

# You Have the Power

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## District Convention

### Madison Marriott West Hotel

March 14-16, 2014

Lion Steve Mueller led us in song and prayer

DG Bob introduced a number of visiting dignitaries. Which included Hauser Wilder the visiting International Director, various PID, several current DG's and of course his wife Becky!

We retired to the meal.

Neil Winchell provided us with a humorous story.

Hauser Wilder spoke briefly. He spoke of his roots in Lionism from Virginia 2001 as DG. We have been coming up with a meaningful service project for the centennial. They are looking to find a project centered around 4 areas Youth, Vision, Feeding the Hungry, Environment. The hand's on choice was, "Childhood Vision Screening". This will deal with children 6 month to five years of age. Finding a child in that time span will have the greatest impact on their lives. We already are doing it in places but we are going to develop a more inclusive project in the coming year. It is a great membership tool also because of the impact it has on the youth and families.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Randy Harrison spoke of the hospitality rooms 9:30 tonight and tomorrow.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Dick Schwedrsky spoke about MyLCI training will be available as hands on training tomorrow. Please take advantage of it.

Approval of the minutes Walt Althaus 1<sup>st</sup> Arlen Milestone 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried

Sec – Treas Report – Bill Severson

District Financials are in good condition.

Print reports were available at the meeting and are on line. Lion Bill explained how the reports are now available at a very detailed level on the web or if needed he can email a copy to anyone.

This is a work in progress and ideas on presentation will be welcome by Sec-Treas Bill

1<sup>st</sup> Pete Cerniglia 2<sup>nd</sup> Neil Winchell

Daryl Porter wanted to thank everyone for coming. He wanted to thank the convention committee. (106 people at the dinner tonight). 350 total people registered. Daryl spoke of hard it is to get a hotel because of the size needed. Many inquiries for new site were either not answered or extremely high in cost. We will be back at the Marriot next year 2015, 2016 will be a week earlier, 2017 has been set to held here. Bob will be looking for a convention site 2018.

1. and over his Adult Vision Screening

Doc Esser reported that 7 different vision screening this year.(Brodhead, Portage, Black Earth, Cross Plains, Shullsburg, Goodman Center, Warner Park). We now have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Humphrey device.

2. Alert – later from PDG Daryl

3. CARE-LCIF

Doc Esser also spoke of LCIF 98.9% of our goal. Doc reported that this is his last year after 26 years of service. He spoke of Doctor Gil and the Care program years of service. Doc Gill has done 27,603 cataract surgeries, 7,227 eye surgeries, over 247,000 out patients

Donations \$300000 for Care and over \$1million for LCIF. Over 600 Melvin Jones in the district during that period of time.

4. Centennial Program

IPID Lion Mark Hintzmann spoke of the centennial program. Every district will have a member on the committee. We will have a celebration at the State and district conventions. Details will follow as the year progresses.

5. Restoring Hope

PID Peter Cerniglia spoke about Restoring Hope House. He was proud to announce we have received a \$75,000 grant for LCIF.

6. Constitution/By-laws

Arlen Milestone indicated the changes are just the ones we have scheduled for votes at the convention

7. Conventions –District/ State/ International

PDG John Jenson – State convention at the Dells May 15-17<sup>th</sup> Need to call to reserve rooms. 90 members have register for the International Convention from WI. A couple of bus trips have been scheduled. Position in the parade 196 out of 198.

8. Children's Vision

Lion Dave Hine – had a training session today 21 lions attended about half were new certifications. Vision screening equipment owned by District needs to be covered by insurance. We have \$32,000 of equipment. Clubs reporting 1008 children have been screened 67 have been referred. Collect the numbers and submit them so we can procure funding / grants.

9. Elections - Lion Dick Leverentz Bill Severson

Elections are ready for tomorrow have the

10. Eye Bank

PDG Rick Daluge – Eye Bank is OK , moving forward

#### 11. Midwest Health Fair

Lion Dale Boness - “I have a Dream” and we are all in it. Midwest Health Expo is being setup. Web site [Lions-serve.org/expo.html](http://Lions-serve.org/expo.html) we need the support of the District to get this going. They need seed money from the district Diabetes Fund, \$3000 to accomplish it. Jodi Burmester made a motion to fund the Health Fair with \$3000 from the Diabetes Fund Pete Cerniglia 2<sup>nd</sup>. DG Bob asked for a vote which passed. Dale thanked the group for their support.

#### 12. Missions

Lion Erling spoke of trips to Central America. Mexico is still not possible due the violence that is still occurring there at this time. There will be a table out front looking to setting up Lions Emergency Response teams to react at the local level with in the district to problems.

#### 13. GLT

Rob Sherman Several members (Randy Harrison, Dick Schwedrsky, Al Johnson, Eric Holthaus, John Dickerson) have attended officer training meetings we should expect great things from them. Special training will be setup for the new Milton Club.

#### 14. GMT –Public relations

Jodi Burmester Membership - we are currently at 27 plus members in the district. GMT –Club Excellence Process 7 finished 4 started several want to start. Stuff the Bus is coming up August 9<sup>th</sup> New state website is being updated. Lots of people are using it

#### 15. Hearing

Eric Holthaus – We have over 16 hearing aids this year Please donate as much as you can for this great program.

#### 16. Information Technology

Scott reported that you need to submit this so he can post them.

17. Lioness – ADP Sue Hinline

The Lioness is at +1 in membership. Restoring Hope has been an ongoing project for the Lioness

18. Pride

Submitted a separate report online

19. Peace Posters will be displayed for everyone to see. There is a need to get next year's materials out to the schools as soon as possible.

20. Pins – PDG Jerry Sherwin

2014 pin is available of Monroe Court House \$2.25. We received have a couple of extra bags of pins gave a bag to Foundation if anyone may want old pins come give a donation to the Foundation. Policy is to sell a pin case and send the proceeds to the Camp

21. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum –Tammy Rockenbach

Sept 11-14 there is not bus trip going to the Caribbean

22. WLF – John Dickson

Camp Prep is going well they are still looking for youth to become councilors. Point any youth you know towards being councilor it can be life changing. After 6 years Sam Powell is stepping down. Sam thanked everyone for their support.

23. Youth Exchange - Lion Ben August

Ben reported that 4 scholarships were awarded this year- They are always in need of host families that said almost all youth have been placed this year. Raised \$5070 this year. Spending is higher but applications have been higher. Sad news Joe Kornell passed today

24. Tail Twister – lots later during the convention

New club- Edgerton Club Sponsoring club and providing guiding Lions for new Milton Club finalized March 13th

Brodhead Leo Charter was started also New Clubs in Fennimore and Deerfield all are going full speed

Meeting adjourned Motion Neil Winchell 2nd Walt Althaus

Motion passed.