# MINUTES MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS Saturday, July 20, 2019 Northside Christian Church, Warrensburg, MO

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Walt Hamer at 10:00 a.m. He reminded everyone to turn off cell phones.

Governor Rodney McConnell gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor George Winkeler, Jr.

Governor Susan Paden led in singing "My Country Tis of Thee".

Council Chair Hamer welcomed everyone to the Council Meeting and All-Star Football Weekend. He thanked the Athletic Committee for an outstanding banquet the night before.

### **ATTENDANCE -** Those in attendance were:

District	Governor	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors				
26-M1	Rodney McConnell		Jerry Reaves				
26-M2	George Winkeler	Sandee Marshall	Devin Struttmann				
26-M3	Susan Paden	Bob Noellsch					
26-M4	John Ross		James Pederson				
26-M5	Jessica Troester	Joe Storms	Randy Winkler				
26-M6	Toni Morris	Theresa Kee	Phyllis Krebs				
26-M7	Jeff Hilke	Don Soph	Melissa Anderson				

Council Chairperson IPDG Walt Hamer, M6

Past International Directors Donal Knipp, M7; W. R. O'Riley, M4

Parliamentarian PDG James W. Rosbrugh, M6

Council Secretary-Treasurer/State Office Administrator Lion Brenda Weider, M7

M1: Lion Jennie Mosher

M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, PCC Terry Boettcher, PCC Joe Foster, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion Leon Hove, Lion Ed Marshall, Lion Jeff Rackovan, Lion Kelly Rackovan, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion Jennifer Winkeler

M3: PDG Sandy McCann, Lion Mary Jane Noellsch

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, PCC Larry Boettcher, Lion Devon Campbell, Lion Peggy Campbell, IPCC Ron Campbell, Lion Carole O'Riley, Lion Chris Pederson, PDG John Reese, Lion Kathy Reese, Lion Pat Spencer, Richard Spencer, IPDG Richard Warner, PDG Roger Unruh

M5: PDG Jene Crook, PCC Gary Curtis, Lion Janice Curtis, PDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Pat Mills, Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto (KidSight) and daughter, Ella, IPDG Pat Scott

M6: Lion Karen Hamer, Lion Phil Krebs, Lion Karen Rosbrugh

M7: Lion Patrick Anderson, PCC Jesse Hathcock, PDG Lou Ann Hathcock, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Wayne Weider

**TAIL TWISTER** – DG Winkeler moved to appoint PCC Al Blumenberg as Tail Twister. Motion was seconded by DG Troester and passed.

**DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS** – DG Hilke moved to designate the funds collected to KidSight since that was what the weekend (football game) was for. Motion was seconded by DG Paden and passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2019-2020 PARLIAMENTARIAN** – DG Morris moved that PDG James W. Rosbrugh be appointed as Parliamentarian for this year. Motion was seconded by DG Winkeler and passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2019-2020 MD Protocol Chairperson** – DG Winkeler moved that PDG Wayne Cunningham be appointed as Protocol Chairperson for the year. Motion was seconded by DG Troester and passed. CC Hamer announced that since PDG Cunningham could not be in attendance that day, PCC Gina Boettcher would be doing protocol for this meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2019-2020 SPOUSES' SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON** – DG Troester moved that Lion Betty Noland be appointed as the 2019-2020 Spouses' Seminar Chairperson. Motion was seconded by DG Paden and passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2019-2020 DGE SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON** – DG Winkeler moved that PCC Joe Foster (and his team) be appointed as the 2019-2020 DGE Seminar Chairperson. Motion was seconded by DG McConnell and passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2019-2020 STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE** – DG Winkeler moved that the members of the State Office Committee (PDG Ann Anderson, PDG Eugene Taylor, PDG Marvin Stuenkel, and Lion Steve Duncan) remain the same for this year. Motion was seconded by DG Troester and passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2019-2020 MISSOURI LION EDITOR** – DG Troester moved that PDG Ann Anderson be appointed as 2019-2020 Missouri Lion Editor. Motion was seconded by DG McConnell and carried.

**PROTOCOL** – PCC Gina Boettcher established Protocol for the meeting.

**MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING** – DG Morris moved to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2019 Council Meeting as distributed. Motion was seconded by DG McConnell and passed.

**REPORT OF 2018-2019 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING** – IPCC Ron Campbell reported that the total Assets and Total Liabilities and Capital for the year ending June 30, 2019 were \$257,071.01.

**INTERNATIONAL UPDATE** – No report.

**USA/CANADA FORUM** – No report.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PID Donal Knipp reported that the GPLLI was being held the following weekend in Maryville, with 31 registered, only 10 from Missouri. MD 26 needs to do better than this. Two Lions from Missouri will be presenters – PDG Greg Gilliam and PDG Don Beckham - along with eight other presenters, to provide emerging Lion leaders with many skills to be used as Lions and in their personal lives. All Lions in Missouri that are interested in becoming leaders in their clubs and districts should try to attend. He would like to see all of our districts get more involved and get more Lions to attend. All Districts could easily send four or five each year with the scholarships that are available by the districts and the PDG Association. The amount of registrants from the MD 26 districts are: M1 – 1; M2 – 1; M3 – 0; M4 – 0; M5 – 4; M6 – 1; M7 – 0. He urged the Governors to encourage attendance at GPLLI as one of their objectives during their year. The Institute is sponsored by Multiple Districts 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska). He gave special thanks to PID W. R. O'Riley for being the facilities coordinator for the Institute.

**LCIF** – PID Donal Knipp gave the report for PID Dr. Garrett, who could not be in attendance. These are the figures for May 2019: 26-M1 \$15,499.80 Club Participation 38,46%

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2	26-M2	\$20,835.88	Club P	articipation	53.85%
2	26-M3	\$18,561.50	Club P	articipation	37.29%
2	26-M4	\$19,786.95	Club P	articipation	35.09%
2	26-M5	\$25,081.02	Club P	articipation	42.3%
2	26-M6	\$ 7,909.20	Club P	articipation	100%
2	26-M7	\$20,843.00	Club P	articipation	42%
Total contributions \$128,963.3	33	Average Club	Particip	ation	48.31%

Thank you to all District Coordnators for their hard work in this Lionistic year, with extra thanks to PDG Kevin Cantrell for M6 having 100% club participation. MD 26 is rising to the challenge of more donations and club participation. Remember about 3 to 4 years ago we had 27% club participation and approximately \$90,000 in donations. Last year we had \$147,000 in donations. With thoughts to Campaign 100 we are approximately halfway to our goal of \$300 million. Let's work with our District Coordinators and 2019-2020 Governors to keep reaching for 100% club participaton for each district. If we do this the donations will follow. Don't forget the share back from LCIF to districts which can accumulate for 15 years. Don't forget that more donations can be eligible for MJF or PMJF. Don't forget the many Grants you can qualify for from LCIF for your club and district. Don't forget that LCIF is your foundation and has many ways to help your club and district.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING** – No report.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Jene Crook reported that the Committee met briefly at the State Convention in St. Joseph. They approved the number of state pins to order and ratified her decision to order sashes for the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee to replace the arm bands. They reviewed the inventory and decided to take orders instead of trying to stock parade shirts. She added that the planning has begun for the 2021 State Convention, to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO. The dates will be April 29 – May 2, 2021. That hotel has also been reserved for the January, 2021 Council Meeting. The Committee is continuing discussions on the Mid-West Breakfast held at each International Convention. The Committee's next meeting will be held in September, either at the State Office or the Lake. PDG Crook also mentioned that PDG Weekend will be held October 4-6 in Independence. She had flyers available with details.

**2020 STATE CONVENTION** – PDG Sandy McCann reminded everyone that the January Council Meeting will be January 18, earlier than normal, due to the music convention being at Margaritaville the last full weekend. The 2020 State Convention will be held April 17 & 18, with the Council of Governors Meeting being held on April 16, at Margaritaville in Osage Beach. On-line hotel reservations can be made using the promotional code "Lions". Room rates are \$109.00 plus tax. She also suggested that if anyone has issues with walking or stairs, to call Margaritaville to let them know that, because on-line there won't be any way to specify that. The Convention registration form is on the state website, and she had some available that day.

You can use PayPal to register for the convention, but please make sure that you either email or mail the registration form to their treasurer so she will have the proper documentation, including your club and other information for name tags, special food needs, etc.

**2019 STATE CONVENTION** – PDG Roger Unruh asked everyone on the 2019 Host Convention Committee to stand up, then everyone from the State Convention Committee to stand up, to show that it takes about half of the people in the room to put on a State Convention. Everyone has a job to do. He felt the Convention was an extreme success due to the fact that so many people participated. He said there were three unique things they did in 2019:

- 1. They exploited internal talents within their district.
- 2. They exploited the fact that they had clubs within their district that wanted to participate in the convention, by making donations and sponsoring different things.
- 3. They exploited some of the monies available in the local city. Their Visitors Center issued them a \$1,500 grant to help with expenses involved, such as those with the International Guest.

They were able to generate, with the Tail Twisting and the Silent Auction, and from their Host Committee, \$7,000 for LCIF! A memory book was made of the 2019 Convention, which he presented to the Past International Directors and IPCC Ron Campbell. The books can be ordered before August 15 for \$40. He then presented a check for \$3,000 to PDG Jene Crook for the State & International Convention Committee. This was the profit from the State Convention.

# **ALERT COMMITTEE** – No report.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** – PDG James W. Rosbrugh reported that the committee met via teleconference, when he was elected Chairperson and Lion Dave Ash was elected Secretary. They agreed the most expedient means of bringing our documents into compliance with LCI is a "total rewrite", adding to the LCI Standard those items unique to our Multiple, along with those propositions not voted upon at the 2019 Convention, and to present a total document for adoption at the 2020 MD Convention. They have already begun the rewrite, and plan to have the entire document completed for presentation at the October 2019 Council of Governors meeting.

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE** – PCC Gary Curtis reported for PDG Jonathan Keyes, who could not be in attendance. He thanked the Committee for their hard work during the year. They had 19 players on each team. The Blue coach was Rich Johnson (who has since joined the Lions Club) from Knob Noster High School, and the Gold Coach was Chad Jamerson from East Prairie High School. He urged everyone to attend the game and support these players. He read a letter that he had received from a player last year after the game. Dear Mr. Curtis, I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the Lions and how much I enjoyed the opportunity to play in the All-Star Game. It was easily one of the most fun weeks of my life, with friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. PCC Curtis announced that they would be raffling a football autographed by all the players at the game, and he wanted to recognize a super salesman, PDG Eugene Taylor, who was helping to sell raffle tickets.

**BAND COMMITTEE** – 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Don Soph reported that the committee hired a band from Italy for the International Convention. He was not there but from what he understood, they were very good with no complaints. The Committee will be meeting soon in Jefferson City and will submit a budget proposal at the October Council meeting. They are working on recruiting a band for next year.

## **PIN TRADERS** – No report.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported that the committee has been working hard this past year during the process of restructuring the work load at the state office. They have started the process of hiring a part-time employee who would take over many of the duties that Lion Brenda has been doing mostly by herself. Lion Brenda would like to work part-time and mainly do the financial duties for the Lions of Missouri. The committee, along with Lion Brenda, have worked on setting up a schedule of duties and hours. It is still in the works, but they have a very good idea of what needs to be done and a good plan in the works. They advertised in the newspaper in Jefferson City for part-time help and had a very good response. They interviewed seven applicants and offered the position to two, who at this time have not taken the job. They are hopeful that one will be available later in the fall, but due to the busy month of July, this was put on hold. The committee members have put in many hours on this process, with many trips to Jefferson City, and have not taken this job lightly. They are committed to making sure our office continues to run like a well-oiled machine. She also reminded all committees who store their belongings

at the state office that it is fine to store them there so everyone knows where they are, but the committees must be responsible for their own inventory and any transporting of your belongings to and from meetings or conventions. If a committee has any questions on this please contact the State Office Committee. Lastly, the State Office Committee requested that the Council of Governors reword the description of the State Office Committee in the Policy Manual, Page 19, to make it more robust. They asked that the following wording be added: This committee shall be responsible to hire employees to fill any vacancies or needs and shall adjust hours according to the work load. All changes to employee adjusted hours should stay within the budget as set by the Council of Governors unless approved ahead of time. The State Office Committee shall be responsible for updating and making needed changes to the Personnel Manual. All updates and changes shall be approved by the Council of Governors. DG Troester asked to clarify if the change to the Policy Manual would mean that they are recommending replacing the current Personnel Manual Committee with this. PDG Anderson replied yes, but it would still require the Council's approval.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** – No report.

## **MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO** - No report.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE - PCC Kimberly Taylor gave the report for Lion Toni Mahoney who could not be in attendance. Youth Camp Exchange - She urged the District Governors to share with every club about this great opportunity for our Missouri youths - over 112 camps in over 42 countries. The Missouri Lions sent a young lady sponsored by Webster Groves Lions to Camp Israel on July 12 for 30 days. Our Missouri Youth Camp Exchange had nine youths from Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Israel, Italy, Mongolia and The Netherlands arrive June 30. Five host families picked them up from the airport and they spent 10 days with them. Then they spent July 10 at Six Flags and were picked up by the second host families to spend 10 days with them. They would arrive at Camp Brimshire on Sunday, July 21, to spend the week touring and enjoying camp. They would visit Fort Leonard Wood Museum, dinner with M2 District Governor, Grants Farm, Mo School for the Blind, Forest Park, State Capitol Building in Jefferson City, Lunch with Wardsville Lions, Cole County Health Center to sort glasses, Central Dairy with Jefferson City Host Lions, Dinner with Rolla Lions, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Tours of Design Center and Mine, Dinner with St. James Lions. On July 28 they would be picked up at House Springs Lions after sharing dinner, to include dishes prepared by the youths from their countries. She urged the District Governors and Vice District Governors to continue promoting this program.

**GLOBAL ACTION TEAM** – Reported by PCC Joe Foster for PDG Debbie Cantrell and Lion Carol Deters also, who could not be in attendance.

**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM** – As of March, 2019, Missouri had a total of 8,534 members. As of May, 2019 Missouri had a total of 8,429 members. This quarter we again have two of our seven districts reporting an increase in numbers for end of March 2019 – M6 and M7. We continue having membership issues and it takes all of us if we choose to make a change! PDG Cantrell has received the 2019-2020 GMT list of district chairs and plans to continue the monthly membership tips. The last thing that went out was a box she filled and mailed to each of them, containing a kit prepared with table cloth, membership napkins, new voices napkins, a new membership kit, membership applications, membership ideas. It included a letter and encouragement for each to set up a table at a cabinet meeting or convention promoting membership ideas. Prospective members continue to flow to us from LCI, and she tries to get them out as soon as possible. Please be sure you are working these prospects! She also continues to post regularly on the Missouri Lion (Brenda Weider) Facebook page with ideas and tools to use in growing our membership. Please like and share so we can reach more prospects.

**GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM** – In her report Lion Deters reminded everyone that not only can you serve the youth, but you can include them in your service projects, too. Ask local Leos to participate in your project! Service projects focused on the new global causes are a great way to engage with potential new members and re-energizes your club's service projects. Utilize the Service Launchpad to download resources; it's a great way to gather resources to help clubs complete service activities. Encourage clubs to add one new service project that focuses on one of the global causes. Promote the use of the MyLion app. 47% of clubs reported service projects last year – let's try to increase that number this year. As part of the GAT we are hoping to have another summit for the District and Club GAT Coordinators this year. We are here to help through training and support, to give you tools to find new members, to have them keep coming back, and to energize service with new resources and new passion.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM - PCC Foster reported that they had a fantastic training session that morning. From the information his team gathered that morning, they will put together a plan to go forward in our state. He asked the Governors to share any ideas they may have with the team moving forward. He spoke about the possibility of bringing back the Mid-Winter Forum. This event is close to his heart because the first time he and his wife, Lion Michelle, attended, the fellowship, information, and comradery made them realize that there was so much more to Lions than their club, and they made the decision to get involved at the state level. He has spoken with the rest of the GAT and they would like to move forward with this if the Council approves it; however, he would ask that everyone who attends bring someone with them because that's what grows our state, that's where the service works, that's where the membership works, and that's where the leadership comes from. They are looking at the dates of January 31-February 1 at Camden on the Lake. This could be a huge asset to our state, but he wants everyone to be on board and to bring someone, even if they're not a Lion. He is very excited about this possibility, he misses this Forum, and he knows others do too. DG Troester asked what his preliminary estimate would be for the cost to attend this. PCC Foster said there is some money set aside for the Forum which they will use efficiently, and there is also some grant money available, so he would estimate that it will be close to the same as a State Convention registration, plus the hotel room. There would probably be a meal involved. PDG Eugene Taylor added that when it was held before, the registration was approximately \$40-\$60. If approved, more details would be available at the October Council Meeting.

# MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - No report.

MISSOURI LION NEWSLETTER – PDG Ann Anderson reported that the June issue of the Missouri Lion was posted on the Missouri Lions website and it was also distributed on <a href="mailto:molions@freelists.org">molions@freelists.org</a>. If you're not a subscriber of <a href="mailto:molions@freelists.org">molions@freelists.org</a> she recommended that you sign up because there is good information posted on it. She put the June issue together very quickly because of major happenings coming before the next issue. She noted that it has a very tailored look, nothing fancy, but rather something to get the Missouri Lions information that they need. She is very committed to get the most important items out. She will try to get most everything in that is sent to her. She needs for committees to send her information that will be for the betterment of Lions of Missouri. A big thank you to PDG J. Y. Miller for hosting the molions network and for getting this last issue to go out. They had quite a time because the file was too large, but they think they have that solved. Thank you, also, to Lion Amy Bell for her help on this issue. If you have items to be included please email them to her at <a href="mailto:Anderson@centurytel.net">Anderson@centurytel.net</a>. PCC Kimberly Taylor added that there is another email address for articles that will be directed to her — <a href="mailto:newsletter@missourilions.org">newsletter@missourilions.org</a>.

**KIDSIGHT** – Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto thanked everyone for their support of KidSight. She congratulated this year's District Governors on "growing up" from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors over the last couple of years. She referred everyone to their written report, which showed statistics through April 30, 2019. She should be able to report on the full year by the October meeting. She thanked PCC Al Blumenberg for his service as the KidSight Board Chair. He has been with KidSight since the beginning

and has done so much to make sure they are successful. He is still serving on the Board. Their incoming Board Chair is PDG Wayne Cunningham. She pointed out all the Lions Clubs who are fielding teams or individuals who screen for them: Bowling Green, Ft. Leonard Wood, Hermann, Marshall, Columbia Host, Grant City, Jefferson City Host and Prairie Home. They also have two teams in training: Perryville LC and District 26-M2. It's a huge commitment and they are so thankful; they could not do it without them. They have been working since January to make their program more responsive to the needs of families with the least resources. She is excited about their future and the Lions' continued support is more important than ever now.

Break for Lunch – 11:30 – 1:00

**HEARING COMMITTEE** – Lion Peggy Campbell reported that the committee had submitted a proprosed budget to the Council for approval. This committee is self funded and must make decisions well before the October meeting so that is why the budget needs to be approved at this meeting. Some major decisions that the committee will be addressing is the future of the vans. The parts to repair are either non-existent or of reduced quality. The vans also have mold issues and they have not located the leaks causing the mold. The vans are stored outside and are constantly exposed to the elements. Each district has three screeners and only need a quiet room to do the screening. For visibility flags can be purchased and placed outside.

## **SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** – No report.

SAVING SIGHT – IPCC Ron Campbell reported that the following have retired from their positions on the Board at the end of June, 2019: PDG Stuart Payne (M6), Lion Allen Lohsandt (M5), and IPCC Ron Campbell (MD 26). The newest Board members are: CC Walt Hamer (MD 26), VCC George Winkeler, Jr. (MD 26), and Lion Al Dohmen (M6). Additionally, IPDG Pat Scott (M5) remains on the Board. From July 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019, Saving Sight provided 2,949 corneas for sight-saving transplants. Saving Sight continues to see growth in processing autologous serum eye drops, called Vital Tears. During the month of May, Saving Sight's laboratory processed a new record of 402 orders. If you are interested in supporting Saving Sight's mission, they are currently raising funds to help purchase roses in honor of eye donors that will appear on Donate Life America's float at the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade. Go to their website <a href="www.saving-sight.org">www.saving-sight.org</a> to purchase t-shirts, with a portion of the proceeds funding this project. Saving Sight's Board will meet on Saturday, September 14 at 8:30 a.m. in St. Louis, location TBD. As always, Lions are invited to attend the open meetings; please RSVP by emailing <a href="mailto:pr@saving-sight.org">pr@saving-sight.org</a> or calling 800-753-2265.

**EYEGLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM** – DG Jeff Hilke thanked everyone for the eyeglasses they have been bringing to Jefferson City. If any have groups, such as churches, in their districts that need eyeglasses to go on mission trips, please give them his contact information because they have lots of eyeglasses that need to be put to good use. Things are progressing well. If anyone had eyeglasses with them that day, they could get with him after the meeting.

## **WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND** – No report.

**LEADER DOG**  $-2^{nd}$  VDG Phyllis Krebs thanked the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors for getting their reservations in to attend Leadership Weekend on August 9 & 10. She guaranteed them a great time. She also announced that it was FLD Joplyn's final visit with the Missouri Lions as she would be returning to Leader Dog the following week when they would be picking up puppy #11. She asked for name suggestions. Lastly, she thanked everyone for their continued support of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

**MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT & HEARING** – Lion Jennie Mosher reported that on May 18 25 patients were screened and approved for surgery, at no cost to them. On June 25, 23 patients received corrective surgery. This still leaves a waiting list. There is a need throughout the four states. She thanked everyone who attended Lion Leader Weekend and the Auction, when they made a little over \$15,000. The next board meetings will be September 6-7 and November 15-16 in Memphis. Everyone is welcome, and they may even put together a dinner riverboat cruise in September.

LBOMB – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Melissa Anderson reported that as of June 20 the Business Enterprise Program and LBOMB received approval to purchase three Italian Creamy Bread franchises totaling \$9,950. This investment will boost sales and increase profits for their managers. As of July 1 there has been a total of \$7,275 in donations received at the LBOMB Office. This exceeds the budgeted amount of \$7,000. They would like to thank all of the Missouri Lions for their support. In addition, they have changed the managers and LBOMB office staff insurance structure, saving the corporation to date nearly \$36,000. They plan to remodel one of their oldest cafeterias next year, which will cost more than \$300,000, so these savings, along with the Lions' generous donations, will help fund that remodel. They currently have two trainees and one who just finished training with hopes of filling some of the vacant LBOMB locations. On June 21 they closed the cafeteria at the Missouri State Office Building in Kansas City. LBOMB has been running this location for five years, with no blind manager interest. This location has been operating at a negative gross profit for many years. They intend to fill the void in this building with vending machines to be filled by a blind vending manager. Last but not least, their first micro-market is scheduled to be up and running by September 1. This will be unchartered territory, but they are expecting great success.

**POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE** – DG Troester presented the following proposed changes to the Policy Manual:

On Page 1: Update the year, council chairperson, and district governors.

Page 2: change date of council meeting to July 20, 2019

Page 11: Revise seating order. Starting on the left side of the U near the opening seating and working around: 1&2 VDG M6, DG M6, 1&2 VDG M4, DG M4, 1&2 VDG M3, DG M3, PID, PID Front table from left (as facing table) to right: PID, IPID, CS/T, Podium, CC, CPA, VCC Right table (continuing around the U) 1&2 VDG M2, ACS/T, 1&2 VDG M5, DG M1, 1&2 VDG M1, DG M7, 1&2 VDG M7

Page 19: **MD 26 Office Committee:** The council shall appoint a multiple district state office committee to oversee and assist in the operating of a full-time office. This committee shall be responsible to hire employees to fill any vacancies or needs and shall adjust hours according to the work load. All changes to employee adjusted hours should stay within the budget as set by the Council of Governors unless approved ahead of time. The State Office Committee shall be responsible for updating and making needed changes to the Personnel Manual. All updates and changes shall be approved by the Council of Governors. The council shall determine the necessary number of Lions needed to accomplish these responsibilities. Due to the unique nature of this committee, it is not necessary that each district be represented on this committee and will include the Council Chair.

Page 20: Remove 2020 from the convention hosts list and add 2027- District M3

Page 24: Change year to 2019-2020 District Governors.

Distinctive attire for Smart Casual for men: "Distinctive Council approved orange polo shirt with embroidered council approved Lions logo and lettering, navy slacks, and neutral shoes."

For women: "Distinctive Council approved orange polo shirt with embroidered council approved Lions logo and lettering, navy skirt or slacks, and neutral shoes."

Business: For men "Distinctive Council approved orange sports jacket with MD 26 patch, distinctive tie, navy slacks, and neutral shoes."

For women: "Distinctive Council approved orange sports jacket with MD 26 patch, distinctive scarf, navy skirt or slacks, and neutral shoes."

Adult companion men: "Distinctive Council approved navy blue polo shirt with an embroidered council approved Lions logo and lettering, navy blue sacks, and neutral shoes."

## PERSONNEL MANUAL COMMITTEE - No report.

PRESENTATIONS - IPCC Ron Campbell presented the following New Voices awards:

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Missy Anderson - Leadership

Lion Pat Spencer - Membership

Lion Mary Jane Noellsch - Service

Lion Kathy Reese – Marketing Communications

## **QUALITY LION AWARDS -**

M1-0 M2-5 M3-0 M4-0 M5-0 M6-0 M7-0 Council Chair Hamer explained how to get the award and encouraged the Governors to promote them.

MISSOURI LIONS EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – Lion Leon Hove explained that the four people going on the Puerto Rico trip faced challenges with flights and arrived there late. The second trip to Mexico in September has eight Lions and one doctor signed up. They anticipate seeing approximately 900 – 1,000 area residents in the two days of actual mission there. Two missions are planned in 2020 with dates and locations to be determined after November, the second one possibly to Panama. When asked, he replied that they are currently using eyeglasses out of Nevada and California, not out of Jefferson City. He added that one of their long-range goals is to possibly use some of those in the bootheel and inner city of St. Louis, because they can give out recycled eyeglasses in the U. S. if they have an optometrist with them.

MISSOURI STATE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE - Lion Leon Hove reported that the \$100,000 from the State Administrative Fund was invested with Wells Fargo in June, as per the Council's vote at the State Convention. As of July 11, the \$100,000 investment value had increased to \$100,976, or an increase of \$976 in just under one month. This is more than was made on \$100,000 all last year. He cautioned the Council, however, not to expect an almost 1% gain every month, although it appeared that the next month would probably be good again. Market volatility will continue and probably increase this fall. At the last Council Meeting, IPCC Campbell stated that the committee was a permanent committee after the Council voted to invest monies with a brokerage firm. Therefore, changes will need to be made in the Constitution to establish duties and terms of the committee members. The Committee recommends the following be considered by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

Article VI. Section 6

Add: (p) Investment Committee – The investment committee shall oversee the management and Investment of state funds as directed by the Council of Governors and report the results to the Council at quarterly meetings.

Article VI, Section 8, (d)

Add: State Investment Committee

**RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS** – DG Troester moved that committee reports be received. Motion was seconded by DG Paden. DG Winkeler asked that on the GPLLI Report District M2 be changed from

1 to 5 members attending. DG Ross asked that District M4 be changed from 0 to 1 attending. Motion passed.

**WRITTEN REPORTS** – CC Hamer brought up the issue of written reports for the packets. He reminded the committee chairs that Lion Brenda emailed them long before the meeting, asking them to submit their written reports by a certain date or otherwise to bring enough copies for everyone at the head table. He noticed that day that several reports were made with only one copy. In the future he would like to see those reports sent to her on time or else bring enough copies to the meeting for everyone at the head table.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

APPROVAL OF AUDITOR FOR 2018-2019 YEAR ENDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GRAVES & ASSOCIATES) – DG Winkeler moved to approve Graves & Associates to complete the audit for 2018-2019. Motion was seconded by DG McConnell and passed.

**APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY FOR ALL FUNDS (JEFFERSON BANK)** – DG Morris moved that they approve Jefferson Bank as the depository for all funds for 2019-2020. Motion was seconded by DG Ross and carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUND BUDGET** – DG Winkeler moved to approve the Administrative Fund Budget that they prepared at the earlier budget meeting. Motion was seconded by DG Paden and carried.

**APPROVAL OF POLICY MANUAL CHANGES** – DG Troester moved to approve the policy manual changes as presented earlier. Motion was seconded by DG McConnell and passed.

**APPROVAL OF HEARING COMMITTEE PROPOSED BUDGET** – DG Paden moved to approve the Hearing Committee Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by DG Morris and passed.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (PDG Don Beckham-M1 and Lion Brian Schieber, M4) – DG Ross moved to approve Lion Brian Schieber, M4, and PDG Don Beckham, M1, both remaining on the committee. Motion was seconded by DG McConnell and carried.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES** - CC Hamer reminded the following that they will need to get a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy and sign for Lion Brenda after the meeting:

Council Chair

Council Secretary-Treasurer

All 7 District Governors

State Athletic Committee Chair

State Band Chair

State Convention Chair

State Hearing Chair

International Candidate Fund Chair

State GLT Chair

Sate GMT Chair

State GST Chair

State Marketing Communications Chair

State Sight Chair

State Youth Chair

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES

M1 – February 21-22

M2 - February 28 - March 1

M3 - March 20-21

M4 - March 20-21

M5 – November 1-2

M6 – March 6-7

M7 - March 13-14

**MID-WINTER FORUM** – DG Winkeler moved to approve the proposal by the State GLT Coordinator to reestablish the Mid-Winter Forum in 2020. Motion was enthusiastically seconded by DG Troester. Council Chair Hamer reminded everyone of the dates – January 31-February 1. Motion carried.

**SITE OF OCTOBER, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING** – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bob Noellsch said that the 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs recommend Camden on the Lake, October 23-25, 2020. DG Troester moved that they approve the site and dates of the October 2020 Council Meeting as presented. Motion seconded by DG Paden and passed.

APPROVAL OF DESTRUCTION OF OLD FINANCIAL RECORDS (ELIMINATE ONE YEAR, LEAVING PAST FIVE YEARS) – DG McConnell moved for destruction of one year of old financial records, leaving past five years. Motion was seconded by DG Paden and carried.

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS** – Ballots were distributed to the Governors to vote on those Lions wishing to serve more than 6 out of 8 consecutive years on committees as follows:

M1 - PDG Casey Morris - Athletic Committee

M1 - Lion Allen Taylor - Sight Committee

M2 – PCC John Yount – Hearing Committee

M2 - Lion Toni Mahoney - Youth Committee

M3 - PCC Pat Porterfield - Youth Committee

M4 - PDG David Primm - Convention Committee

M5 - Lion Betty Beason - Hearing Committee

M6 – PDG Debbie Cantrell – Marketing Communications Committee

M7 – Lion Amy Bell – Information Technology Committee

All were approved.

**QUILT RAFFLE** - Fundraiser for Leos attending USA/Canada Leo Forum in Phoenix, AZ. The winner of the quilt was the Lions Opportunities for Youth Committee.

**STATE OFFICE CLOSED** – CC Hamer announced that the State Office would be closed Thursday, July 25 through Friday, August 2, so Lion Brenda can take vacation. Lion Jeanne would be checking in periodically during that time. PDG Ann Anderson added that in an emergency anyone could contact her.

**DISTRICT DIRECTORIES** – CC Hamer asked the Governors to get a copy of their district directories to Lion Brenda for the State Office.

**ALERT CHAIRS** – PDG Bruce Dugan asked the Governors to give him the names and contact information of their District Alert Chairs.

**TAIL TWISTER** – PCC Al Blumenberg collected \$250 in fines for KidSight.

NEXT MEETING - October 26 - Sikeston, MO

**ADJOURNMENT** – 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator