

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Thursday, April 28, 2022
Rolla Lions Den, Rolla, MO

The fourth meeting of the 2021-2022 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Bob Noellsch, at 3:00 p.m.

Governor Michael Sliger gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor James Pedersen.

Governor Jene Crook led in singing "America (My Country, Tis of Thee)".

PDG Debbie Cantrell established Protocol for the meeting.

Council Chairperson Bob Noellsch announced that PIP Joe Preston will arrive tomorrow for the State Convention. His wife is arriving this evening. He commented that later today, the Governors will be receiving some things that might give them the idea that their year is over, but it's not. There are two months left – one-sixth of their term. There is still work to do. The MD26 membership is -51 for the year. There are three districts with positive growth, so we are growing closer to overall positive growth. Let's see if we can reach that goal. Also, Campaign 100 is not over until June 30th, so we still have money to raise for that. Another thing to work on is reporting new officers. Work with the VDGs to encourage the clubs to report. It's always the same clubs that report late or not at all. CC Noellsch shared that he enjoyed working with these Governors. He found them to be thoughtful, cooperative, willing to compromise, unwilling to rush into things without due consideration, and they get a long really well. He expressed his appreciation to each of them for their support and cooperation through the year.

TAIL TWISTER – DG Melissa Anderson moved to appoint PDG Mark Schaeperkoetter as Tail Twister. Motion was seconded by DG Michael Sliger and carried.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – DG Devin Struttmann moved that Tail Twister funds go to LCIF earmarked for Ukraine Relief. Motion was seconded by DG James Pedersen and carried.

ATTENDANCE - Those in attendance were:

District	Governor	DGEs/1 st VDG	1 st Vice District Governors-Elect
26-M1	Jerry Reaves	Jennie Mosher	Marilynn Reaves
26-M2	Devin Struttmann	Leon Hove	
26-M3	Michael Sliger	Sandy McCann	
26-M4	James Pedersen	Harold Spire	
26-M5	Jene Crook	Pat Scott	
26-M6	Phyllis Krebs(&FLD Becca)	Bart Tibbs	Phil Krebs
26-M7	Melissa Anderson	Bill Foglesong	Ed Bierbower

Council Chairperson IPDG Bob Noellsch, M3
 Past International Directors Donal Knipp, M7; W.R. O'Riley, M4
 Parliamentarian PCC Kimberly Taylor, M2
 State Office Administrative Assistant Lion Jackie Twehus, M7
 M1: Lion Ray Bono, PDG Casey Morris, IPDG Scott Sattler
 M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, Lion Vickey Engel, PCC Joe Foster, 2VDGE Michelle Foster, Lion Toni Mahoney, Lion Marcie Struttmann, PDG Eugene Taylor
 M3: PDG Lisa Alexander, 2VDGE Carol Deters, Lion Mary Jane Noellsch

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, 2VDGE Tina Anderson, Lion Devon Campbell, Lion Peggy Campbell, PCC Ron Campbell, PDG Wayne Cunningham, Lion Carole O'Riley
M5: 2VDGE Mickey Beach, PDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto
M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Tommy Claxton, PCC Howard Hawkins, PDG James W. Rosbrugh
M7: Lion Amy Bell, PCC Jesse Hathcock, PDG Lou Ann Hathcock, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Todd Miller, Lion Judy Schaeperkoetter, PDG Mark Schaeperkoetter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING – DG Sliger moved to accept the minutes of the January 29, 2022 Council Meeting as distributed. It was seconded by DG Krebs and carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – DG Crook reported that Lion Brenda at the State Office had informed her that all dues have been paid for the year. The Balance Sheet, as of March 31, 2022, shows Total Assets of 419,045.61. The Liabilities and Equity equal that amount. DG Jene shared that she didn't see anything in the statements that stood out to her. In the Income and Expenses, it shows a net positive so far for the year. That's a good sign also. As expected, however, there was a small loss in the Wells Fargo investment account. Everyone is having losses in their investments right now. The breakdown by fund is available if interested in those breakdowns. There were no questions.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – PID Donal Knipp reported for PID Don Noland. He reminded everyone of the International President's theme – "Service from the Heart". That's what we all need to be doing our service from. Covid-19 is still lingering with many. At LCI offices, many are still working from home and going in the office as needed, so if you call and it takes a little while getting back to you, that's what is going on. LCI membership worldwide, as of March 2022, was 1,405,561, which is a 2.86% increase. CA1 was at 279,059, a .21% growth. India had 290,821, a gain of 5.57%. We all must be vigilant and keep in touch with our membership via Zoom, phone call, or any other means, just to keep in touch as a Lions family. A Board Meeting was just held in Hawaii. Encourage clubs to continue to report service activities. Only 37% of MD26 are reporting service. The current system has been a challenge – some days you can get on, some days you can't. Keep trying and try to get it done. With only 50% reporting, LCI has served over 21 million lives year to date. President Alexander is encouraging clubs to be involved with the special efforts for the Ukraine situation. LCI has extended the waiver of charter and initiation fees till the end of June 2022. The convention in Montreal is "a go", as restrictions have been lifted and/or modified. The dues increase of \$7 will be on the ballot in Montreal, starting with \$3 in 2023, \$2 in 2024 and \$2 in 2025. The increase will take effect in the 2023-2024 year. A name modification has been made to Lions International, which is an umbrella that covers Lions Clubs and the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Neither PID O'Riley nor PID Knipp knew the history behind the name change.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP – PID Donal Knipp shared information from PID Don Noland's report. Membership in CA1 was up +961 in March, year to date +596. Once again, it's been more than 35 years since CA1 has had a positive number, but we still have to go through June. We *seem* to have turned the corner on this and are getting it right. The ultimate goal is to add 4 new members per club and re-motivate members with new service and fellowship. LCI emphasizes that the Zone Chairs have monthly contact with their clubs. We have to re-motivate our members with new and exciting opportunities for service and fellowship. District Governors are planning for membership growth plans right now for the coming year. Remember we have the "Ambassador Toolkit" available from LCI.

LCIF – PID Knipp reported for PID Noland. Many areas of the country have been successful in virtual fundraising. Please keep LCIF in mind as we move forward in these challenging times. "Lions of Commitment and Empowerment" (LCE) is the virtual opportunity to engage and encourage financial support and education of the foundation. Campaign 100 has been extended to June 30, 2022. As of March, we have passed \$280 million of the \$300 million goal. There will be a nationwide telethon June 5th. As of June, MD26 has 43% of our Campaign 100 goal with YTD \$635,953. Last month, \$21,022 was received from MD26. This represents only less than 5% per membership contributions for MD26. As of this date, MD26 has nine model clubs with several in the works. If any club is close to the \$500 per member, they have three years to fulfill that pledge. Please work with your LCIF District Coordinator, as they have a lot of information to share.

A new Legacy contribution program is available. Consider having an LCIF fundraiser in your district to help a district have 100% of your clubs' participation. He thanked everyone for their contributions and continued support. It was noted that LCIF giving is up 5% over the same period last year. That's something we can be proud of. Let's be proactive and finish strong. Remember – "Where there is a need, there is a Lion".

A note of reference – As of Monday, April 11, 2022, LCIF has provided over \$664,125 and 20+ grants for Ukraine.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PID Donal Knipp shared from PID Don Noland's submitted report. WSB stayed open during the pandemic and has increased the online clients. They are one of the only in the country to remain open. Since the opening of WSB 75 years ago, they have serviced over 16,000 clients from all 50 states and 59 countries, continuing to be a resource for Sustainable Independent Living. WSB has completed the upgrade/replacement of the 55-year old mechanical system. They are currently converting 25 of their fifty single rooms to a therapeutic group home for people who are blind and have intellectual disabilities. There is currently a 10 year waiting list of more than 3,000 people waiting to receive home and community-based services. The current census is 49, with 12 online, and 3 at the facilitated learning center in Oklahoma. This represents 16 states and 2 countries. All of the PPP loans have been submitted for forgiveness and have been approved. Lions only provide 6% of the WSB operating budget. He thanked the Lions of Missouri for their contributions of \$8675 as of March 11, 2022. WSB will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary in September. Further details will be forth coming.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PDG Debbie Cantrell began by sharing a side note of when she recently visited the United Nations on Lions Day. They were talking about Ukraine and one of the dignitaries that was speaking to the Lions said he sleeps a little bit better at night knowing the Lions are on the ground helping the refugees. That really touched her heart that some of "us" are there. GPLLI is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for July 28-30th. It's a great place to go for training and getting some education. The training that you get at GPLLI will prepare you for a lot of things in life in general – your job, Lions, etc. Some of the topics they talk about are leadership, diversity, goal-setting, Lion fundamentals, local issues, mission statements, motivation, public speaking, time management, and working with teams. It's a great opportunity. The price is getting ready to jump up to \$240 to attend that Institute, but it is well worth it. They do have scholarships in the state, offered by the PDGs. One per district. There is no reason why we shouldn't have at least one from every district. She knows some of the PDG Associations, she knows M6 does, offer a scholarship. It would be really nice to have a great group of Lions from the State of Missouri. The Lions in that group include Oklahoma, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. She had registrations available. She'd be happy to answer any questions any time over this weekend.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PCC Gina Boettcher reported the committee met via Zoom on April 14, 2022. She announced that DG Phyllis Krebs has accepted the position of Parade Marshal. PCC Gina will get with DG Phyllis later to get that paperwork filled out. They discussed the inventory for the 2105, 2016, and 2017 pins, which will be given away at this 2022 Convention.

2022 State Convention - DGE Jennie Mosher reported that members of the 2022 State Convention Committee have met four times during the past two months. The committee hopes that everyone enjoys this convention as we celebrate 100 Years of Service for Multiple District 26. If you attend the banquet on Saturday night, the souvenir wine glass will be yours to take home. It has the 100th Anniversary, Rolla, MO and the Lions logo on it. There will be a champagne toast during the dinner. Sparkling apple juice will be available as an alternative. Most should know about the wine/beer tour and tasting event tonight. It has been well received. There is a full busload. Plus, many Lions from the Rolla Club will be attending. She expressed hopes that everyone enjoys their time. If anyone needs anything that wasn't in the packet, just let her know. The bus will depart from the hotel at 5:30 and should be back around 9-9:30 p.m. DGE Sandy McCann presented flowers and a gift from her fellow DGEs to DGE Jennie for all of her hard work on the State Convention.

2023 State Convention – PCC Howard Hawkins reported he will be the Convention Chair for next year. He stated it's been an exciting year. They had all kinds of problems getting started, but now it's lined out, and they have a great team put together. Things are really falling together. District M6 will host the MD26 Convention in Branson, MO, in April 2023. They are working to make this a great convention. They have a core team established and are working hard on having a great time in Branson. They are planning some special events Thursday and Friday. There will also be some surprise guests at some of the events. They have at least one of the comedians from Branson that is a member of PCC Hawkins' club, and they have a couple of others that will do anything asked of them. So be ready at the convention, "no telling when they will pop in" – and they may be doing some Tail Twisting. They will be using the Radisson Hotel for the convention. They have recently renovated the hotel. They have been great to work with. The hotel is working with the committee to try to keep the cost as low as possible. The theme for next year is "Hooked on Lions". The logo/pin was shown at the top of his written report. With that, they are paying tribute to PCC Jim Tesreau. Save the date: April 20-23, 2023.

PCC Hawkins added that they have a member in their club that has family in Ukraine. Their nephew was able to escape and is living in Branson at this time. They have found out there are others. They are finding out a lot of things first-hand about what is going on over there. They know the Lions are there. PCC Howard stated he may be calling upon some others to help them one day. A State Representative from his area is trying in the State House to do some kind of donation to Ukraine through the State of Missouri. He is going to bring a bill up that the State of Missouri work with the Lions to make their donation to Ukraine. So when he makes this bill, they want to get as many yellow vests in the gallery as possible that day. So they may be putting out a call or however they can get the word out as quickly as they can, to let everyone know when this might be.

2024 State Convention – PDG Lou Ann Hathcock reported that PCC Jeff Hilke will be the Chair and PDG Lou Ann will be his assistant. They met with multiple venues, but there was lack of interest at a couple because we are not large enough. They have identified a great venue. They have spoken with the event manager, and he is eager to host us. In fact, so eager, the Lions will be the exclusive attendees at Old Kinderhook in Camdenton, MO. We have the resort all to ourselves. April 18-21, 2024. They look forward to seeing everyone there. Of course, this depends on a favorable vote on Saturday. They are very excited. They are wonderful to work with. If there are any golfers, bring your clubs. It's a nationally known golf course. They are excited and hope everyone else is too.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PDG James W. Rosbrugh reported that the committee met via email in December for the final review of the proposed amendments to the Multiple District and wording of propositions to be voted on at the Multiple District Convention in April. Additional amendments were presented at the January 2022 Council of Governors meeting and reviewed by this committee for wording and possible conflicts. With very minor adjustments, all proposed C & BL amendments were presented to, and approved by the Council of Governors at that January 2022 Council Meeting. Sufficient copies of the Official Ballot; Part I and Part II (Part I will deal with the C & BL; Part II will have to do with the conventions) have been printed on a separate page. They hope that everyone that is eligible will vote. The final "approved" document will be printed and forwarded to the State Newsletter Editor in sufficient time for the July edition.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE- DGE Leon Hove stated there was nothing to add to the written report. There were no questions. He commented that sometime before the end of the year, the market will go up – "we hope".

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – No report

BAND COMMITTEE – No report

HEARING COMMITTEE – PCC Ron Campbell reported that they are reaching the end of the year, but the State Hearing Committee continues with their mission of screening for early detection of hearing issues and with hearing help referrals. They are beginning to get more and more requests again for screenings in

schools and hopefully will get back to doing them again at the club events and fundraisers. They are continuing to grow their partnership with the Missouri School for the Deaf to purchase hearing devices and accessories to be used to assist students and children across the state. They are working on requests for others with hearing losses to purchase better hearing systems to help those adults and others in social situations to hear better. The committee is working to upgrade equipment and screening units, and create a better image for Lions. They are in the final stage of the annual fundraiser with the hearing sweepstakes tickets and getting prepared for the annual big prize drawing here in Rolla at the State Convention. If anyone wants to purchase a ticket, see PCC Ron Campbell or any other district hearing chair before the Saturday drawing.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Lion Amy Bell shared that the website is being updated as updates are received. If there are any errors or edits that need to be made, please forward those emails to her, and she will make sure those are adjusted as needed. There were no questions.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS – Lion Peggy Campbell shared from the District Constitution that the Marketing Communications Committee “shall be the duty to supervise the relations with the newsletter.” She stated Lion Bethney Pedersen has done a terrific job and blessed her for taking this on. It is not easy to come up with the information to publish. Please be diligent in getting those things to her. Lion Peggy is sure every district has someone that is a great writer and can share what districts are doing. Let other people know what kind of service projects you are doing and what you do in your clubs because what you do may spark someone in another district who may be struggling. Please get that information to Lion Bethney. She has been very diligent and open to anything that comes through.

MISSOURI LION NEWSLETTER – Lion Peggy Campbell reported for Lion Bethney Pedersen (who was currently having a Zoom class, as she is still in college.) The newsletter is going well. The next date for the newsletter to come out is June 15th. The last date to send in things is June 8th. Please try not to send in anything after this date as she has to prepare the final version. Lion Peggy added for everyone to please encourage Lion Bethney when you can because this is not an easy job. She has a lot of bosses in the State and Lion Peggy thinks she’s done great.

SIGHT CONSERVATION – No report.

SAVING SIGHT – DG Devin Struttman reported for PCC Larry Boettcher. The partnership and expansion into Kansas with the Kansas Eye Bank continues to be extremely positive, with 478 additional tissues that come from the hospitals in Wichita. The serum eye drops with Vital Tears continues to be an extremely important part of Saving Sight’s success and future. Very exciting is the Charitable Grants committee that is new this year. They will be giving \$60,000 away through the new Quasi-Endowment fund. There is a deadline of May 1st for those applications to be submitted. They extended that invitation to three different organizations. They are welcoming two new members to the Board of Directors: Lion Pat Mills from the Jefferson City Host Lions Club of M7 and IPCC George Winkeler of the House Springs Lions Club of M2. They will be replacing Lion Mike Oldelehr and Lion Pat Martchink, who are retiring from the Board after six years. DGE Pat Scott and Lion Al Dohmen have been reelected to the Board to serve their second three-year term. The next meeting will be June 11th in Kansas City at the Saving Sight Office. If interested in attending, they would love to have you. Just reach out to the communications team at Saving Sight. There is a newsletter that goes out from Saving Sight. If you have not received that newsletter, it is because you have not opted-in. They ask that you go to the website and opt-in for that.

EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – DG Struttman shared there is great news with mission trips. As you know, for multiple years they have not been able to go on mission trips because of the pandemic. They have not been on a mission trip since 2019. However, they partner with Lions InSight of California and Nevada, and they are back in the mission business. They have their first mission coming up this June. They are hoping to have five or six trips this year. They plan for one of those to be designated for Missouri Lions. So, this is where they finally get to reach out to all of those individuals that have expressed an interest in going on a mission trip. Maybe you’ve already been or maybe you filled out a form. They will reach out when they have

dates. If you haven't filled out an interest form, they will be available all weekend. Please fill one out. All that means is that when they have a trip and dates, they pass that out to everyone. They say they have this mission trip opportunity and if you want to go, let them know. Maybe you are not able to go, but they encourage everyone to help recruit doctors (don't have to be Lions) or volunteers to go on these trips. We also know that when a Lion goes on a mission trip, they usually come back and talk about their experience and how "on fire" they are for Lions. Don't we all want to have more Lions come back to our clubs "on fire" for Lions? Wanting to learn more about Lions? Wanting to do more for Lions? DG Devin guarantees that if we get them on a trip, they'll come back, and maybe someday, like himself, they'll be standing "here", and it will be because they went on a mission trip to Mexico or Panama or wherever. He reminded everyone that they will be around all weekend.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM: PDG Debbie Cantrell began by thanking everyone that registered, attended and supported the MWFs over the last three years. When they decided to resurrect the Forum, they didn't know how it would go. But through the "Magical Evening", the "Lion on the Beach", and all the way to "Let Freedom Ring", it's been a great ride. They are proud of the Forums and hope that much good has come through these events. They poured their best into them and hoped the Lions would benefit. The numbers are in from the last Mid-Winter Forum. They ended with a net income of \$1,770.17. That is partly due to the fun 50/50 games (thanks to Lion Kevin Cantrell), and also the Build a Bear Lions. Everyone really went all-out on those. They were so much fun and brought in a lot of money. Thanks for participating and making these wonderful. One of their favorite parts was the team adding the photo booth on Friday night. They thought it would be a great way to capture moments of our Lion family. She thanked the 2VDGs for hosting Hospitality night.

Lion Carol Deters shared that one other special part of "Let Freedom Ring" was the opportunity to spotlight our Lion Veterans. They loved doing this and making it special for those individuals. They also loved the Honor Banner where everyone could honor a veteran that has touched their lives. Lion Carol brought that this weekend and will put it on display. Anyone is welcome to sign it. The quilt that Lion Carol's sister made (she donated her time and Lion Carol donated the material), was very special and PCC Dan Bernskoetter won it. They cannot say enough about the statewide service project supporting Harmony House, the domestic violence shelter in Springfield. The donation room was filled high with tangible donations and monetary donations as well. They are proud of what they/we (Lions) did. They did receive a thank-you card from Harmony House that Lion Carol read aloud.

PCC Joe Foster noted that after the last couple of MWFs, they did some surveys. He wanted to let everyone know that they did indeed get together as a group to look at those surveys to try to add to the MWF and make it what the Lions wanted. He read some of the results they got from the surveys:

Classes were great Build a Bear Lions was Great Loved the Lion Contest
Food was wonderful Great Food Tasty! Food was ok Would have liked a real breakfast
Great job Everything great Everything seemed perfect Group GAT Team works well together
Photo Booth was great Liked the Photo Booth
Like to see more outside speakers(they did note this and will pass on) Great Venue
Entertainment a little long Loved America Says Game Enjoyed Game Show
Enjoyable
Like to see a panel on moving our clubs forward Like to see a Non-Lion subject Recruiting Panel
Great crowd interaction Continue expert people to talk Loved focus on Veterans
Service Project made a big impact
Thankful to get Guiding Lion Certification
Thank you for your hard work planning the event
Parking spaces a little narrow
Need to promote heavier to get more Lions to attend

PCC Joe noted it was kind of mixed emotions there. They did take heed of some information that they will pass on to the next team. The GAT team thanked Lion Jackie and Lion Brenda in the State Office, who

helped the team and are part of the team. Anything the team needs, they are there for them. They have been there for the team. They are a great asset to the team. They thanked Lion Jackie and Lion Brenda for all they do.

CC Bob commented that he enjoyed the MWF, and thought a lot of people did. Good work to the GAT team.

KIDSIGHT – Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto reported that from July to the end of March, 2022, they screened about 39,300 kids in the state, which is amazing. They had 3,364 kids referred for potential vision disorders. Her written report lists the Giving by District and how many kids were screened by volunteers versus by staff. They have some good news at KidSight. They just voted in (they haven't accepted yet) six new board members, who they will announce later. They are very excited to have a board of 9-10 people, which will help do a lot of that work. KidSight won sixth place in the nation for the number of kids screened for the Lions KidSight USA Foundation's initiative for the fall. That's exciting news! They are currently recruiting members for the Talent Show. They need folks to recruit kid talent. Don't forget – cuteness is more important than actual talent. Last year, they had a kid that blew up her first balloon – so any kids you know. Or if you know anyone giving music lessons that might have a bunch of young people that want to share their talent, that's great as well. On her written report, there are two pie graphs which shows a change in how they are doing things. The graph on the left shows the percentage of sites by type of site (childcare centers, public/charter schools, Head Start, public events like a Health Fair, etc.). That one shows about 35% of their sites are public or charter schools. About 36% are childcare centers. On the right side, the graph shows percentage by the number of children screened, that's where the numbers change a lot. It shows 57% of the students they screened this year were elementary, high school, and junior high school-aged kids, because the number of kids in a school is a lot more. She felt that was an interesting trend.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – DG Melissa Anderson started by asking if anyone remembered the saying from the movie Field of Dreams - "If you build it, he will come." She noted she will give a full report on Saturday, but she asked that everyone remember that phrase and the number "316%". She reminded everyone to make sure they visit the LBOMB booth. They will have lots of pictures (and chocolate) for everyone to see.

LEADER DOG – DG Phyllis Krebs stated that most of her report will also be given on Saturday, but some business is time-sensitive. There is still an opportunity to sign up for the Missouri Lions visit to Leader Dog Bus Trip. It is scheduled for May 20 – May 22. They will be leaving early (don't know how early yet) from Washington, MO, on Friday, May 20th, driving all day to arrive at the Drury Inn in Troy, MI, that evening. There are currently 45 passengers booked for the bus, but they have received clearance to add additional passengers. Things are opening up, and they are delighted that those restrictions have eased and that more Lions have the opportunity to join them for this wonderful visit. If you have any interest in attending, let DG Phyllis know today. The hotel block releases tomorrow. The rooms will cost more, if you can get one, at that point. Right now, the cost is \$100 per person for the bus trip and \$100 per night for the hotel. You can book a double queen or a single king. It's your choice. It's a great trip. She promises a wonderful time. They would really like to fill the bus. PCC Joe Foster is a driver, and Lion Lloyd Bailey from Owensville is the other driver. When Lion Lloyd went the first time, he was not a Lion and he was very impressed with the organization, had a great time, and became a Lion when he came home. If interested, let DG Phyllis know. She will get you the form and get that done. They have room for five more.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING – PDG Lisa Alexander reported that Mid-South has had a very busy spring. They held their wonderful 80th Anniversary party, and it was well attended. Some of you missed it, but another will come up in a few years. For Visiting Lions Day, they had about 55 Lions show up and some of them were very impressed. Some had been there before and were interested in meeting the doctors and seeing all the services that Mid-South provides to people in need. Mark your calendars for the meetings next year: First Quarterly Meeting will be in Memphis, TN, at the Hamilton Eye Institute, August 6, 2022; Second Quarterly Meeting, November 5th, 2022, in Memphis, TN; Third Quarterly Meeting, March 17-18, 2023, in Hot Springs, AR. On Friday, June 3, 2022, they will have their annual golf tournament. She asked for any golfers to put together a team and bring some club members. It will be at the Cherokee Valley Golf

Course in Olive Branch, MS. The Fourth Quarterly Meeting will be the next day (June 4th) at the Hamilton Eye Institute. They would love to see everyone there. There is a lot going on. That same day they will have their second Cataract-a-thon. They will need volunteers to help get the patients in and out. When they come out of surgery, they have to get back to their ride. They have to make sure they get some food, and they could a few extra volunteers. If you don't have any plans that weekend, get together with some of the club members and bring them down to Mid-South. They would love to see you there. PDG Lisa asked if anyone present had a friend or family member that was visually impaired? It is painful for everyone involved. The person that is experiencing this poor vision condition can't see. They can't get around. It impacts their lives. Right now, they have 70 people on the waiting list. If every Lion could donate at least \$5.00, they could get all the people off the waiting list, and these people would be so grateful to get back to their normal lives. They would be grateful for any assistance with that. PDG Lisa brought information on how to go online and sign up or if you are signed up with the old program where you donate monthly, you can switch over to the new program and it will be a lot easier. She will have the flyers available, if you want to pick one up to give any amount you want to give. Clubs can give; individuals can give. They would love to have the donations so they can help the patients that are waiting to receive services. She will also have golf course brochures available as well. A lot of people don't realize that once you donate money to Mid-South, if you donate at least \$1,000, they have a progressive award. She also has a flyer available for that. You can designate someone in your club or if you donate the money and you want to get the Dalstrom Award, you can also receive that award. They do have programs in place to thank you for donations and helping their patients get off the waiting list as soon as possible. Tomorrow, Past President Scott Shelhamer will be in attendance, so he can answer questions or take donations. She will be around for questions. They also offer blank post cards that can be sent out or used as thank you letters. They also have the Monarch program available. There are pictures they will have for sale. Scott will have some with him when he comes. PDG Lisa has an order form so they can be sent directly.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report.

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING PROGRAM –PCC Jesse Hathcock reported for PCC Jeff Hilke. PCC Jesse shared that the previous Saturday, PCC Jeff received an award from the Sons of the American Revolution for a lifesaving effort he did at a funeral home in Eldon, MO. He subdued a gunman. The gunman now has various charge pending. PCC Jesse thanked all the Lions that have collected eyeglasses and continue to provide eyeglasses for the program to process. They are looking forward to many more volunteers helping them sort through eyeglasses. He recognized a couple of clubs that are “stalwarts”. They have standing appointments for them every month and they show up – the Columbia Host Lions Club (M3) and the Jefferson City Host Lions (M7). They are counted on every month to show up in-force. They do a bang-up effort. He asked for everyone to bear with them right now. The Zumwalt family, that handles the warehouse and distribution process, is undergoing some severe medical issues. Gary had gone through his bout with Covid, but then later started having respiratory problems. He's been in the hospital the last couple of months. He's receiving respiratory therapy. So they are a little slow right now, but they are trying to manage without bothering them too much. Alberta, his wife, is making daily trips from Lohman to Columbia to be with Gary. They keep the Zumwalts in their prayers and try to pick up their efforts. Through the email address, they do get some unusual requests. They are glad to help out. People are always looking for eyeglass donations. They received an email from a social worker in Columbia that wanted a pair of eyeglasses. The first thing PCC Jesse did was contact her and find out where the person lived so he could get the glasses to a local Lions Club. They found out it was a Lions Club in M3. He contacted the club president, worked with them. They were not meeting because of Covid restrictions, so there was a delay. PCC Jesse then contacted DGE Sandy McCann. She touched base, and they trust now that that individual has received eyeglasses. They try to help out wherever they can, though it is not directly in their eyeglass mission. Governors may get a call from them. Don't discount it, there are people out there in need that just don't know where to turn to. They don't always know they have a local Lions Club. They did apply for a grant through Saving Sight. He thanked the Saving Sight organization for allowing them to do that. They are looking to add additional equipment. They have one lens meter they received from Saving Sight when they took over the program. That's the slow point. They can clean and sort the glasses, but they have to read them, and that takes time. They are looking to add equipment to get that sped up a little. They do have a backlog of getting the broken

eyeglasses out of there. They would appreciate “presorting” them. Get rid of the single lenses and the broken eyeglasses. They will just put them in the trash. They appreciate the help the Lions have given. They have a room full of glasses to go through. He’s sure they will get plenty more.

Lion Todd Miller added they recently signed five new members to the Host Lions Club in Jefferson City. One of which is a gentleman by the name of Larry Merry. He runs an event through the Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City. He spoke to their club and recently informed them that by and through the contributions of their club, they have given away 50,000 eyeglasses worldwide now. They deserve all the credit. The church as gone from an annual visit of one to now eight trips a year. Larry passionately told them that when they give these eyeglasses out in the morning, people will line up around the block to come and get these eyeglasses. For some, it is the very first pair of glasses that they have ever owned. Larry says there is nothing like seeing the expression on their faces when they first see, either as a youth or an older person. Sometimes it allows these people to go back and make the meager wages they are allowed to make. Lion Todd wanted to share the story because it does put an end result to the hard effort that this organization and panel are doing.

PCC Jesse commented that the Eldon Lions Club came up for the second time. They did their sorting, but 1VDGE Ed Bierbower extended it more. Their school system in Eldon was having a “Good Deed” day. He grabbed a box full of eyeglasses and had the students actually sort and clean the eyeglasses. They are integrating those with glasses that have already been processed by other volunteers. They appreciated that and little initiatives like that help instill the “service spirit” within our youth.

DGE Pat Scott asked if they are given the grant from Saving Sight, will that be enough to purchase the new piece of equipment needed? PCC Jesse responded that it will purchase at least one. He is still in negotiations with a vendor. He thinks right now he has them talked down to a \$2,000 cut from their list price. They are working on it. It will also add an additional cleaner or two. He’d like to expand what they are doing at the Cole County Health Dept. and add to what they are doing at the warehouse. The Host Club from Jefferson City comes to the warehouse because they want to separate and sort right at their weekday meetings at 1:00, which are on Wednesdays. We don’t want to interfere with the daytime work at the Health Dept., especially on Wednesdays because that’s their free day, an open day for anyone to come in without an appointment. They give a lot of service on Wednesdays. The Lions don’t want to be there, messing around in their area, even though they’d have a separate entrance. The Lions just don’t want to be in there while they are having to use their space for what their mission is. The Lions do some services there. They did get a shipment of eyeglasses in this morning. PDG Elmer pulled in about 9:30 in the morning. PDG Lou Ann went down to open up. One club unfortunately did cancel their screening operation Tuesday night because some of their members were getting ready for this meeting. They have to be very flexible, but they are happy to do that. It was clarified that they do not need any more cases, those can be thrown away or used for another purpose. They will take any broken metal frames (for scrap recycling), but broken plastic frames should just be thrown away. That will help because they get volunteer trash service. They rely on a lot of volunteers providing things.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - No report.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported that the Missouri Lions State Office is running smoothly and very efficiently. There have been no problems that have been brought to the State Office Committee since the last report. PDG Ann has completed the yearly evaluation of the State Office Administrator and a copy of that was sent to Council Chairperson Lion Bob. The committee would like to thank the Council of Governors for their appointment for this Lions year. They also thanked the faithful employees for all they do for the Lions of Missouri.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO PROGRAM – No report.

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – Lion Toni Mahoney encouraged everyone that is able to vote, to vote “yes” on Propositions 5 & 6. This will give the State funds for the Leos that are in desperate

need of education in this program. Also, hopefully it will help with Peace Poster. Youth Camp Exchange is kind of running on its own with the money that the kids are charged, but they could still use a little extra funds. They have donations from clubs that offer opportunities for them to come. She encouraged every club to think about a Leos Club – Alpha or Omega. Also, encourage every club to participate in the Peace Poster Contest. It is so simple, and it gets the kids involved in the communities. She is looking for State Projects from July 24th – 31st to which they could bring their six international youth. She told PCC Jesse Hathcock that she would love to be able to bring them to Jefferson City, which they've done before and would love to do again. There are six students coming. They are not going to be able to use Camp Brimshire due to cost. So they will be at "Camp Toni Mahoney's House". There are two young men from Mongolia, two young ladies from Germany, and young man from France and a young man from Hungary. They are also still looking for Host families, so if you know of anyone or would like to participate, let Lion Toni know.

PCC Joe Foster asked how much short were the funds to use Camp Brimshire? She responded, "It's probably about \$3,000. No one has donated within the last six months." Before that, she added, they probably received \$300. It's been very slim on donations from the state.

MISSOURI PIN TRADERS – No report.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – DG Struttman moved to receive the committee reports. The motion was seconded by DG Anderson, and the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARDS – Three were presented from M2.

ELECTION OF GAT STATE COORDINATORS –

GMT – DG Struttman moved to place Lion Missy Maune's name in for Global Membership Chairperson for the Multiple District. DG Sliger seconded the motion, and it carried.

GLT - DG Pedersen moved to place PDG Scott Sattler for GLT. DG Sliger seconded the motion, and it carried.

GST - DG Anderson moved to place Lion Mary Jane Noellsch as the Global Service Chairperson. DG Phyllis Krebs seconded the motion, and it carried.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO COORDINATOR – CC Noellsch shared that there are currently no volunteers or nominees.

NEW BUSINESS:

CC Noellsch asked for a motion regarding dress at International Convention. DG Phyllis Krebs moved that the current Policy Manual be modified to include the following statement under C Dress Code for Specific Functions, International Convention/DGE Training Sessions, under the asterisk: "DGEs can choose, by majority vote, to wear their smart casual uniform or attire suggested by the International Board." DG Struttman seconded the motion.

DG Phyllis further explained that International 1VP Sheehan sent the following request to the DGEs: "In order to create a fun, team atmosphere at the seminar, he is asking the DGEs to bring and wear your favorite team/sport jersey. This is optional, but we want to allow them the opportunity to do so." DG Phyllis said they felt that a change to the Policy Manual was in order. The 1VDG/DGE seminar attire for the photo will be national dress, MD or District uniform, or business attire. For the seminar, team jersey of any sport, with khakis, slacks or skirt; national dress MD or District uniform or business attire. For the rally event, a team jersey of any sport, with khakis, slacks or skirt; national dress MD or District uniform or business attire. The banquet remains formal – black or white dinner jacket, national dress or business attire.

The motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF PDG PINS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO DISTRICT GOVERNORS-ELECT –

CC Noellsch asked that as each DG came forward to receive their PDG pin, they give their short advice.

M1 – DG Jerry Reaves – He stated in truth he'd been looking forward to this, but not in every instance. It's been a wonderful year. He thanked CC Bob for all that he did and allowing him to serve.

M2 – DG Devin Struttmann – To the DGEs he had a word – "Invitation". It's a beautiful word when you think about it. To be invited into something, by somebody. As a District Governor you will be invited to do a lot of things you have not had the opportunity to do before. You'll be invited to go to club visits, go to fundraisers, go to service projects, to do things throughout the Multiple District that maybe you have not done in the past. He encouraged them to say yes to all of it. Yes, you will have a busy schedule. You won't know what it's like to be home sometimes, but you get one year to do this, so say yes to every invitation.

M3 – DG Michael Sliger – The one thing he wanted to stress to all the DGEs, is to have fun. The year will go by so fast once you start. You'll look around, and it will be over. He remembered when they started working together, as 1VDGs. They had plenty of time to meet once a month to discuss things and take care of things. That changes when you become a District Governor because you are so busy doing everything else. So please enjoy yourselves, have fun. Do stuff out of the box when you go to your club visits, cabinet meetings, etc. That would be the best advice he could give.

M4 – DG James Pedersen – The advice he would give, like DG Mike said, is to have fun. The thing that really stuck out for him this year was how great the DG team is. How close they are working together. They make sure everyone is heard before any decision is made; the reason why we want something to be a certain way or why not. We analyze it and think about it. They stick together as a team. He wanted to encourage the DGEs to discuss, remain a team, and put their whole hearts into it. Serve together and make a difference in the State of Missouri and to other Lions. And again, have fun.

M5 – DG Jene Crook – She stated it would be tempting to simply reiterate what DG Mike and DG James said. But there are a couple of other things she would like to recommend. She recommended that they remember to delegate. Have people help you as they can. Some things you can't delegate, but don't take it all on yourself. The second thing is to stay in touch with your fellow officers. They've had a good relationship this year – the DG team. That helps immensely in getting your district to move forward – but it doesn't hurt to have fun.

M6 – DG Phyllis Krebs – She advised the DGEs to enjoy the club visits. That's really where you can use those opportunities to find people who may be interested in moving up into leadership. Those emerging leaders who need to be encouraged. They may not know they are leaders, but you can certainly help to move them forward, and that's what we need. Especially with the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws.

M7 – DG Melissa Anderson – Her advice was to remember one word – "smile". You are going to run into those situations where you don't know what to do. You are going to run into those situations where it's new, you're scared, you're scared you are going to say the wrong word. You are going to install officers for the first time and you're thinking, "I can't mess this up." Smile. It's going to be ok. You will wake up tomorrow. You will put your jacket on, and you'll do it all over again. Smile and carry on.

On behalf of the Council of Governors, VCC DG Devin Struttmann presented CC Noellsch with his PCC pin. He thanked CC Noellsch for his leadership, but most of all, his friendship. DG Devin noted CC Bob talks a lot more than one would think. Sometimes he talks loud, it's hard to get a word in 😊 He shared that the DG team really loves and appreciates CC Bob. He added that CC Bob has represented the State and Multiple District so well. They hope that when the time comes, he wears the pin with honor.

DG Phyllis presented CC Noellsch with a gift from the DG team – a beautiful wood carving of a Lion.

INTRODUCTIONS OF INCOMING OFFICERS –

DG Phyllis Krebs introduced the District Governors-Elect and their Companions in Service:

M1 – Lion Jennie Mosher & Ronald Mosher

M2 – Lion Leon Hove & Lion Vickey Engel

M3 – Lion Sandy McCann, PDG

M4 – Lion Harold Spire, PDG & Lion Lori Spire

- M5 - Lion Pat Scott, PDG & Chuck Scott
- M6 – Lion Bart Tibbs & Tammy Tibbs
- M7 – Lion Bill Foglesong & Lion Lisa Foglesong

DG Melissa Anderson introduced the 1st Vice-District Governors-Elect and their Companions in Service:

- M1 – Lion Marilyn Reaves & DG Jerry Reaves
- M2 – Lion Paul Carr & Lion Cyndi Carr
- M3 - Lion Sheryl Horton & Lion Greg Horton
- M4 – Lion James Pedersen, DG & Lion Christine Pedersen
- M5 – Lion Ron Ballard
- M6 – Lion Phil Krebs & Lion Phyllis Krebs, DG
- M7 – Lion Ed Bierbower & Linda Bierbower

DG Jerry Reaves introduced the 2nd Vice-District Governors-Elect and their Companions in Service:

- M1 – Lion Wendy Williams
- M2 – Lion Michelle Foster & Lion Joe Foster, PCC
- M3 – Lion Carol Deters
- M4 – Lion Tina Anderson
- M5 – Lion Mickey Beach & Lion Martha Beach
- M6 – vacant
- M7 – vacant

DG Reaves wanted to add that he didn't have any additional advice, but a request: To the gray coats, purple coats and to whoever else follows them. He would like very much for them to follow a pattern that the Lions in the red coats have established. Cooperation, competition, and the ability to help each other through tough times. He would like them to continue on with the competition for membership among districts. If we design this program not to be a one-year program, but a two or three-year program to complete, that will make us 100% a group of people that contribute to global membership and show our love for fellow man by serving.

DG Devin Struttman introduced the 2022-2023 Cabinet Secretaries & Treasurers & Companions in Service:

- M1 – Cabinet Secretary – vacant
Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Allen Taylor & Lion Laurie Taylor
- M2 – Cabinet Secretary – Lion Sandee Marshall, IPDG & Lion Ed Marshall
Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Dennis Hemsath
- M3 – Cabinet Secretary – Lion Bob Noellsch, CC & Lion Mary Jane Noellsch
Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Dexter Enders & Stacy Enders
- M4 – Cabinet Secretary – vacant
Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Ron Campbell, PCC & Lion Peggy Campbell
- M5 – Cabinet Secretary – Lion Donna Jungerman & Lion Harvey Jungerman
Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Ronald Kumm & Angie Kumm
- M6 – Cabinet Secretary – Lion Wendy Jackson & Lion Rodney Jackson
Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Toni Morris & Lion Jim Morris
- M7 – Cabinet Secretary – Lion Steve Duncan & Ina Duncan
Cabinet Treasurer – Lion Larry Brandhorst & Lion DiAnne Brandhorst

PDG Debbie Cantrell came forward to announce the Membership Trophy winner. She noted that there were three districts that did have positive growth.

- M4 - +14
- M5 - + 8
- M6 - +19 - Winner

TAIL TWISTER REPORT – Lion Mark Schaeperkoetter collected \$227.25 to go to LCIF for Ukraine Relief.

ADJOURNMENT – CC Noellsch declared meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Sunday, May 1, 2022
Rolla Lions Den, Rolla, MO

Council Chair Bob Noellsch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Parliamentarian PCC Kimberly Taylor and the following District Governors were in attendance:

Lion Jerry Reaves (M1)
Lion Devin Struttmann (M2)
Lion Michael Sliger (M3)
Lion Jene Crook (M5)
Lion Phyllis Krebs (M6)
Lion Melissa Anderson (M7)

CC Bob shared that the new GAT team is requesting consent from the Council to proceed with the Mid-Winter Forum and asked for a motion. DG Jene Crook moved to allow the GAT team to proceed with planning the MWF. DG Devin Struttmann seconded the motion, and it carried.

CC Bob announced that Lion Toni Mahoney has volunteered for the Multiple District Leo Coordinator position. DG Phyllis Krebs moved to accept Lion Toni as the Leo Chair for the Multiple District. DG Melissa Anderson seconded the motion, and it carried.

CC Bob thanked PCC Walt Hamer for the Memorial Service.

No other business was brought to the Council.

CC Bob adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Jackie Twehus

Lion Jackie Twehus, Administrative Assistant