

**District Cabinet Meeting  
Albany Lions Clubhouse  
Albany, WI  
October 12, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Lion District Governor Randy Harrison at 12:00 Noon

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Dick Schwedrsky led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PDG Neil led us in song and prayer.

DG Randy introduced the guests which included Lion Jim Canon, Lion Tom Brian and Lion Mike Keller.

DG Randy along with Lion Eric, Lion Dick and PDG Bob spoke about the recent USA/Canada forum that was held in Puerto Rico. Next year the USA/Canada Forum will be held in Grand Rapids, MI on September 17, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Broke for lunch.

Cabinet meeting began promptly at 1:00 pm. with opening comments from DG Randy and a moment of silence in honor of Lion Chuck Brassard who recently passed away.

Lion Tammy filled us in on the upcoming dinner to honor Dr. Guil. The dinner will be on Oct. 25, 2014 at the Maple Tree restaurant in McFarland.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dick spoke briefly and handed out a copy of his cabinet for 2015-16.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Eric recently attended the GLT/GMT training and the Council of Governors meeting.

Cabinet Treasurer Lion Bill presented the budget. Motion made by PDG Neil, second by Lion Jerry to approve the admin fund. Motion passed. Motion to approve activity account. After discussion motion was withdrawn.

Motion made by Lion Walt, second by Lion Jerry to approve the minutes from the August cabinet meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lion John, second by Lion Tara to approve the agenda with revisions. Motion carried.

Lion Dave Hiline presented a \$500 donation from the Waunakee/Westport Lions toward the purchase of a camera for eye screening in southwest WI.

PDG Neil sang us a great and funny song to everyone's delight.

Stuff the Bus: Lion Eric reports 21 clubs participated from our district. Total raised was \$153,000.

PDG Bob presented the Leadership Team with pins for attaining the Dream Achievers Goal and increasing membership in the district by 62 last year. He also presented DG Randy with the Presidential Award for his outstanding work in increasing membership and starting the Milton Lions Club.

PDG Bob is having the initial planning meeting for the 2015 District convention on Oct. 27, 2014. If anyone is interested in joining please contact Lion Bob.

PDG Bob presented a thank you letter for our donation of \$4500 to Combat Blindness which was matched.

PDG Daryl presented PDG Bob with his "Key to Success".

DG Randy presented VDG Dick and VDG Eric with certificates for "Guiding Lions".

DG Randy presented Lion Ben August with a plaque for winning the Lions Photo contest for environmental awareness.

DG Randy presented PDG Bob with a past district governor's award.

#### Committee Reports:

Restoring Hope House: PID Pete presented the zone chairs with reports for those who had 100% participation. Capital campaign has raised \$268,201.65.

Latino Health Fair screened 52 people.

Alert: PDG Daryl reports copies of the report on available on-line. Will be working on club visits.

Children's Vision Screening: Training will be held in Edgerton on 11-22-14 from 9 to 11.

Eye Bank: PDG Rick reports they had a record month for transports in September with 330 trips. Next Board meeting is on 10-23-14 and they will begin searching for a new executive director.

LCIF: Lion Laurie said there are pins for sale to help raise money. \$20 for Bronze, \$50 for Silver and \$100 for Gold.

Constitution and By-laws: Policy committee is still working on the wording. Constitution is all updated. Reported by PDG Arlen.

Conventions: PDG John reports state convention is at the Abbey in Fontana on May 14 to 16<sup>th</sup>. International convention is in Hawaii on June 26 to 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Hawaii Convention Center.

Hearing: Lion Eric reports they have received 8 applications with 2 being approved, 1 pending, 3 self pay and 2 denied.

Diabetes: Lion Dave reported on 2 health fairs (Mt. Horeb and Beloit).

GLT: Lion Al reports 3 zones are still in need of zone chairs. Date for officer training will be out soon.

GMT: Lion Jodi reports the district is down 14 thus far for the year. Please be asking and recruiting new members. Also reports that there have been some changes to the Club of the Year rules. Copies of the form with the rules are up front and available on line.

Information Technology: Lion Scott is working thru a few "glitches" expects to be fully operational soon.

Leader Dog: Lion Bill reports all is going well.

Leo Club: 15 Leo clubs in district.

Peace Poster: PDG Walt reports entries need to be in by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Exchange: Lion Ben has 4 applications thus far. Asked that clubs get their donations in by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> if possible.

Pins: PDG Jerry reports copies of the report are up front. Donated 200 pins to the Youth Exchange.

WLF: PDG Neil reports camp costs went up from \$600 to \$650 per camper. Also asked that clubs promote the "Donate Your Hide Program". Last year it raised \$96000. If your club has not yet designated a member as your point person to WLF please do so.

Midwest Health Fair: PDG Bob reported it went well and that the turn out was steady all day long.

District Bowling: Lion Bruce reminded everyone that it is in McFarland on January 24, 2015 and that there will be two shifts.

State Bowling: Lion Bruce reminded everyone that it is be hosted by Burlington and East Troy Lions and that it is being held Feb 28 to April 25 in Burlington.

Curling: Is in Portage being hosted by Pardeeville Lions. Event runs January 9 to Jan. 11, 2015. Cost is \$60 per curler.

Lion Randy asked for a motion to buy a projector for use by the DG. Motion was made by Lion Bob, seconded by Lion Eric to approve up to \$1000 for projector. After some discussion motion carried.

Lion Jim Canon shared his thoughts on how we can grow our clubs. Presented ways we can change the way we recruit and ask prospects to join. Suggested ways to eliminate objections up front and get to the “yes” by offering options. Suggested everyone should work on the “elevator speech” and that we should all own our elevator speech to recruit new members.

Lion Glenn asked to approve the release of \$500 from the budget to be sent to Wisconsin Lions Missions. Motion carried.

50/50 raffle was held.

Adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by: Ron Wright District Cabinet Secretary