

# MINUTES DISTRICT 11-E1 CABINET MEETING

Saturday, October 14, 2006

ATTENDING: District Governor Lynnwood Mast, Lions Richard Bowman, Karla Roebuck, Bob Gray, Larry Alman, Vice District Governor William Raymor, Don Rankin, Laura Johnson, PDG Harry Johnson, Connie McMorris, Don Veitengruber, Larry Morlock, Gayle Morlock, PDG Dick Daniel, IPDG Janalee McClure, Kerry McGinley, John Sovey, PDG Jerry Brandt and PDG Stan Preshaw. Guest; James Jaussos.

Meeting called to order by DG Lynn at 10:00 AM

Pledge led by DG Lynn

Invocation by VDG Bill Raymor

PEACE POSTER, SIGHT CONSERVATION & WORK WITH THE BLIND, and WELCOME HOMES. PDG STAN PRESHAW 6 clubs are involved this year with the Peace Poster. Judging for the District will be Dec. 1st. Sight Conservation will be involved with Camp T this year as it is a new District Project. The Multiple 11 meeting for the Sight Conservation Committee will meet Nov. 4th at 11AM in Lansing. Eye Care America will be discussed at this meeting. This is an organization that assists with eye surgeries. Welcome Homes has 2 member homes in the Grand Rapids area they are assisting with. All 27 patients from the home have new places to live. As of now Welcome Homes is assisting 48 persons. The Multiple 11 meeting will be held Nov. 11th in Lansing. The Gov. reported that they are working with 3 facilities in Flint and are looking at more through out the state. As of this date no budget has been presented, but they are concerned about the lack of funding. The old Home on Ann St. has been sold, but some problems have been discovered, mainly asbestos.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION: LION JOHN SOVEY The Foundation is looking at the possibilities of selling mints to Wal-Mart, and some of the other major chains. This is just an idea at this time and time will tell if it ever happens. Lion John wants input from the clubs on how it will affect them. Much discussion followed without any consensus.

Introductions by District Governor Lynn

Minutes of August 13, 2006. Motion by IPDG Janalee to approve as presented. Supported by Lion Larry Morlock. Motion passed.

Secretary reported that 7 clubs have not paid their District dues at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Lion McGinley presented the financial report as of Oct. 14, 2006. It shows a balance in the administrative fund of \$14,713.49 and the designated funds total of \$35, 705.63. (Copy with the minutes) Motion by Lion Larry Alman to accept the report as presented. Supported by Lion Connie McMorris. Motion passed.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: LION KARLA ROEBUCK Lion Karla introduced Lion Rick Bowman from the Bear Lake Lions Club. Lion Rick spoke to us about the Lions Web sight. He presented some insight on the workings of the Web. He introduced James Jaussos

who spoke about how to set up a web site and the benefits of going thru his company. This was the first informational meeting and more to follow. Lion Rick and Lion Karla asked that the Governor encourages all clubs to appoint an IT chairman. This new Web site could be a great pr tool for our clubs world wide. The cost that was mentioned was \$100.00 up front and \$35.00 per year.

VDG REMARKS WILLIAM RAYMOR Lion Bill attended the USA/Canada Forum and found it very informational. The forums were very helpful. Membership nights need to be impressive and special for the proposed new members. There is a copy of the orientation program on the state web site. The leadership meeting at Higgins Lake still has room for more Lions. Talk to your clubs about sending someone.

12:00 noon break for lunch

12:52 PM called back to order

District Gov. Lynn presented pins to the VDG, Cabinet Sec., Treasurer, Region Chairs, and Zone Chairs.

POLICY MANUAL: Lion Chipman made motion to accept the policy manual for 2006-07. Supported by Lion Larry Morlock. Motion passed. The Policy Manual is available to all Lions on our District Web Site. Motion than was made to purchase a patch and pin for the IPDG. Motion by Lion McMorris to so purchase and supported by Lion Morlock. Motion passed.

IPDG Janalee than made motion to ask all clubs to appoint an I.T. chairman for their club. This was supported by Lion Alman and motion passed. Dist. Gov. asked the Lion Karla to send an e-mail to all clubs requesting same.

#### REGION AND ZONE REPORTS:

Region I Lion Bob Gray Working with Zone 1 to get a zone chair.

Zone 1&2 Lion Connie McMorris Held first zone meeting on Sept. 18th. Most of the clubs are busy working on various projects. Traverse City Lions are receiving request for 2 to 5 pairs of eye glasses per week and needless to say funding is running out fast. Several suggestions were made, such as contacting Lens Crafters for a grant and perhaps a new request form that limits the amount of money that the club would grant for each request. Suggestions made for a new form to be designed for all clubs to use in the District.

Region II Lion Larry Morlock Attended zone meeting every club is busy and things seem to be going well.

Zone 2 Lion Tony Rutledge Lion Tony sent written as he was unable to attend. Trying to re-organize the Campus Club and the next step is to find faculty advisors and re-establish their campus charter. Lion Tony is asking all Lions that know someone attending Ferris that they ask them to become Lions.

Zone 3 Lion Laura Johnson Held zone meeting and had 20 in attendance. Cadillac Lions came and they have not made a meeting for a while. Reed City is still a problem. Efforts are underway to get it re-organized, and the Governor is looking into placing it on status-quo.

Region III Lion Carl Homsher Absent

Zone 2 Lion Larry Alman Made visitations to clubs, and trying to collect money that is owed to the District. Looking at a possibility of having Sand Lake and Howard City merge into one club. First step will be for them to work on a project together. The next zone meeting is scheduled for Nov. 6th.

FAMILY PRICING Lion Chipman asked if the Multiple is going to reduce the cost of the Multiple Magazine when the new billing goes into effect in Jan. The Governor stated at this time no reduction is being planned. The Governor stated he would bring it up again at the Council of Governor's meeting.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S Governor Lynn told us that the Council Chairman next year will come from the PDG's that have not been Governor for at least a year. This year's chairman came from last year's Council. This is a change for next year and it has been brought up that all of his/her expenses be paid by the Lions of Michigan. Lion Lynn disagrees with this idea and as of now no motion has been brought up before the Council of Governor's. Governor Lynn opposes the Lions of Michigan having to pay for any expenses for the Council Chair, as Lions International dictated to all Multiples and made this change. He asked our District to go on record opposing this expense. Lion Larry Morlock made the following motion:

District 11-E1 opposes the funding of the position of Council Chairman, from the Lions of Michigan and requests the funding come from Lions International, under the Rules of Audit. This was supported by Lion Janalee McClure. The motion passed and the Governor instructed the secretary to write it up and send it to the Lions State Office.

CONVENTION SITES for 2008 PDG Jerry Brandt has been looking at the following locations for 2008; Dougherty Hotel in Clare Room rates \$83.00. Holiday Inn in Grayling Rates \$74.95 and the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids for \$85.00. No action was taken yet as he is looking at a couple of other locations.

CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II PDG Richard Daniel Reports not coming in from the area chairpersons so having trouble getting his report to International. Got enough information at today's meeting to get it sent in.

DIABETES PDG Richard Daniel The first meeting will be held next month and Dick plans to attend. There are 5 Diabetes Out Reach Networks in the State and he primary works with the Tip-Don Network.

ALL STATE BAND Governor gave report that the need is great for more donations not only to office but to help the students directly.

BEAR LAKE CAMP VDG Bill Raymor Lion Bill reported that over 500 children attended the camp this year. This was an increase from last year and the donations were up also. A tape is available on the camp and if you need program call Lion Jane Raymor.

CAMP TUHSMEHETA Lion Larry Alman He presented the fall schedule and budget. The Camp has been very busy this year and very successful. The camp received an endowment of a million dollars this year. This money will not be spent, only the interest. Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind is the organization running the camp for the State of Michigan. Lion Larry feels they are doing an excellent job. Lion Larry Morlock asked what happened to the money that was made from selling the old school for the blind and was told it went into the trust

fund in the State of Michigan for maintenance of the buildings. The camp would like to build a new building and Larry will have more information at our next meeting.

CREDENTIALS Lion Gayle Morlock The credential form will be in the Jan. newsletter. Please look for it.

DISTRICT CONVENTION Lion Laura Johnson The convention will be held April 13-15 at the Quality Inn in West Branch. Working on different ideas to make the convention different and fun. The committee is working hard and may ask the clubs for gifts for a silent auction. Room rates will be about \$73.00.

DISTRICT EDITOR Lion Wayne Kreitner Written report read by Lion Kerry; He has started to contact the Presidents of the Clubs who have not sent articles for the Pride. He needs news to put in the magazine. Lion Wayne has another e-mail address editor-11-e-1@charter.net.

ENVIRONMENTAL The chairman (Lion Bill Simpson) had to resign due to family problems and Governor asked Lion Janalee to take it as she is also chair of Team Green. Janalee accepted.

HEARING, SPEECH AND WORK WITH THE DEAF Lion Gayle Morlock Attended State meeting Sept. 23rd. Goal this year is to have information table at Michigan Forum, District Conventions, and Multiple Conventions. Have banner on table, boxes for recycling hearing aids and batteries for them. They also want to do a brochure on what the committee does. They recommended to the Council of Governor's to change the committee name to Hearing as they do nothing with speech. The MADHH has an opening on its board and asked Lion Gayle to serve; she would like to but needs motion from this cabinet. Lion Kerry so moved and it was supported by Lion Janalee to approve her appointment. Motion passed.

HONORARY IPDG Janalee McClure Requested permission to hold meeting at our next cabinet in Mesick. Wants to hold meeting during lunch hour and asked if her committee could eat lunch first. Governor granted her permission, and instructed the secretary to put it in the agenda for that meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IPDG Janalee McClure July 2 thru 6 in Chicago. Our hotel is the Hilton Chicago and room rates, with tax, are 168.48 per night. Parking is \$25.00. Discussion was held about parking fees, handicap vehicle, Michigan Night and the cost of hats for the parade. Cost of the hats runs from \$3.00 to 10.00. Next meeting of the committee will be held after the chairman returns from his trip to Chicago.

LEO CLUBS Fremont to charter a club soon.

LIASON IPDG Janalee McClure Missed first meeting do to a conflict, but plans on making next one. International Director has been hurt but is on the mend and is at an International Meeting.

MICHIGAN EYE BANK Lion Don Rankin Busy with zone meetings and visiting clubs. Eye Bank is supposed to have new video soon. Michigan Eye Bank visited the White Cloud Lions Club during the time they were doing a fund raiser for the Capital Campaign. They came and took pictures and should be in the next Pride Magazine.

MICHIGAN FORUM & USA/CANADA FORUM IPDG Janalee McClure Michigan forum set for Feb. 23-24 at the Midway in Lansing. Speaker will be Alan White, the cop from Clare. ID

from Iowa will speak at the meeting also. There will be, at least, 12 different forums to attend. The USA/ Canada Forum will be held Sept. 5-8 at Grand Rapids, Michigan and they will need approx. 350, workers to help out.

MULTIPLE 11 CONVENTION Written report from PDG Richard Perrin Convention to be held May 18-19, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Big Rapids. Room rate is \$69.00, plus tax. Golf outing on Friday at a cost of \$40.00. Next meeting will be Feb. 13, 2007 in Lansing.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT Governor reports they still need donations and more screenings. They will appoint a new director for the program soon. Everyone hates to see the old one go as she has done a great job.

YOUTH EXCHANGE Four students coming in January from Japan and the committee is looking for host families.

YOUTH QUEST & EXTENSION PDG Harry Johnson Lion Harry stated that there is a form on the International Web Site for the Family billing process. This form is to be filled out by Nov. 30th. There has not been any meeting yet for extension on the Multiple level as of this date. Lions Quest program will hold training program Nov.13-14 in Detroit. Lions International is setting this up. This will be a free program by Lions International and if you would like to go please contact Lion Harry. Still working on a club in Lake City. Contact person there is Jim Foster at the Chamber of Commerce.

MERLO VDG Bill Raymor Has not had a meeting as of this date. Only Lion Harry and Bill of the Merlo Team at today's meeting. State extension chairman requesting a letter be sent from each club to each dropped member to get reasons for dropping out of Lionism. Public Relations are the best ways to keeping the public informed and getting new members. Every club needs to get articles in the paper. The state chair for retention has a program that he calls AIM and it stands for Attendance, Involvement, and Mentoring. Lion Janalee stated this would be the program for the next 3 years.

Closing remarks from the District Governor; Governor presented a protocol and procedures paper from Lion Esther LaMothe on what it means to be the home club of a District officer. The secretary is instructed to review it and see if it would be beneficial to our clubs and candidates for office. The Governor then read a letter from Lions International announcing that Lion Larry Morlock is a senior leader. Lion Larry attended the senior leadership school at the USA/Canada Forum. Alert Committee needs a chairman; this committee is supposed to be set in every club in case of an emergency. MEMBERSHIP is the most important thing affecting our clubs this year. We are slipping below 1500 members. Lion Janalee suggested that everyone present bring in a new member by our next cabinet meeting. Gov. Lynn so directed and than closed the meeting at 3:39 pm.

Jim Chipman  
Cabinet Secretary