

**DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING
MINUTES of JULY 29, 2012
HELD AT THE GATE
706 PERRY STREET
BIG RAPIDS MICHIGAN**

Attending: District Governor Bill Simpson, 1st VDG Tim Anderson, 2nd VDG Pete Conarty, IPDG John Monahan, Lion Kerry McGinley, Treasurer; PDG Jim Chipman, Secretary; Lion Ron Gibson, LMF; Lion Mike Howard, Zone Chair; Lion Laurene Homsher, Youth Activities; Lion Kyle Madole, Zone Chair; Lion Lynn Nostrant, Diabetes Chair; Lion Pam Schroeder, Zone Chair; Lion Larry Wendt, Sgt. At Arms; PDG Jim Walls, Stanwood Lions; Lion Peggy Walls, Stanwood Lions; Lion Gayle Morlock, Zone Chair; PDG Larry Morlock, Zone Chair; PDG Dan Gibbons, Lion John C. Monahan, Peace Poster Chair; Lion Bill Koch, Zone Chair; PDG Lynn Mast, Michigan Eye Bank; Lion Bernie Baldwin, Zone Chair; PDG Laura Johnson, District Float; Lion Karla Roebuck, IT Chair.

Call to order at 9:30 AM by **DG Bill Simpson**

Pledge led by Lion Larry Wendt

Invocation by Lion Laurene Homsher

First order of business is to install the officers of the District. DG Bill presented pins and badges to the cabinet officers.

Governor's Remarks; Times have changed, but it appears they haven't changed that much. We are still looking for new members to replace our losses. The opening article I read to you was written in 1998. Back then we had 1650 members and were worried that today would happen - and it has. We are barely legal @ 1282 members. If we don't motivate our membership to "Just Ask" - to be creative in securing new members, Lion Tim will inherit a district that is following the majority trend of Districts in Michigan.

My goals to LCI were to be plus one in each of our zones, but to put it on a more personal and achievable level, I've challenged each club to produce a positive growth figure - I'll reward those clubs that meet or exceed that growth level. Our role is to promote an atmosphere of encouragement to assist the clubs in their growth attempts. Let's face it! We are a sales organization and our product is service. So, we need volunteers!

"Why People Volunteer"

- They desire to help others
- They desire to use some special knowledge or skill they have
- They need security, the kind that comes from feeling one's life has purpose, meaning, and significance

- They need to be part of activities that are important to a neighborhood, community, country, or hemisphere
- They desire status or recognition
- They need to feel useful and needed
- They are interested in learning new skills and participating in enjoyable and rewarding activities
- They desire to gain recognition and skills that will help them advance in their employment and social areas

Thank goodness that people do volunteer because the world would be a sorer place without us.

This year our International president again calls us to help those less fortunate than us. Eyesight is our main focus, but we need to be flexible and not pass up opportunities when made available by our communities. President Madden suggests four steps for our 2012/2013 Lions year. First, starting in August: engaging youth in our clubs and in our projects. We want a place of conversation and interaction with those younger than the majority of our Club members of today. In October: to work with the blind and visually impaired because we are Lions. In December and January: projects and initiatives that feed the hungry. Giving money is great, but helping at a food bank, making food baskets, or actually placing food into the hands of those that need it, is what will call attention to our Lions clubs. In April: plan a way to protect or clean up the environment. This is a great time for a “get your hands dirty” project.

That sounds like a busy year to me. In addition, we can't forget about the measles partnership with the Gates Foundation. Please ask your clubs to contribute \$.50 to \$1.00 per member to LCIF. Use that donation to further your club to a Melvin Jones award. Remember, there is always one of your club members that deserve to be recognized for their efforts.

New this year is the Reading Action Program - a campaign to improve literacy rates and promote reading. One person in four worldwide and one person in seven in the US are considered to be illiterate. Ask your clubs to contact their local library, start a program reading to/with children in schools, support adult literacy classes, donate dictionaries to 3rd or 4th grade students in your school system. One of the interesting aspects of this campaign is to make a short RAP video promoting ways to get children to read.

Please promote the Club Excellence Process and Club visitations. Both are designed to maximize Club performance and their outreach into local communities. The CEP helps with Club

operation and community awareness, while Club visitation builds support and experience pathways between clubs.

There is a lot to do -- and I respect the fact that you and I are volunteers. We have other parts of our lives besides Lionism, but it is impressive to think of all the good you are doing and the people your efforts help. We, your Governor's Team, are ready and willing to help in any way we can.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of March 30-31 and April 1, 2012 were presented and approved by motion from PDG Morlock, ZC and support from ZC Pam Schroeder. Motion passed.

Secretary presented the Policy Manual and Constitution to the new ZC's and the Policy Manual was approved by motion from 1st VDG Tim and support from IPDG John. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report; Lion Kerry McGinley presented the Financial Statement for 2011-12

Administrative Fund

Balance July 1, 2011 **\$15849.73**

Receipts	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Transfer from prior years excess	\$ 3000.00	\$
Transfer from District Convention	1000.00	1000.00
Transfer from S & H that was owed Admin	1917.46	1917.46
Dues 1300 @ \$21.50	27950.00	24788.25
CD Interest	150.00	165.91
Checking Interest	70.00	36.70
Cabinet Meeting		290.75
IPDG Dinner		1575.00
District Convention 1325 @ \$1.00	1300.00	1300.00
District Pins	<u>500.00</u>	<u>385.49</u>
Total Receipts	\$33970.00	\$30459.56

Expenses		
Dues 1325 @ \$14.50	\$19212.50	18565.25
Roster Book	900.00	922.90
Newsletter and Postage	900.00	513.21
Cabinet Meeting		263.50
Awards	500.00	507.36
Miscellaneous (Incorporation Fee)		20.00
Fall Conference		57.00
IPDG Dinner		1691.39
Region and Zone Chairs 2009-10	1000.00	
District Pins	600.00	990.00
District Convention	1300.00	
GMT & GLT	500.00	369.32
USA/Canada Forum-Vice District Governor	1500.00	629.80
International Convention (2010-2011)	1500.00	1500.00
Miscellaneous non-refundable DG Expenses	2750.00	792.14
Misc. non-refundable 1 st VDG Expenses	1500.00	1500.00
Misc. non-refundable 2 nd VDG Expenses	750.00	750.00

Miscellaneous	750.50	
Leadership Institute	300.00	300.00
Dishonesty Bond	257.00	257.00
IPDG Jacket	100.00	
Peace Poster	50.00	
District Website	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$32257.50	\$29948.87

Balance Administrative Fund **\$16360.42**

DESIGNATED FUNDS

		BALANCE July 1, 2011	CURRENT BALANCE
Sight and Hearing		\$13082.54	
CD State Farm Bank	\$ 13082.54		
Expenses	5135.00		
Receipts	650.00		\$ 8667.54
Diabetes		1819.67	
Receipts	300.00		
Expenses			2119.67
Youth Exchange		210.00	210.00
LCIF		500.00	500.00
District Convention		6247.84	
Receipts	4277.00		
Expenses	6448.12		4076.72
Miscellaneous			
Expenses			615.12
LCI Grant (Float)			
Receipts	3048.80		
Expenses	2623.54		
Expenses (11-12)	<u>425.26</u>		0.00
KidSight		61.18	
Receipts	1114.00		
Expenses	1075.55		99.63
PediaVision		4050.00	
Receipts	25350.00		
Expenses	29400.00		0.00
Tail Twister		1324.90	
Receipts	200.28		
Expenses	1298.80(Float)		
			<u>226.38</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2012			\$16515.07

Lion Kerry made motion to accept the report as presented and it was supported by PDG Chipman. After discussion, the motion was passed. Lion Kerry presented the budget for 2012-13;

**Proposed Budget 2012-13
Administrative Fund**

Balance July 1, 2012		\$
Receipts	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Transfer from prior years excess	\$ 4000.00	
Dues 1275 @ \$21.50	27412.50	
CD Interest	70.00	
Checking Interest	20.00	
District Convention 1275 @ \$1.00	1275.00	
District Pins	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$33277.50	
 Expenses		
Dues 1275 @ \$14.50	\$18487.50	
Roster Book	870.00	
Newsletter and Postage	900.00	
Awards	500.00	
Region and Zone Chairs 2012-13	600.00	
District Pins	600.00	
District Convention	625.00	
GMT & GLT	500.00	
USA/Canada Forum-Vice District Governor	1500.00	
International Convention (2012-2013)	1500.00	
Miscellaneous non-refundable DG Expenses	2750.00	
Misc. non-refundable 1 st VDG Expenses	1500.00	
Misc. non-refundable 2 nd VDG Expenses	750.00	
Miscellaneous	750.50	
Leadership Institute	300.00	
Dishonesty Bond	257.00	
IPDG Jacket	100.00	
Peace Poster	50.00	
District Website	<u>250.00</u>	
Total Projected Expenses	\$32789.50	
 Balance Administrative Fund for 2012-13	 \$488.00	

Motion made by Lion Kerry to accept Budget as presented. Supported by PDG Chipman. After discussion, the motion passed.

Approval of Bank: Chemical Bank West, by motion from Zone Chair Larry Morlock and support from ZC Pam Schroeder. Motion passed.

Approval of Bond: for CS, Treasurer and Convention Chair by motion from Treasurer McGinley and support from ZC Pam Schroeder. Motion passed.

On Going District Projects:

District Governor Bill appointed PDG's Laura, Larry and Lynn to examine the financial records of 2011-12 and report back after lunch.

Corporation Papers; Discussion was held on making sure our yearly fee was paid. Sec. will contact PDG Wayne Kreitner.

Pedia Vision; IPDG John Monahan will fill out the final report to Lions International for the grant we received and the Treasurer will give him some information on number of exams and expenses.

District Float; PDG Laura Johnson presented the following report:

All clubs in the district received a mailing with photo and information regarding the float in May.

To date, three clubs have used the float, with another three reservations for later in the summer/fall.

I would like to recommend the District recognize the Luther Lions club in some way for their willingness to store the float and coordinate the pickup and return of the float. Maybe a brick at Bear Lake Camp, Michigan Eye Bank, or a donation to their administrative fund would be appropriate.

To date there has been no cost to the District for maintenance or storage.

Appreciation Party for IPDG will be held August 11 at the Harrison Lions Club. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Invitations are out.

1st VDG Remarks: Lion Tim Anderson.

Growth: I've been informed that 3 clubs within our district that, up to this point have been all men, have or are bringing women in very shortly. Bear Lake & Hesperia are two of those clubs adding new women members earlier this summer.

GMT / GLT – Are still new and building within our district and state, this year I move from GLT to GMT and am pleased to be working with IPDG John Monahan on ways to help our numbers grow. Lion Pete steps into the GLT role that I had last year and PDG Lion Dick Perrin, now seasoned with a year under his belt, will help teach the Lions of our district what they need to know to succeed.

Visits: I have all my assigned visitations scheduled for this year but would very much like to hear from any club that might want me to come to a meeting, project, or gathering. The best way to find out about the lions of our district is to see them in action.

KidSight: Our KidSight program is going strong thanks to our chairs and to all of you but remember there are still some costs and any contribution your clubs can make to the District Sight and Hearing fund will help with those costs. Almost 1000 kids screened since the 1st of the year! We are making a difference!

USA/Canadian Forum is coming up in September down in Tampa Florida. For more information please see Lion Dick our GLT.

Leader Dog Rider: Recent we had a gentleman a Superintendent of Schools from Portland Oregon pass thru our area while riding his bike 3500 miles across our country to Portland Maine. I just wanted to take a moment and thanks those lions and clubs that came out to support Lion Mark and to make is brief stay 11E1 a memorable one. Thanks everyone!

Re-Districting: Currently I'm spending a good part of my summer visiting many of our State and District Projects on an almost weekly basis learning more and more about who we are and what we do to help those around Michigan, I've also made many new friends in other districts and have been included in many things they do to serve, from this I've learned Lions aren't defined by boundaries or districts they are defined by the difference they can make to a person or a community. Now I know we all have loyalties, we all have loyalties tor our hometown or the school we went to and of course the district we belong to but if you're like me you joined Lions to make a difference to serve and no matter what happens to the number of districts we have in this state the good work that you do that you've done within you communities won't change.

Presentation; District Governor Bill presented pins to the following Lions on behalf of Lion Mark Mansell who rode across the US for Leader Dog. The following Lions met him in Ludington and greeted him; Lions Pam Schroeder, PDG's Dan Gibbons, Harry Johnson, Lynn Mast and Laura Johnson and he was very appreciative.

2nd VDG Pete Conarty Report;

Thank you, District Lions, for the opportunity to serve as your 2nd Vice District Governor. It is a privilege, as a Lion for 29 years, to work in this capacity. We have exciting events happening in our District this summer. Your fundraisers and special projects are making a difference in your communities. Thank you for helping to make our Lions District 11 E1 outstanding.

We have an exciting special event scheduled on Sunday, September 9, for all of our District Lions and their guests. Our Fall District 11 E1 Lions Conference which will be held in White Cloud, Michigan at the Newaygo Commission on Aging Building. The conference will feature special projects/ fundraisers from four of our District clubs. You will get a firsthand look and possibly taste of some of the projects that are considered outstanding for these clubs. Our District Float trailer will be on site with information and possibly pictures of its use. A representative of the Midland based Dow Corning Corporation will present a program on an exciting new venture into Third World Opticals. A parade/pledge of checks for our state and district projects will highlight our determination to make these organizations a success. Updates on the Pedia Camera use and many more ideas will be forthcoming at this event. Plan on bringing a group from your club for this 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. conference. The registration fee is \$7.50 per Lion or guest and includes delicious snacks and a wonderful lunch hosted by the White Cloud Lions. Meet new Lions, visit with Lion friends, become informed on what's new in your District and relax after a busy, hot summer. You won't regret this opportunity to participate as a Lion. The registration form is in this newsletter.

GMT Report by IPDG John Monahan

I attended the state GMT meeting in Lansing, 7/14/2012

PDG Lion Keith Geiger presided and IPDG Lion Gary Anderson led much of the discussion. Lion Gary said that CEP is closely related to increased membership, that is, after going through CEP, clubs usually grow. One idea is a tiny Lions pin to get people to ask what it is. Thus an opening for talking about Lions. Speaking of which, we all need to have ready our 20 second elevator speech about Lions.

Recommendation 1: Institute CEP in clubs as soon as possible.

He also suggested that we sue the "Cliff Notes" version of CEP, because most clubs will not do the long version.

By completing CEP, clubs will have made themselves more attractive to potential new Lions; they will improve their relations among their own members, improve publicity, and become better Lions clubs.

Lion Gary's next idea is to get Lions to pledge to recruit a person by sending Gary a post card with the pledge. If Gary does not do that, we should do it ourselves.

Other ideas that come from a variety of sources include visiting zone meetings to talk about CEP and recruitment and visiting some clubs for the same reasons. To that end, I am making copies of LCI's 32 suggestions for recruiting new members and will email or mail it to each club membership chairperson. DG Jim Pettinato is rewarding Lions who bring in new members, not sure how. Of course, we want to keep them, so orientation is important.

All of this requires working with PCC Lion Dick Perrin and his facilitators to get CEP into the clubs.

I also need to recruit two Lions: one as Membership and New Club Growth Leader, outreach to new members, identifies clubs for CEP, and finds opportunities for new clubs, and another as Club Success Leader, helping with service projects and reporting, retention, and support for CEP clubs and struggling clubs.

Membership Initiative:

A. In coordination with Lion Dick, get clubs involved with CEP, especially a shortened version, so they will actually go through the process. Approach clubs after analysis of membership trends.

B. Recruit Membership and New Club Growth Leader and Club Success Leader.

C. Visit each zone to talk CEP and membership. Ask Membership chairs to attend Zone meeting.

D. Help each membership chair get a recruitment drive going, including elevator speech, pledge card, Just Ask or Tiny Lion pin, and the strategies from LCI.

E. Retention is an integral part of CEP, so CEP is the best retention program.

F. Get Lions to pledge to recruit, record pledges, give them a Just Ask pin, and follow up with a reward (to be determined, maybe a pin).

G. In conjunction with the Membership and New Club Growth Leader and Club Success Leader set definable, realistic, and challenging goals for CEP, membership growth, recruitment drives, pledges to recruit and results, and retention.

DG Bill stressed that each club needs to have a membership chair. If we are going to increase membership we need a leader in each club. He asked each zone chair to stress the need for membership chairs.

PDG Lynn Mast spoke about Sheridan and their rebirth. Hopefully we have them going in a positive way.

PDG Lynn also spoke about a program that rewards each club for bringing new members in. After discussion the following motion was approved by motion from IPDG John and ZC Kyle Madole and known as the:

Club Membership Reward Program

Starting July 1st, 2012 and running thru the Lions fiscal year of 2012-13, District 11-E1 will reimburse each club in our District \$30.00 for each net member increase over the membership on record as of June 30th, 2012 per the clubs M-Report to Lions International. A maximum of \$5000.00 will be budgeted from the Administrative Fund Reserves to pay for this program.

GLT Report by PCC Perrin: As PCC Perrin was unable to be here DG Bill read his report.

Global Leadership Team District Coordinator's Report July 29, 2012

GLT Training Activities

Club Officer Training sessions have been held in Region I Zones 1 and 2 and Region II Zones 1 and 3. Training sessions for the remaining zones will be scheduled for early fall. Thanks to the Zone Chairs for their help in setting up these sessions

Zone Chair Training was held at the district convention in conjunction with the zone and region chairs of district 11-C1.

I participated in the Faculty Development Institute held in Ottawa Canada on March 9-12 2012. I appreciate the opportunity to attend the Institute. It was both challenging and educational. I would recommend any Lion involved in training to attend an institute when it is offered in the future.

Increase Awareness of the GMT/GLT Programs and the Club Excellence Process (CEP)

The Global Leadership Team will work with the Global Membership Team to increase awareness of the GMT/GLT programs and hold CEP sessions in 10 district clubs. Zone Chairs can help with this by presenting information about GMT/GLT and CEP as they meet with their clubs throughout the year.

Our district has great leaders among our ranks. Developing leadership skills should start the day someone becomes a Lion and mentoring begins. We will

- Encourage participation in local and LCI training programs
- Provide training opportunities locally to meet Lions needs through the GLT coordinator,
- Implement practical job training for club officers and zone chairpersons
- Encourage the use of online training resources (Leadership Resource Center)

Upcoming Lions Training Opportunities

- **Michigan Lions Leadership Institute – Higgins Lake, MI – November 9-11 2012**
The Leadership Institute and the Graduate Institute will be held at the MacMullan Training Center. The Graduate Institute will be held for those who previously attended the Leadership Institute. Applications will be available in August.
- **USA/Canada Leadership Forum – Tampa Bay, FL – September 13-15 2012**
- **Michigan Lions Forum – Ramada Inn – Lansing – February 16, 2013**
- **Senior Lions Leadership Institute – Oak Brook – February 22-25 2013**

Online Lions Educational Opportunities Through Lions Clubs International

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php>

- **LCI Webinars** – The list of topics is available on the LCI web site
- **LCI Online Courses** - The list of topics is available on the LCI web site

ZONE REPORTS

Region I Zone 2 Lion Pam Schroeder Zone Meetings are set for August 15, Oct. 17 and Jan. 23. Sent letter to all clubs and offered to assist them with a project and so far Manistee is the only club that has asked me to help. Zone is working at the Manistee Fair, and will have a new project for United Way. Mesick will host the Christmas Party this year. Bear Lake will host a Golf Outing this year.

Region 2 Zone 1 Lion Mike Howard; No Report

Region 2 Zone 2 Lion Bernie Baldwin; No Report

Region 2 Zone 3 Lions Larry and Gayle Morlock
Attending the officers' training on July 26th were:

Baldwin King Lion James Clarke
Luther King Lion Betty Alward
Secretary Lion Edye McCarty
Ewart King Lion Terese Whitten
Secretary Lion Gayle Morlock

The trainers were: for Presidents was 2nd VDG Pete Conarty from Midland Lions Club and for secretaries was Lion Karla Roebuck from Chippewa Lake Lions Club.

Also in attendance were: DG Bill Simpson, 1st VDG Tim Anderson, and PDG Larry Morlock. The training session lasted 1 ½ hours with much information given to the participants.

We will be scheduling zone meetings and club visitations beginning in September. We won't be scheduling meetings during the winter months.

Region 3 Zone 1 Lion Kyle Madole: He has been contacting clubs and will be setting up visitations soon.

Region 3 Zone 2 Lion Bill Koch; No Report

12:00 PM Break for lunch

12:45 PM Called to order by DG Bill

DG Bill passed out roster books, and we checked them out for any errors.

DG Bill presented a plaque to Lion Ron Gibson for his effort on Youth Exchange for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

A thank you to Lion Larry Wendt for his efforts as a Sergeant at Arms was expressed by DG Bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Information Technology; Lion Karla Roebuck has put on several programs throughout the District and has had 3 clubs ask about updating their clubs Web Site.

All State Band; Lion Laurene Homsher had the Band scheduled for the Baby Food Festival, and they never showed up. She was at a loss to why. As of yet she has not heard from the State Chair.

Project Kidsight: As PCC Janalee McClure was absent 1st VDG Tim Anderson gave the report; Had a camera break and just got the replacement for it. It was covered under warranty. The Michigan Health Dept. and the Project Kid Sight Foundation are holding a side by side comparison of all three different kind of cameras used in the State. They are concerned that they may be getting false readings. The cameras have to be held at the proper height and Lion Tim will be holding a refresher course before each screening to make sure our operators are doing it correctly.

A question was asked about the old film cameras about what to do with them. Tim told them that they have to go back to who ever purchased them.

Hearing; Lion Gayle Morlock presented the following report; I have sent one hearing aid application to Chad McCann. The applicant “loves” the hearing aid and stated that she hears much better.

Two applications were returned to the contact person of the sponsoring club for completion. I’m waiting for the applications to be returned to me for verification and signature before I send them to a Lions of Michigan Foundation trustee and then on to Chad McCann.

Policy/Procedure to be followed for hearing aids:

1. Applicant contacts the Lions club in their area to see if the club will sponsor them for hearing aids.
2. Club requests an application form from Chad McCann at Lions of Michigan Foundation.

3. Club fills out club information on page 1 and the amount club will pay for evaluation and fitting of the hearing aid(s) on the top of page 2.
4. Club gets the application to the applicant who fills out personal information and the amount they will pay for evaluation and fitting on page 2. Applicant makes appointment with the audiologist and takes the application with them to the audiologist.
5. At the appointment, the audiologist fills out the treatment, attaches the audiogram, checks the hearing aid and color needed, and lists the cost of the evaluation and fitting on the top of page 2 and returns form and audiogram to the applicant.
6. The applicant completes insurance information, family members, total household income and household expenses. Proof of income must be attached to the application or it will not be processed.
7. Applicant signs and dates in 2 places on page 3 and returns the application to the sponsoring Lions club.
8. The sponsoring Lions club signs and dates the application on page 3 and sends it to the District Hearing Chairperson (currently Lion Gayle Morlock).
9. The District Hearing Chair signs and dates the application and sends it to a District Trustee (currently PDG Dan Gibbons and Lion Ron Gibson).
10. The District Trustee signs and dates the application and sends it to Chad McCann where he will contact the applicant if the application is approved and then he will contact the audiologist and complete the process of getting the hearing aid(s).

Hearing: Lion Laurene Homsher; Working with Bear Lake as they have a Leo club started, who have been working with the club but haven't yet been chartered. The State Committee meets the end of August and a Conference will be held this year. Very few clubs have called and asked for programs.

1st VDG Tim had Lions International PR Dept. contact him and they are coming to Cadillac to film the Leo's and the Cub program in action. Some will be staged, but he is working with Lion Laurene to get a Leo Club in the area actually working on a project. Good PR tool for our District.

Lions of Michigan Foundation: Lion Ron Gibson gave the report on the Foundation. The Foundation gave out over \$200,000 dollars in grants last fiscal year and some \$22,000.00 came to our District. Some 26 clubs donated a total of \$5000.00. We need to do better with our donations if we want the Foundation to continue as a viable organization. The Foundation has two awards to hand out by giving either \$500.00 or \$1000.00. Call for a speaker.

Honorary; PDG Laura Johnson gave the report and suggestions from the PDG's and no action taken on any suggestion.

Michigan Eye Bank; PDG Lynn Mast; Thanked the clubs for sending in donations last year a total of \$9000.00.

He has visited all clubs in the District except one and can not make contact with them. He feels that State Projects have to be promoted as local projects for much or more of the money donated comes back to a local area. Some 113,000 people are waiting for transplants and we need to do more for the donor program.

Peace Poster; Lion John C. Monahan; DG Bill presented a pin to Lion John symbolizing 25 years of Peace Posters thru Lions International. Lion John plans on contacting all the clubs in the District over the next month and hopes to have more than 7 clubs involved this year.

Sight Conservation: PDG Laura Johnson is collecting glasses for a mission trip which is leaving in February. The drop place is in Grand Rapids. Contact Lion Laura.

District Used Eye Glasses Recycling; Lion Tony Rutledge; As Lion Tony was absent DG Bill stressed the importance of collecting glasses and that Lion Tony has program for Region 2 Zone 2 to come sort glasses at Ferris on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. I am sure any club in the District would be welcome to help. Contact Lion Tony.

White Cane: PDG Larry Morlock; No report

Youth Exchange; Lion Steve Adsmund, Fremont Lions Club Ph. 231-924-3719

(adsmund@comcast.net) Lion Steve sent the following report:

I have accepted the Lions Youth Exchange Chair for 2012-2013. Our District 11-E1 hasn't had a Youth Exchange student in many years, and we as a district have missed an opportunity to have representation in this significant international student exchange program.

Part of the challenge is creating awareness for our clubs and interested youth and their families.

Applications from interested Exchange students have a deadline of September 30th, due in to me by this date

Therefore I hope you, attending this 1st District 11-E1 Cabinet Meeting, will look at the three pages that follow to learn more about Lions Youth Exchange and put some sort of notice into your community through your choice of media that would have the greatest ability to reach interested youth and promote your Lions Club.

Audit Report: PDG Laura reported that everything was fine with the books but questioned the \$7.00 fee and \$3.00 fee to the bank and asked if something could be done about it. Lion Kerry was checking on what could be done. Motion to approve by ZC Pam Schroeder and supported by Sec. Chipman. Motion passed.

New Business: PDG Dan Gibbons brought up the Special Olympics and the Opening Eyes Program at CMU in Mt. Pleasant. About 1000 children a year are giving exams and glasses are ground on the spot for any child needing them.

Motion to Adjourn at 1:47 PM

Yours in Lionism,
Jim Chipman, Cabinet Secretary