



MD27B1 District Cabinet Minutes

Date: Sunday, October 3, 2021

Location: Reach Forward 1901 S. 8th St. Sheboygan, WI 53081

Virtual Option: Yes If Questions: Reply to this email – dajach@yahoo.com or call – 920.684.0115

Open Discussion (Voluntary): 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (In Person Only)

Lunch & Social: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Meeting (In-person & Virtual): 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Preliminary Agenda updated sent 9/27/21 with attached reports.

1) **Call Meeting** to Order by DG Lion BJ Blahnik @ 1:05 PM

2) **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt

3) **Prayer** given by Chaplin Lion Myra Schneider

4) **Approval of Agenda** motion made by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt, 2nd by Lion John Stephen. **CARRIED**

5) **Welcome** to second cabinet meeting of the year by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. Special Guests IPDG Tammy Rockenbach who is the Co-Chairperson of MD 27 Global Membership Approach and her partner Lion Greg Clark along with PDG Jerry Post.

6) **Roll Call** physically taken by CST Lion Dave Holschbach for backup to LCI Grant. 20 cabinet members in attendance, 2 virtual attendees and 7 excused.

7) **Honors & Recognition** by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. This year our district will award a special recognition to a club member. The award is called "SPIRIT AWARD" to be given at the district meeting at the state convention in May. The award is new this year and includes a \$500 donation to the recipient's choice of a recognized program. It will be presented to a club member not a past or current president. Each club will be asked to write an essay why this Lion is deserving. Final rules have not been finalized. Zone chairs will make sure their clubs submit a Lion by March 1. A committee will make the selection. DG Lion BJ Blahnik will create rules and update.

8) **Tail Twister** Meeting Rules: Introduction of Lion Wendy Williams from the Town of Sheboygan Lions. DG Lion BJ Blahnik explained the 3-minute rule and fine structure. Lion Wendy also has a Black Forest cake to present for a special number selected.

9) **Secretary's Report** – CST Lion Dave Holschbach

a. **Approval** of July 25, 2021 Cabinet Minutes which were emailed motion was made by Lion Dale Counihan, 2nd by IPDG Tom Wendt to accept as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

b. **No Correspondences** received by CST Lion Dave or DG Lion BJ Blahnik.

10) **Treasurer's Report** – CST Lion Dave Holschbach through September 30, 2021, Report # A1 and A2 were emailed to all cabinet members. Motion by Lion Dale Counihan, 2nd by Lion Wendy Hartmann to accept as published. **MOTION CARRIED**

a. **2020-2021 Audit & Form 990 Report # A3** are complete. CST Dave read the letter from Lion Blaine Priebusch from Erickson and Associates stating the books have been reviewed and he found no errors or misstatements. The financial position and cash flow of Lions of District 27 B1 as of June 30, 2021 are in conformity with good bookkeeping practices.

11) Old Business

a. **Reading Machines** update by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt, there will be a newer model coming out for any future orders. Very successful project.

12) New Business

a. **LCIF Community Grant** of \$3000 update by Lion Vince Treague for the cooler purchase for the Holy Land Food Pantry. Paperwork complete awaiting signatures. Community grants are available based on the contributions to LCI from the district. 15% is available which is approximately \$11,000. The total project cost is \$12,000.

b. **Discussion of Standard Matching Grant** for Above & Beyond Childrens Museum Adaptive Playground by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. DG Lion BJ Blahnik thanked all the cabinet members for their prompt reply to the email request for approval of the LCI Grant. An electronic vote was needed since the cabinet did not meet until October 3rd and the deadline was October 1st. The Above and Beyond project is a \$500,000 amount of which District 27B1 Lions were asked to donate \$105,000 for the rubber safety surfacing, we accepted it as a Centennial Project. A matching grant request for \$ 50,000 was made to LCI. To date three sponsor clubs have committed \$12,500 and a non-Lion named Jay Christopher donation of \$ 25,000. The district needs to raise the remaining \$12,500. Donation requests will be sent to the clubs. The electronic voting results were: Of the 29 cabinet members, 25 votes YES, 1 vote abstain (grant writer) and 2 no response votes. **Motion made by Lion Vince Treague, 2nd by Lion John Stephen to accept the electronic submission as validation of cabinet voting for acceptance of the LCI grant submission in the amount of \$50,00. MOTION CARRIED** A request will be made to the clubs to donate \$400 or more. In celebration of Wisconsin Lions centennial year, Above & Beyond Children's Museum will plant 2 trees dedicated to the LIONS.

c. **Packwaukee Lions Club** Potential Reopening update by FVDG Lion Dave Brinkman. They will have a meeting on Monday Oct. 4th. Montello Lions club has agreed to be the Host Club, Packwaukee will open as a Branch club. Pewaukee had lost their Lions club in 2013. Welcome Back.

d. **Future District Cabinet Meetings** updated by DG Lion BJ Blahnik

i. **Sunday, November 14, 2021** at Blue Harbor cabinet meeting has been cancelled. We have the required meetings scheduled and there normally is no additional business to cover except the convention updates. The other 3 dates remain, with a change in location for January 23rd.

ii. **Sunday, January 23, 2022** meeting is tentatively planned to meet at Eagles Club in Fond du Lac, pending date confirmation. FVDG Dave Brinkman will run the meeting focusing on Global Membership Approach. This program will be in full operation next year. IPDG Tammy Tammy Rockenbach who is the Co-Chairperson of MD 27 commented this is now WORLDWIDE. More to follow.

iii. **Sunday, March 6, 2022** at Reach Forward & Virtual Option

iv. **Saturday May 7, 2022** – State Convention @ Grand Geneva Resort

13) First Vice District Governor Reports – FVDG Lion David Brinkman

a. **FVDG Update Report # B 1** He also added to remind clubs they are required to file Form 990 which is due by November 15th.

b. Committee Reports

i. **Pediatric Cancer** – DG Lion BJ did not have any new updates.

ii. **Leader Dog – PDG Lion Meg Post Report # C** Lion Meg added 27 B1 donated \$22,521 to Leader Dog and was #1 in the state. PDG Jerry was given permission to donate Puppy Dogs at the district convention.

iii. **LEO's** chair Lion Gary Roehrig was not present and had no report.

iv. **Youth Exchange** rep Lion Ben Wiley is under the weather. DG Lion BJ Blahnik reported Youth Exchange Camp plans to be held in 2022. They meet October 21st.

v. **Pride** – Lion Myra Schneider had nothing to report.

vi. **Restoring Hope Transplant House** update given by IPDG Tammy Tammy Rockenbach. They are currently adding 6-16 bedrooms. A \$2.7 million project with NO supplies to furnish them. Please continue to DONATE. 30% of Lions donations cover the operating expenses.

vii. **Birch/Sturm** – Lion Victoria Blahnik had no updates.

viii. **IT/Historical** – PDG Lion Tom Clausen reported everything as usual with IT and noting new in the Historical area. Be sure he gets updated for the Service of Remembrance at the district convention.

ix. **District Raffle** – Lion John Stephen will pick up any tickets as needed on the eastside and FVDG Dave Brinkman will pick up the westside. Getting prepared for district convention, has 5 clubs return check or tickets.

14) **Second Vice District Governor Reports** – SVDG Lion Greg Kubichka

a. **SVDG Greg** update has 13 clubs that have reported service activities. Zone Training is on-going. Please be sure clubs report the fund raisers and any other activities to PDG Tom Clausen to get on the district website calendar.

b. **Global Service Team (GST) Committee Reports**

i. **Environment – Lion Roxanne Wendt Report # D** Reminded everyone to get their challenge environmental mileage reported to her by October 31st. Challenge is 500 miles, already at 403.

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ii. **Vision/Special Olympics** – Lion Fred Gebhart reported that Special Olympics is active in the state and has added Bean Bag to their activities. Waiting to confirm April date for vision screening. KIDS SIGHT program has issued a challenge to get 1 million kids screened by December 31. District 27B1 has screened 3,321 along with 1,000-1,500 by the Appleton Noon Lions. They screened 26 schools in September. The demand is there this year! With the high demand, he is in need of more cameras, the district owns 7. Our Vision account has \$6,600 but the need is now, cost of new cameras are about \$7,500. Markesan Lions have volunteered their camera for use, there are a few other clubs that own their own cameras and are available also. Motion by PDG Fred to request a LCIF Community Grant of \$3,000 for the purchase of a SPOT camera with a cost of \$7,000 and a minimum 4 week., 2nd by SVDG Greg Kubichka. Discussion followed. DG Lion BJ said 1 in 10 children have vision problems, this as a perfect candidate for the community grant. Motion to **RESCIND** the above motion by PDG Fred, 2nd by SVDG Greg. He feels he can raise the additional monies from the club. **MOTION CARRIED**

iii. Motion by Lion Wendy Hartmann that District 27 B1 purchase an additional camera and deplete the current Vision Undesignated Funds current balance with any additional monies to be replenished from club solicitations. 2nd by SVDG Lion Greg Kubichka. **MOTION CARRIED**

iv. **Diabetes – Lion Vince Treague Report # E** Updates from Lion Vince are that October 15th is White Cane Day. ZC Dick Karl talked about what his club does to promote diabetes awareness. Lion Vince is available to speak.

v. **Hunger** – Lion Katie Karls had no report. There will be a collection table for non-perishable items at the district convention to be distributed between food pantries.

vi. **Hearing/Eyeglasses** – WLF Director Lion Wendy Hartmann had no updates. There have been no requests for hearing aids. Lion Wendy was instrumental in getting the hearing aids requirements established.

vii. **Wisconsin Lions Missions** – Lion Pat Knier reported a mission is planned for the Indian reservation the end of April. Possibility of a mission to Dominican Republic in the works with a missionary group also possible Haiti. There will be a mission to Fort McCoy for the Afghanistan refugees in November. Lion Myra Schneider added that Lion Bill Taubman is working on that mission and trying to get through all the government hoops and requirements. Looking at November 11-14 and December 2-5. Volunteers need to be experienced and vaccinated to qualify. Lion Vince Treague made a motion to allow expenses to be reimbursed with the amount approved at the discretion of the District Governor.

Motion failed due to lack of a second. If discussion needed will be done electronically.

15) District Governor Reports

a. DG Updates

i. **Council of Governors (COG)** Meeting was held on October 2nd. They are working on updating the MD27 policies. The “Stuff the Bus” state program has been eliminated, it is now a district option, only two districts participated.

b. Committee Reports

i. **LCIF Coordinator – Lion Vince Treague Report # F** No new updates.

ii. **GMT/GMA** – DG Lion BJ focus will be on Membership Retention. Keep what we have and build from there. When you get a new member, the job does not end.....keep them involved and up to date on what you are doing. Where are the GAPS? We need to get to the clubs with what is going on. DG Lion BJ goal is to get an E Club (cyberclub) by 3rd or 4th quarter.

iii. **Newspaper Editor/PR – Lion Mike Roberts Report # G** No new updates.

iv. **Constitution & Bylaws/Policies & Procedures** – PDG Lion Gary Silah was not present. DG Lion BJ reported the constitution is out of date. They are working on a resolution to update the district Constitution & Bylaws to align with International.

v. **District Convention** update by Lion Vickie Blahnik, she reported everything is going smoothly. Our ID guest has been confirmed and arriving on Thursday. DG Lion BJ commented that Friday night theme is Roaring 20s and walked through the convention schedule and speakers.

vi. **Elections & Nominations** Lion Mike Helmke **Report # R** Still waiting on a few nominations for 1st VDG, EyeBank Director, resolutions.

vii. **MyLCI/MyLion/Reporting** – FVDG Lion David Brinkman **Report # H** FVDG Dave has helped 23 clubs with their reporting. Reminded all clubs to get membership and activities reported on MyLCI

viii. **Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director** Lion Wendy Hartman reported Deer Hide collection will be starting, Let Lion Liz Shelly at WLF know your collection site. They will also accept deer antlers and tails. WLF Director PDG Lion Fred Gebhart also added the annual golf tournament took in \$23,911, the Kids Raffle \$38,887, the Smores Walk/Run \$9,385 and Pride is currently at 11,011,666. There were 639 campers in the 10 weeks of camp. Next years plans are for 120 campers a week. 50 clubs made donation to WLF programs. Currently there are 4 projects planned costing over \$100,000. They are new stairs to the beach, a delivery service dock, additional shade area for the campers and updating trails along the lake.

ix. **Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin** Director Lion Chuck Keifenheim reported the office is still closed to the public. Nothing more to report.

x. **Pins/Peace Poster** – Lion Lori Sasada **Report # J** No additional updates

xi. **GLT** – IPDG Lion Tom Wendt

1. Trainings

a. **Zone Chair Training** was held on August 26. All zone chairs are trained.

b. **Guiding Lion training** is back on schedule for after our convention on Sunday November 14th, 1 hour after completion of convention program at **Reach Forward 1901 S. 8th St. Sheboygan, WI 53081**. More to follow.

c. **Officer Training** is tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2022 at the Eagles Club in Fond du Lac. It will be open to ALL Lions not just officers. Good opportunity to learn something new at a central location. Path to Leadership training is October 15-17 in Stevens Point, limited registration for ANY Lion. Motion made by IPDG Tom Wendt to make a donation to Eagles Building Fund in the amount of \$ 250.00 for gratis use of their facility for our training.

2nd was made by SVDG Greg Kubichka.

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2. **USA/Canada Forum** was well attended and next year will be in Canada.

3. **State Convention** will be May 5*7th at Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva.

4. **International Convention** July 1-4 in New Delhi, India

xii. District/State Events

1. **District Bowling** – DG Lion BJ Blahnik no update

2. **State Bowling** update by DG Lion BJ Blahnik will be held in La Crosse with opening week in February.

3. **District Bean Bag Tournament** chair Lion Dick Karl reported Sheboygan has entered a bid for the 2022 tournament.

4. **State Curling** information, check WI Lions website per DG Lion BJ Blahnik.

xiii. **District Long Range Planning** committee will meet 2 weeks prior to the district convention per DG Lion BJ Blahnik.

16) Zone Chair Reports

a. **Zone 2 – Lion Al Kanugh Report # K 1 - # K 5** Nothing more to add.

b. **Zone 34 – Lion Dick Karl Report # L 1 – L 3** Lion Dick Karl added they have a +7 membership.

c. **Zone 51 – Lion Pat Knier zone** potentially may split back into 2 zones. They may know more this coming week.

d. **Zone 6 – Lion Dale Counihan Report # M 1 – M 4** Larsen Winchester completed their 1200 wheelchair ramp, taking orders 17 weeks out. Appleton Noon Lions have developed a medical equipment facility.

e. **Zone 78 – Lion Barb Leichtfuss Report # N 1** Lion Barb zone meeting had 5 of 10 clubs show. Currently working on a zone chair for 7.

f. **Zone 910 – Lion Lori Sasada Report # P 1 – P 8** Lion Laurie added the Berlin Lions will be holding their Assistive Technology Fair on Tuesday October 5th. She is working on club visits.

g. **Zone 11 – Lion Vince Treague Report # Q 1** Nothing more to add.

17) Other Business

a. Comments & Questions: Lion Barb Leichtfuss mentioned that there is a 2-year-old in Rosendale with medical problems and has asked for assistance. Pickett Lions are willing to match donations up to \$5,000. Contact Lion Barb for more information

Lion Laurie Sasada has a Diabetes Board for display if anyone is interested. Also, if anyone is interested in Youth Exchange sponsorship.

Lion Dale Counihan has brochures on the Berlin Lions Senior Technology Fair.

Lion Wendy Williams has assessed her fines. The winner of the Black Forest cake was Lion John Stephen. She collected \$91.00

PDG Tom Clausen is aware of only 27 Lions who passed away this past year for the Service of Remembrance. Please update him by October 31.

b. **Next Meeting** – Sunday, January 23rd, 2022 tentatively scheduled at Eagles Club in Fond du Lac, pending confirmation. More to follow-FVDG Dave Brinkman to concentrate on GMA.

18) Meeting Adjourned –Motion by IPDG Tom Wendt, 2nd by Lion Vince Treague to adjourn at 3:52 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Great Meeting!

INDIVIDUAL CHAIR REPORTS RECEIVED & FORWARDED are highlighted in yellow

Respectfully submitted by Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Holschbach