



## MD27B1 District Caucus Minutes

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Location: Grand Geneva Hotel – Room: Maple Lawn A      Time: 9:15 AM – 9:50 AM

### Agenda:

- 1) Meeting called to Order @ 9:15 am by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. He stated we are short on time, will try to move things along but he gets carried away.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance led by IPDG Lion Tom Wendt.
- 3) Welcome & Thank You by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. It has been a wonderful year. He apologized for the convention on Mother's Day weekend but also acknowledged all mothers in attendance. This year we utilized our Vice District Governors more, thank you to his cabinet members. He is humble to be our District Governor and in front of us. He was a person that was lost and did not have a purpose in life. Lions have changed that. We tried new things this year, some worked some did not, but at least we tried.
- 4) At this time PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer entered the room and introduced our International guest ID Alan Hunt from Canada. He thanked us for all the good work we do and keep it up. We need to continue having Fun and Friendship.
- 5) DGBJ also had special thanks to Cabinet Secretary Dave Holschbach, he always was available and allowed BJ to ask questions. Greatly appreciated him staying on for BJ's term to be cabinet secretary treasurer.
- 6) Roll Call by CST Lion Dave Holschbach  
46 District 27B1 members in attendance and 42 certified with 32 voting.
- 7) Honors & Recognition by DG Lion BJ Blahnik.
  - a. **Lions Spirit Award** was created to recognize the GRASS ROOTS LION, the backbone of many Lions clubs. It was meant to not include anyone who has been a president. The 8 nominees are John Murray-Pickett Lions, Sue Trampf-Berlin Lions, Eric Mueller-St Nazianz, Wayne Stroessner-Random Lake, Melvin See-Chilton, Rose Mueller-Winnebago East Shore, Roy Holz-Neenah and Bunny Turcotte of Wild Rose. Each were given a special recognition award. The winner will receive a \$500 donation in their name to a Wisconsin Lions approved project. The WINNER is Lion Rose Mueller of Winnebago East Shore Lions. Lion Rose was present and was honored and humble to be recognized, she wishes to have the donation given to Wisconsin Lions Camp.
  - b. **Other Recognitions:** The district received a special plaque from Kids USA in recognition for our district being 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in the vision screening challenge. We

ended with 26,000+, and our Multi District was 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation. In recognition of his support of vision screening, PDG Fred Gebhart was given the plaque on behalf of the district. PDG Fred also thanked all the vision screeners and especially PDG Dave Lee for his support in the Appleton area. DG BJ talked about the Helmer Lacy award and why he nominated Lion Sue, without people like her, his life would have been totally different.

Lion Bob Newton of the Town of Sheboygan presented DG BJ with a special custom hand-crafted bowl in appreciation of his term as District Governor.

8) Secretary's Report – CST Lion Dave Holschbach

- a. Delegate Certification will continue until 2:00 pm, see Lion Dave at any time up until then.

9) New Business

- a. LCIF Community Grant update by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. Our district applied for a community grant from LCI in the amount of \$3000 for the Holyland Food Pantry in the community of Winnebago East Shore and St Peters Lions. Community grants are based on 15% of a district's donations. There was some controversy as to club donations, Clubs are here to serve and it does not matter if a club donates to LCI or Not to qualify.
- b. Status Update on Above and Beyond Children's Museum Playground was given by DG Lion BJ Blahnik. Due to one of the centennial clubs being from Sheboygan he felt this was a great opportunity for a district centennial grant. The district received a LCI grant for \$50,000 which we had to match. We as a district need to raise \$25,000 with a \$25,000 personal donation. We currently are about \$5000 short. He has full confidence this will happen. THANK YOU!
- c. District Governor Elect Lion David Brinkman  
1<sup>st</sup> cabinet meeting will be Sunday July 24 at Eagles Club Fond du Lac, and the District convention will also be in Fond du Lac at the Radisson November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. His theme for next year will be "TELL YOUR STORY "  
He has been working with all the clubs and their MyLion/MyLCI reporting. Get out there and tell the people WHO you are! Use Twitter-Facebook- Instagram and get your events on the district calendar. He is in need of 2 zone chairman to complete his cabinet. Looking forward to working with all Lions and having 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice district governors for club visits.

Special **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** sang for incoming district secretary Lion Roxanne Wendt. PDG Jerry Post will be the incoming district treasurer.

**Motion to adjourn** meeting @ 9:54 am by Lion Mike Helmke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Ken Rohde.

**MOTION CARRIED** Respectfully submitted Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion Dave Holschbach