



MD27B1 District Cabinet Minutes

Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021

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

Virtual Option: Yes – Meeting Only - Please see additional Email.

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- 1) **Call Meeting to Order** by DG Lion BJ Blahnik @ 1:00 pm
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt
- 3) **Prayer** given by Chaplin Lion Myra Schneider
DG Lion BJ mentioned there will be no songs for the year
- 4) **Motion for Approval of Agenda** as presented made by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt, 2nd by PDG Lion Gary Silah.
MOTION CARRIED
- 5) **Individual Introduction** of Lions present with name, cabinet position and club. Special guest MD27 Endorsed ID Candidate PDG Lion Lee Vrieze and spouse Past WLF President PDG Lion Mary Vrieze.
DG Lion BJ thanked everyone for being on the cabinet this year. His theme this year will be **TEAMWORK**, we as Lions can not do this alone. His Vision will be to promote Healthy and Impactful clubs. He is **HUMBLE** to be our District Governor.
- 6) **Installation of Cabinet** was done by MD27 Endorsed ID Candidate PDG Lion Lee Vrieze. PDG Vrieze thanked everyone for stepping up this year. He installed the District chairs, Zone chairs, Secretary/Treasurer, 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors for the current Lion year. He reminded IPDG Tom Wendt that “This is Not your Year”. District Governor BJ was officially installed virtually along with the other MD27 governors. PDG Lee mentioned there is no official LCIF installation for GMA or LCI coordinators, however MD27 has one and duly elected PDG Fred Gebhart as GMA and Lion Vince Tregue as LCI District 27 B1 rep. Lion Vince will be reviewed by LCI for acceptance. PDG Lee declared the cabinet duly elected. DG Lion BJ thanked PDG Lee & Mary for being his backup throughout the years.
- 7) **Roll Call** was conducted by CST Lion Dave Holschbach during the individual introductions earlier. 18 of 28 cabinet members present. Guests PDG Lee & PDG Mary Vrieze and Lion Amy Kubichka district bucket chair.
- 8) **Honors & Recognition** is something new this year. DG Lion BJ wanted to honor PDG Len Quinn with a special “LION SPIRIT AWARD” to be done on a club level. Each club will select a member, not the president for the special award. There will be 7 nominees, 1 from each zone to be awarded at the District meeting at WI Lions State Convention. A special award was presented to IPDG Tom and Lion Roxanne for their past services. They demonstrated how we can operate as a TEAM. Thank you for your leadership. IPDG Tom admits it was a challenging year.
- 9) **Tail Twister** Lion Wendy Williams was not present, her and Lion Andy were celebrating their 25 years together. Lion Vickie Blahnik filled in. Same 3 minute rules and fines as in previous years.
- 10) **Secretary’s Reports** by CST Lion Dave Holschbach
 - a. **Approval of March 7, 2021 Cabinet Minutes** which were Emailed by CST Lion Dave motion made by Lion Dick Karl, 2nd by Lion Fred Gebhart. **MOTION CARRIED**
 - b. **Approval of May 15, 2021 District Meeting Minutes** which were Emailed by CST Lion Dave motion made by Lion Vince Tregue, 2nd by Lion John Stephen. **MOTION CARRIED**

- c. **Correspondences** received from Fond du lac Eagles Club thanking the district for their \$ 100 donation to the Kids Fishing Outing. CST Lion Dave explained the district officer training was held at the Eagles Club and they did not charge any rental. In thank you, the district made a donation.

11) **Treasurer's Report** by CST Lion Dave Holschbach

- a. **2020-2021 District Financial Report** final report was emailed by CST Dave. We are showing a profit of \$ 190 for the yearend. Cumulative carryover profits for the last few years is \$ 9,631, we continue to show a profit. If the convention shows a profit, the district ends up being positive. Motion by PDG Gary Silah, 2nd by Lion Myra to accept. **MOTION CARRIED**
- b. **2021-2022 District Budget** was emailed to cabinet members by CST Dave. Motion to accept by Lion Dick, 2nd by Lion Laurie Sasada. Discussion points by DG Lion BJ, some new items included in the budget. Centennial Tree planting of \$500, will be done at the new park in Sheboygan in commemoration of 3 Lions clubs in our district celebrating 100 years. Also, a new item is the Lion Spirit Award previously discussed. The district raffle revenue has increased, the raffle ticket price will now be \$5 instead of \$2. **MOTION CARRIED**
- c. **Audit of 2020-2021 District Financial Books** will be conducted by Lion Blaine Priebusch from Appleton. CST Lion Dave has been in contact with him. He is again willing to do the audit, he has worked with PDG Gary Colton in the previous year. Hopes to have a report by next cabinet meeting. There is no charge.

12) **Old Business**

- a. **Reading Machines** update by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt. New to him, thanks to all the clubs from both sides of the lake that purchased them, 45 machines purchased. IPDG Tom and Lion Roxanne personally delivered some of the machines and described their experiences with the recipients. The machines really do make a difference in people's lives.

13) **New Business**

- a. **LCIF Community Grant** update by DG Lion BJ & Lion Gary Roehrig. St. Peter and Winnebago East Shore Lions Clubs have been working with the Holy Family Food Pantry in the Holy Land area. They have outgrown their building. They anticipate a new building by late fall and are requesting district help to purchase new coolers and freezers. DG Lion BJ looked at grants available, the project does not meet the requirements for a LCIF grant. There is however a certain percentage for the district from Campaign 100 funds that can be used by the district. The district would have approximately \$8800 available. The clubs are looking for \$5000, DG Lion BJ asked if the clubs would support \$3000 from the district and they would raise the remainder needed. Motion by Lion Mike Helmke, 2nd by Lion John Stephen to proceed with the process of requesting for a community grant. Discussion to follow, DG BJ would like to see only \$3000, about 1/3 of what is available. Question if other clubs know the community grant is available, answer NO, it is kind of been a LCIF secret. Do not need to spend all at once. No dollar amount requested in the motion, would need an amendment to the original motion. Would we want to delay until October cabinet meeting? The sooner the better. Lion Mike made a motion to amend his previous motion to now be approval to proceed with a request for \$3000 for the community grant. Lion John agreed to the 2nd. No further discussion. **AMENDED MOTION CARRIED.** Paperwork will proceed.
- b. **Discussion – Standard Matching Grant for Above & Beyond Children's Museum Adaptive Playground** in Sheboygan by DG Lion BJ moved to end of meeting.
- c. **Packwaukee Lions Club Potential** Reopening held a town meeting on July 17th, where 29 people showed, 20 were non-Lions. There will be a 2nd meeting on July 31st, more to come. DG Lion BJ looks forward to another club joining our district.
- d. **Future District Cabinet Meetings** dates are as follows per DG Lion BJ
 - i. Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Reach Forward & Virtual Option
 - ii. Sunday, November 14, 2021 at Blue Harbor(No Virtual Option)
 - iii. Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Reach Forward & Virtual Option
 - iv. Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Reach Forward & Virtual Option
 - v. Final at State Convention - TBD

14) **Break later**

15) **First Vice District Governor Reports** by FVDG Lion Dave DG Lion BJ commented that our format is different than previous years. He wants to involve leadership and assign more responsibility to the Vice District Governors. Need to get the leadership in front of the clubs. FVDG Dave is also the District Administrator taking over what Lion Rose Berendes use to do for MyLCI/MyLION. FVDG Dave will also be working with the zone chairs for more involvement in clubs reporting. Chairs must submit written reports prior to cabinet meetings at least 10 days prior and only highlighted items will be discussed. Don't read written reports only bullet points or special recognition. Zone chairs are limited to 2 minutes for reports. Send reports to DG Lion BJ and CST Dave, 10 days prior, who will send to cabinet members to be read prior to meeting. Zone chair template will be 3 items. ACTION ITEMS – OPPORTUNITIES - CHALLENGES SVDG Greg would like to see a footnote of the club activities to help promote clubs. SVDG Greg will send an outline to the zone chairs to follow.

a. **FVDG Dave Update** that we are not doing too bad on reporting, there is room for improvement. Various clubs have not even reported activity for 24 months, 1 club has not reported officers yet. Also zone chairs let PDG Tom Clausen know when your zone meeting is and also any club upcoming activities, so he can get them on the district calendar.

b. **Committee Reports**

- i. **Pediatric Cancer** – PDG Lion Dave Lee sent a report on file with CST Dave
- ii. **Leader Dog** – PDG Lion Dave Lee sent a report on file with CST Dave
- iii. **LEO's** – Lion Gary Roehrig present, however nothing new at this time.
- iv. **Youth Exchange** – Lion Ben Wiley not present, no report sent.
- v. **Pride** – Lion Myra Schneider was present, no report at this time.
- vi. **Restoring Hope Transplant House** – DG Lion BJ was present, no report at this time.
- vii. **Birch/Sturm** – Lion Victoria Blahnik was present, no report at this time.
- viii. **IT/Historical** – PDG Lion Tom Clausen & Lion Andy Williams. PDG Tom reminded the zone chairs to get their meeting dates to him. As far as history, all is posted on website.
- ix. **District Raffle** – Lion John Stephen reported the tickets are in the zone chair packets. Reminder that the raffle laws state tickets can not be sent in the mail, Lions Members only. DG Lion BJ reported the raffle price is now \$5 and each club given 30 tickets. Crucial that the Zone chairs have packets delivered by August 31st. Introduction of Lion Amy Kubichka as the district bucket raffle chair.

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

a. **SVDG Greg** is working on a couple of changes with zone chairs. He will get an outline to help, he is there to HELP. What's working ?? What's not ?? **SERVICE** will be his focus. Please be sure to report your service activities.

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

- i. **Environment** – Lion Roxanne Wendt gave a visual presentation, Focus will be for all 63 clubs to due roadside cleanup, goal of 500 miles by November 1st, even if you take a walk and you pick up garbage would qualify. Report as a club activity. Get your family involved. Let her know your club mileage.
- ii. **Vision/Special Olympics** – Lion Fred - Vision screening starting to take hold, schools are starting to open up now. Special Olympics have been busy. April will be the Lions vision screening for the Special Olympics Basketball tournament.
- iii. **Diabetes** update by Lion Vince, he would like to see our district display more visible. He would also like to see a diabetes fair, possible in March which is Diabetes Month. Also has children's diabetes books available for the taking and put in school libraries. He is available for presentations.
- iv. **Hunger** – Lion Katie Karls was not present, no report sent.
- v. **Hearing/Eyeglasses** – WLF Director Lion Wendy Hartmann was not present, no report sent.
- vi. **Wisconsin Lions Missions** – Lion Pat Knier called and reported that due to the death of the Lion that ran the missions to the Indian reservation, nothing is new at this time. They will be meeting August 15th at which time they will reorganize the mission to the reservation.

17) District Governor Reports

- a. **DG Lion BJ has received great comments** on the building for our meeting. He appreciates everyone's flexibility.
 - i. **Council of Governors (COG) Meeting** was held July 24th. 1st & 2nd VDG also had their training then. They have a good set of District Governors for this year. Worked on setting up the committees for the upcoming year. Potentially another LCI Pediatric Cancer grant. PDG Lion Lee talked about the changes to Global Membership Approach recommendations.
- b. **Committee Reports**
 - i. **LCIF Coordinator** – Lion Vince had nothing to report at this point, waiting for confirmation.
 - ii. **GMT/GMA** – DG Lion BJ wants to be involved in the membership. Work on retention, don't let anyone escape. Exit interviews are very important, Point scale system to develop statistics. More to come in the future. PDG Lion Fred asked to involve other people with your services and activities. Good way to get membership. RETENTION – Keep them involved, they won't leave. If not involved the LION spirit will die.
 - iii. **Newspaper Editor/PR** – Lion Mike Roberts is new at this and learning everything. He has some articles. 2/3 of the space filled. Thank you, Lion Fred for getting him organized. August 1st deadline for articles.
 - iv. **Constitution & Bylaws/Policies & Procedures** – PDG Lion Gary Silah is in the process of reviewing all documents. We need to purge any mention of Lioness, we are doing things that are not written into the policy and bylaws or not properly following the guidelines. Also need to update to reality and update the convention policy. Does not need help at this point, first has to read everything. He will need help later to rewrite, 2006 is the latest version update. PDG Lee was state chair for 3 years. There are certain policies that come from LCI and can not be modified. Things in Constitution and Bylaws that need to be changed must be presented 30 days prior as a resolution to be voted on at the district convention. Policies can be changed, bylaws must be voted on. DG Lion BJ recommends setting up a working meeting at a later date.
 - v. **District Convention** – DG Lion BJ
 1. **Convention Budget** was handed out, given to cabinet to show transparency and explain what is all involved.
 2. **Bucket Raffle** – Lion Amy Kubichka would like to get 2 bucket raffle from each club, special on Friday and also Saturday. Letter enclosed in zone chairman club packets along with district raffle tickets, ads and registration forms. 3 day convention, live entertainment Friday and Saturday. He has received confirmation of speakers. Lots of FUN ! Not traditional seminars, all about building relationships and working with service organizations.
 - vi. **Elections & Nominations** – Lion Mike Helmke is just getting organized and will reach out for information. Positions to be filled this year are, Eye Bank Director (3 year term), 1 WLF Director (3 year term), convention site for 2022, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG, Pin design, peace poster, bean bag tourney site and any resolutions. Some officers are already in the pipeline. He will contact if needs to fill positions.
 - vii. **MyLCI/MyLion/Reporting** – FVDG Lion Dave is the ROSE 2.0, he is the contact, just ask. He is trying to get clubs caught up, trying to improve the reporting. Contact zone chair first then the 1st and 2nd DG. DG Lion BJ would like to see 1st and 2nd VDG available for zone meetings.
 - viii. **Wisconsin Lions Foundation** – WLF Director PDG Lion Fred mentioned August 14th Hustle S'more and see the camp, September 10th drawing for Kids Raffle. 2 weeks of diabetes camp just concluded which WLF ran. Things going well at camp, 100 campers per week, parents are still skeptical with sending their kids. PDG Fred plans to run for WLF treasurer.
 - ix. **Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin** – LEBW Director Lion Chuck Keifenheim was not present, no report sent. DG Lion BJ is the district rep on the Council. Transporters service is up and full running as previously.

- x. **Pins/Peace Poster** – Lion Lori Sasada Peace Posters are for sale. This year’s theme is “**We are all Connected**” District pins are for sale for \$3 see Laurie or DG Lion BJ. FVDG Lion Dave does not have a theme so far for next year, will let everyone know so we can submit a pin design.
- xi. **GLT** – IPDG Lion Tom Wendt is excited about being in this position. State chair is PCC Jeri Schlender, he has worked with her in the past.
 - 1. **Trainings** – There will be a Guiding Lion training on Sunday of the convention. Become an information expert. We are also looking at May 1st for district officer training in Fond du Lac again. IPDG Tom is waiting to confirm the date. DG Lion BJ is requesting the zone chairs to attend the trainings.
 - 2. **USA/Canada Forum** is in Des Moines on September 9-11th. Still can enroll.
 - 3. **State Convention** was May 11-13, 2023 at Stevens Point, dates changed to May 6-8th.
 - 4. **International Convention** for 2022 will be back in Montreal. MD27 Endorsed ID Candidate PDG Lion Lee Vrieze has opportunities for anyone to help at International Convention and his campaign.

xii. District/State Events

- 1. **District Bowling** – DG Lion BJ was present, no report at this time.
- 2. **State Bowling** – DG Lion BJ was present, no report at this time.
- 3. **District Bean Bag Tournament** – Lion Dick Karl reported Sheboygan Noon Lions are interested in coordinating the tournament. Will check policy for information. PDG Fred constructed the boards and donated them to Sheboygan Noon Lions.
- 4. **State Curling** – DG Lion BJ was present, no report at this time.

- xiii. **District Long Range Planning** – DG Lion BJ held their 1st meeting in a long time. Talked about service, membership and leadership. Hope to have another meeting prior to cabinet meeting.

18) Zone Chair Reports DG Lion BJ expectations for zone chairs is to let us know what needs to be discussed.

Refrain from mentioning all of the clubs individual activities. Just things that need to be addressed.

- a. **Zone 2** – Lion Al Kanaugh was not present, no report sent.
- b. **Zone 34** – Lion Dick Karl present no report at this time.
- c. **Area 51** – Lion Pat Knier was not present, no report sent.
- d. **Zone 6** – Lion Dale Counihan was not present, no report sent.
- e. **Zone 78** – Lion Barb Leichtfuss’s zone has recovered from the quarantine. Oakfield has a celebration for the 25th anniversary recovery from the tornado. Zone meeting September 29th. Discussion will be history and level of Lions by CST Lion Dave.
- f. **Zone 9 & 10** – Lion Lori Sasada was present no report at this time. Getting to know the clubs. DG Lion BJ thanked Lion Laurie for stepping up and taking over Zone 10 also.
- g. **Zone 11** – Lion Vince Treague had a President meeting with the clubs to see how they are doing and how to help each other. Well received meeting. Possibly looking at setting up a zone foundation and the technicalities. Also going to work on club quality initiative. Clubs starting to do projects and setting a zone meeting schedule. DG Lion BJ mentions there are differences between 501C4 and 501C3, pros and cons. Extra steps and rules for establishing foundations.

19) Other Business

- a. **Discussion – Standard Matching Grant for Above & Beyond Children’s Museum Adaptive Playground** by DG Lion BJ “**The Purple Octopus**”. \$500,000 budget, \$300,000 already raised. Possible LCI grant, DG Lion BJ is working with 3 clubs, Town of Sheboygan, Sheboygan Noon and Sheboygan Evening. A donor will match district amount up to \$ 20,000. Thought process to ask for a \$40,000 LCI grant. District would need to raise 50% of \$20,000 by January and donor donate of \$20,000. Great opportunity for a district project which would qualify for an LCI grant. Request action to proceed with Due Diligence for this project. Motion by Lion Gary Roehrig, 2nd by Lion Mike Helmke to gather more information for the October meeting and have a grant proposal ready for signature and any other Due Diligence. **MOTION CARRIED** Discussion to follow.
- b. **Comments & Questions** –SVDG Greg also mentioned clubs should work with community organizations on projects not only to benefit themselves but also the community. FVDG Dave asked about the district

STUFF the BUS. Some districts still do carry on the state project. Raise school supplies for the area schools. It is up to individual areas to proceed.

MD27 Endorsed ID Candidate PDG Lion Lee Vrieze thanked the cabinet for the invite. He also mentioned that a Lions Club cannot be a 501C3, must be totally separate bylaws, constitutions etc., get legal involvement. Make sure Lions Clubs file 990 EZ to maintain club tax exemption status with IRS. THANK YOU

c. **Next Meeting** – Sunday, October 3, 2021 (In-Person & Virtual Option)

20) Meeting Adjournment motion made at 3:58 PM by IPDG Tom Wendt, 2nd by Lion Roxanne Wendt.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by CST Lion Dave Holschbach August 5, 2021