If your club had any members that have passed away this fiscal year, please send a picture to Pam with a short Bio. If you send your registration in after March 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a \$10.00 late fee charged.

Name Tag holders this year are really nice and can be used for many different things, such as a pass port holder. The cost for these is \$614.00; Lion Pam feels whereas District C-1 is paying for the entertainment, our District should pay for these name tag holders. Motion by Lion McGinley and supported by Lion Homsher to pay for said items. Motion passed.

Lion Pam stated that next year will be her last year as Convention Chair and asked for someone to work with her this year and next.

Recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM

Blessing by IPDG William Raymor

Call back to order at 1:00 PM by DG Morlock

**2011 CONVENTION;** PDG Chipman reported that for our District Convention in 2011 Strategic Partners by Design requested permission to seek bids for our convention and Lion Chipman has given them permission. They have sent out invitations to bid to 8 hotels for the 2011 Convention. All this does is make our job easier, and it will not cost us anything.

**DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL:** PDG Janalee McClure presented a proposed change for the Policy Manual that the Governor requested. The change is under Section C, Policies of District 11-E1, new paragraph I. “The District Governor shall be responsible to distribute a Monthly District Newsletter and shall proof said newsletter for content. There shall be no political advertising material of any matter in said newsletter.” Motion by Lion Chipman and supported by Lion Monahan to support the proposed change. After many words spoken pro and con the general consensus of the Cabinet was to vote on each sentence of the proposed change one at a time. Lion Chipman and Monahan agreed to change their original motion to read “to approve said change to the Policy Manual one sentence at a time.” First sentence “shall distribute a Monthly District Newsletter” was approved. The second sentence “no political advertising material” failed.

**CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS:** PDG Janalee McClure presented a new Constitution for the District. This Constitution is the same one that the State Office is requesting all Districts adopt. Lion Janalee added items from our Constitution to fine tune the proposed one. Lion Janalee missed one item about the Foundation and the number of trustees; it was brought to her attention, and she will make the correction before it goes on the District Web Site. Motion by Lion McGinley to “endorse the new proposed Constitution and present said Constitution to the members at the District Convention in April, 2009 for their approval”. Motion supported by Lion Rutledge and it passed.

**MICHIGAN LIONS FOUNDATION;** Lions Kerry McGinley & IPDG Bill Raymor: Lion McGinley urged all members to sell the raffle tickets as it is an easy way for the clubs to earn money. Lion Kerry was asked about the rental agreement between the Lions of Michigan and the Foundation. Lion Kerry stated that the existing agreement has been extended 90 days for the LOM to study the proposed changes which are; a 9 year lease at a 15% reduction in cost, and after 9 years the rent will go to zero. If the LOM want to do any remodeling in the building they may at their expense. Next year the Foundation will be focusing on two items, new hearing aids and cataract surgery as they are facing financial problems like everyone else.

**DISTRICT YOUTH COORDINATOR:** Lion Laurene Homsher asked **PEACE POSTER CHAIR Lion PDG Stan Preshaw** to report first. Lion Stan stated he was waiting for the Governor to judge the Posters and as soon as he knew who the winner was he would get the SS#, the bond, and invite them to lunch at the convention.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE** Lion PDG Janalee McClure has a student who wants to go to Germany as an exchange student and needs financial help. Lion Janalee requested \$500.00 be transferred from the youth exchange account and be sent to the state office in Mariah Conklin’s name. If she does not end up going the donation will be returned to the District. Motion by Lion McGinley to so approve and supported by Lion Homsher. Motion passed with no dissention. Youth exchange written report on page .

**YOUTH QUEST** Lion PDG Harry Johnson has taken a complete set of teaching modules from Lions International Quest program to the Carson City Lions Club; they are going to get with the ISD to present them. These teaching modules are set for k-5, 6-8 and 9-12. **ALL STATE BAND & LEO** Lion Laurene Homsher reports, this year, 11 students from our District are members of the All State Band, 4 from Cadillac, 2 from

Lakeview and Pierson, and 1 each from Six Lakes, Marion and Fremont. She reminded everyone about sending a donation not only to help the students but also \$80.00 to help the administrative fund.

**LEO** will be holding their conference on Sat. Feb. 28 at Camp T in Greenville. Several informative sessions will be held. Complete written report on page .

**CAMP TUHSMEHETA:** Lion Larry Alman; the projected budget for Camp T for 2009 is \$165,000.00. The camp needs to raise \$100,000.00 this year and any help you can give would be appreciated. Our Mission is to provide fun, educational and recreational programs for individuals who are blind. Lion Larry's full report on pages .

**CREDENTIALS & HEARING;** Lion Gayle Morlock; The Credential forms are sent out and due back to Lion Gayle by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Please do not sign them until you come to the convention. **HEARING** committee met yesterday at the Michigan Forum and the new brochures were handed out. They are on the table and if you want some, see Lion Gayle. The next meeting of the committee will be at the Multiple Convention.

**DIABETES;** Lion PDG Richard Daniel; Lion Richard not present but submitted a written report. In the report Lion Dick requested a transfer of funds from the diabetes account to provide funding for 3 students to go to the Diabetes Camp in Fenton, Mi. Cost of the Camp is \$500.00. Lion Rutledge made the motion to approve the funding for 3 students from District 11-E1, and funding for each will not exceed \$500, and if no students apply, the money will remain in the fund. The students must have Type I Diabetes. Supported by Lion Homsher and the motion passed. The full diabetes report is on page

**DISTRICT NEWSLETTER:** Lion Larry Alman presented a written report and is happy with the amount of material he is receiving. The written report is on page .

**ELECTIONS;** Lion PDG Richard Perrin was absent but sent the following report; We have candidates for all open district positions this year. The election will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Printed ballots will be used for all positions as required by Lions International.

**HONORARY:** Lion IPDG Bill Raymor has no report but is very happy to be here.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Lion Karla Roebuck has updated a clubs web site as it has not been updated for a long time. She held training at the Michigan Forum with Lion Alman and Lion Monahan assisting her. She will be holding training at our District Convention at Big Rapids.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & LIASON:** Lion PDG Janalee McClure; The convention this year will be in Minneapolis, Minn. July 6-10. So far, 93 Lions from Michigan, which includes the 22 incoming Governors and spouses, have signed up to attend. We have a candidate this year from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, PDG Sara Doubleday. Lion Janalee full report on page .

**INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING:** Lion PDG Jerry Brandt; The easy way to get involved in International Understanding is to host a youth exchange student and/or go to the International Convention.

**LIONESSE:** Lion PDG Jack Burchard: Lion Jack was not present, but PDG Mast asked if there was any truth to the rumor that he heard that Lions International was going to reinstate the Lioness program but charge regular dues. Governor Larry said it was discussed at a Council meeting but nothing has come from Lions International and he thinks it is a dead deal.

**MICHIGAN EYE BANK:** Lion PDG Lynn Mast; Lion Lynn urged all Lions to sign up as a tissue donor for the Heart Program. He has visited 15 clubs so far this year about the program and has 3 or 4 more scheduled. If your clubs need a program, call Lion Lynn.

**MICHIGAN FORUM & USA/CANADA FORUM:** Lion PDG Janalee McClure; the Michigan Forum was held yesterday. Our District was well represented and our District placed a lot of ads in the program. Lion John Monahan put on a program as well as Lion Karla Roebuck. Lion Karla stated of the 6 people working at the IT room 3 of the 6 Lions working were from District 11-E1 and all the equipment came from E-1. The USA/Canada Forum will be Sept. 17-19, 2009 in Memphis, Tenn. See the full report on page .

**MULTIPLE 10/11 CONVENTION:** Lion Pam Schroeder: The Multiple Convention will be held May 15-16 in Lansing at the Holiday Inn South. Room rates are \$79.00 and the theme for the mix and meet on Friday evening is All Sports Tailgate Party. The registration forms will be coming out soon.

**PROJECT KIDSIGHT:** Lion PDG Stan Preshaw; has held several screenings, and has scheduled ones at Sutton Bay, Newaygo and Midland. Donations are needed to help defray the cost, so if your clubs can, please do.

**SIGHT CONSERVATION & WELCOME HOMES:** Lion PDG Stan Preshaw: The Sight Conservation Chair has tried to work with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation but the only information coming from that foundation is how to raise money for them. **Welcome Homes** has partnered with The Michigan Commission for the Blind to better serve their clients. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Saturday, and if any one has something to bring up contact Lion Stan.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Lion PDG Lynn Mast: During a telex-conference the committee was asked to come up with a policy for the selection of the State Treasurer and the State Secretary. The proposal will be presented at the next Council meeting; it will be up to the Council to approve it or not.

**WHITE CANE:** Lion Bill Simpson: Devon Michelle Law was the \$3,000.00 Scholarship winner this year; she is 24 years old and legally blind. She is studying at

WMU for her Masters Degree in vision rehabilitation therapy. Lion Bill also reminded every club to purchase something from the White Cane Committee so they can be 100% presidents.

Motion to Adjourn 3:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Chipman, Cabinet Secretary