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(Lower Michigan)



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**Official Minutes
Third Council Meeting
December 4-5, 2015
Lansing, MI**

**Lions of Michigan
MD 11 Council of Governors Meeting
Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, MI
December 4, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Causeway Bay hotel, Lansing, MI, by Council Chair Linda Tate. Governors in attendance were: DG Sharon Jordan-Crowley, A1; A2 DG James Leach, Jr.; DG Peggy Allen, B1; DG Jeff Mayuiers, B2; DG Russ Amidon, C2; DG Leo Dolehanty, D1; DG Justin Faber, D2; DG Pam Schroeder, E1; DG Bob Gingerich, E2; **First Vice District Governors** in attendance were: VDG Martha Brown, A1; VDG Patti Barr, A2; VDG Dave Hill, B1; VDG Lloyd Foster, C1; VDG Ken Ridalls, C2; VDG Tom Hardt, D1; VDG Dave Wineman, D2; VDG Ron Gibson, E1; **Second Vice District Governors** in attendance were: VDG Terry Treppa, A1; VDG LuAnne Bullington, B1; VDG Barb Stutesman, B2; VDG Julie May, C1; VDG Brent Beracy, C2; VDG Jeff Hunt, D1. Also in attendance: Council Chair Linda Tate, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck and Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

The meeting opened with the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

MOTION- Faber, Dolehanty, to approve the minutes of the October 9-10, 2015 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

2016-2017 COUNCIL CHAIR

The 1st Vice District Governors met to interview six (6) candidates for the position of Council Chair, 2016-2017. DG Justin Faber was appointed by the 2016-2017 Council of Governors.

AUDIT REPORT – Robert Heemer, CPA

The audit report covers two corporations: Lions of Michigan and Lions of Michigan Publication. Mr. Heemer issued an unqualified opinion, indicating that the financial statements are correct in all material respects and records are kept in accordance with accepted accounting standards.

MOTION- Dolehanty, Jordan-Crowley, to accept the audit report. Motion carried.

GLT REPORT –PDG Karen Routson

Three (3) Lions in MD 11 have completed the FDI class in Chicago: PDG Barry Allen, PDG Norm Stutesman, and IPDG Diane Wehby. There is one more step to be completed: to give a presentation observed by their GLT or PDG Karen Routson for evaluation on use of techniques taught.

Approximately seven (7) Lions attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago in November.

Topics covered in the December 4 training included: Roles with Projects, MD 11 Constitution & By-Laws, Policy Manual; DG Team Manual; Parliamentary Procedure; Awards; LCI Legal; Protocol; Selection of Council Chair.

GMT REPORT –PDG Tim Anderson

PDG Anderson reported that during the last LCI Board of Director's meeting, the board approved *GMT 2.0* in order to achieve a Centennial membership goal. GMT Coordinators will become "New Club Development Officers" with the new GMT 2.0 program.

To assist in reaching this goal, the following enhancements to GMT are being made:

GMT staff members have been assigned to constitutional areas to provide support for GMT initiatives

LCI will provide a membership target to assist in the goal-setting process with the DG-Elects

The development of a two-year GMT Strategic Plan

LCI will be conducting a webinar to discuss the above in greater detail and to discuss your important role during the upcoming area trainings. Watch for details from your District GMT specialist with information on how to register for the webinar. Upcoming Webinar dates: 12/16/15; 12/17/15; 12/22/15. After the webinars, LCI will provide you with your MD membership target and a resource page on how to integrate the target with the DGE Membership Goals.

PDG Anderson stated some of the Districts are still lacking appointments to the team, which consists of GLT, GMT, Centennial Committee, Family & Women Committee.

A change has been made to the online membership inquiry process. LCI now sends name of perspective member to GMT coordinator to make initial contact.

PIN ACCOUNT REVIEW –DG Peggy Allen, DG James Leach, Jr.
DG’s Allen and Leach proposed the follow recommendation:

The Council of Governors to create a designated fund for the purpose of special projects to be titled “Michigan Council of Governors Special Project Funds.”

The fund will be started by transferring \$35,000.00 from the Lions of Michigan, Inc. Pin Account; with immediate action of this fund by PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer.

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DG Allen further explained monies collected from Tail Twister fines or fundraising efforts could be allocated to this fund. State Treasurer Hemeryck expressed concern over the amount to be transferred from the Pin account, due to upcoming expenses for the 2017 Michigan Pin, and possible expenses to be paid out as approved by the Council for the USA/Canada Forum. DG Allen stated the \$35,000.00 was determined based upon the amount of \$57,000.00 in the existing account. Treasurer Hemeryck will review the numbers and provide a more accurate accounting for further discussion during Saturday’s continuation of the Council meeting.

GOVERNORS CENTENNIAL PROJECT –DG Rock Wood

Governor Rock reported he has been in contact with both the Lions of Mexico and LCIF, and hope to announce the details of this project next month. However, we cannot achieve this without the help of all Districts. In order to raise these funds, we are asking that the Lions and Clubs within each District raise \$3,000 per District. Donations can be made by individuals, Clubs and Districts. If each Club would donate \$100, and larger Clubs would consider a somewhat larger donation, we can easily make this happen. Our goal is to raise these funds by June 1, 2016. It has been decided –with guidance from LCIF- to focus upon poverty stricken children in Mexico, working in conjunction with our fellow Lions in Mexico to help those most in need. Many of these children lack even the most basic human needs, and when illness strikes it can destroy their lives and families. By lending assistance to these most desperate youth, we can ensure that our dollars make the most difference.

TAIL TWISTER FINES – DG Sharon Jordan-Crowley

DG Crowley reminded all that funds collected will be equally divided between the State Projects.

MOTION: Faber, Gingerich, to recess until Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:50 p.m.

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The meeting opened with invocation and pledge of allegiance. Council Chair Tate announced the winner of the State Peace Poster Contest. Hamin Park, of Northville Middle School, District 11 A1, is the winner. A note of congratulations and a \$300.00 check will be sent to Miss Park from the Lions of Michigan. There were no submissions for the Essay Contest this year.

MOTION: Leach, Jr., Dolehanty, to approve the minutes of the October 2015 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION: Schroeder, Leach, Jr., to accept Written Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS - Lion Ed Weessies, Chairman

As reported in October, all new policies go into effect July 1, 2016, and Districts are encouraged to adopt these policies as their own. The C & BL committee sent a packet out to all Districts that can easily be adapted for use within their District.

MD 11 STATE CONVENTION –PDG Bob Sturgis, Chairman

It was reported by PDG Sturgis that the room renovation at the Wyndam Gardens, Sterling Heights, has been completed. All guests will have new rooms for their overnight stay at during the convention. Room rate is \$79.00

The committee is still awaiting word on our international guest speaker. PID Esther LaMothe has a request pending for 2nd VP Naresh Aggarwal. As soon as his calendar is completed by LCI (mid-December), we should hear back a confirmation.

Location for Thursday night's picnic is still to be determined, but many options are available. Entertainment will be focused on Friday night, possibly a Motown band in keeping with the theme.

Sponsorship letters have been sent to a few vendors. The Detroit CVB has committed \$500.00. PDG Sturgis encouraged the Council to promote the MD 11 Convention and assist in recruiting newer Lions to attend in 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORTS -PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

PCC Hemeryck reviewed the financial reports for the five-month period ending November 30, 2015. Revenues and expenses are normal for this time of year, which is not typically a high-activity period.. Dues income is recorded on an accrual basis, which spreads the income over six months instead of recognizing it as income at the time payment is received.

The Youth Outreach account is inactive, and will be renamed “Lions Quest.” \$1,190.13 will remain in this account. The Core 4 Grant is inactive as well, and the \$972.00 will be moved into the Leo account, which is very active.

A detailed report of the dues structure was included in the financial packet, and outlines actual dues through November, 2015, allocations and total annual dues per Lion member. Declining members greatly affect operating expenses due to a drop in revenue.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE –PCC Paul Hemeryck, Co-Chair

The 2015 LI was well attended. All attendees received the Lions Handbook, created by PID Mark Miller and purchased through LCI. PID Miller was a last minute speaker this year, replacing an ailing Carl Burson. The committee is considering a PhD program for 2016. PCC Hemeryck asked for council approval for the 2016 LI.

MOTION: Faber, Jordan-Crowley, to approve the Lions Leadership, Graduate and Masters Institute for 2016. Motion carried.

VDG Treppa suggested an online Leadership Institute for Michigan, much like ALLI, to receive credit. DG Mayuiers suggested applying credit to the Lion who complete ALLI to be applied toward the Masters Institute. PCC Hemeryck to look into this possibility.

AWARD NOMINATIONS –District Governors

The meeting went into closed session for the selection of the Leadership Awards, Presidential Awards and S.A. Dodge awards.

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM –Lion Kimberly Thiede, Chair

The Lions MI Forum will be held at the Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, February 27, 2016. The MSU Asian Studies Center has agreed to host a Japan Cultural night, in keeping with President Yamada’s theme, for the Friday night entertainment on Feb. 26, 2016. The keynote speaker, Justice Richard Bernstein, has been confirmed. Justice Bernstein is the first blind judge elected to the MI Supreme Court.

Sixteen session topics will be held during four (4) breakout sessions:

- How do we get new clubs/new members under 40?
- Zone Chair – What’s it all about
- Centennial Celebration
- Making and keeping your club legal: food license/raffles, etc.
- What a Club Officer does
- Public Speaking
- Identify and mentor future leaders
- New fundraising ideas
- Your Club –Your Way
- Marketing your Club in your Community
- Using Social Media to promote your Club
- How to apply for an LMF or LCIF Grant
- Lions Orientation
- Identity Theft

I'm told I'm legally blind – what do I do next?

Lions Bear Lake Camp

New this year, tee shirts will be available for sale. Lion Thiede asked all to help promote the MI Forum throughout the State. Governors were also appointed to assignments the day of the MI Forum, such as room monitor, introduction of speakers, etc.

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT –PDG David Eberlein

At the October Council of Governors meeting PDG Eberlein provided a written report on suggested recommendations from last year's survey. The SP committee had also sent a request last year to each of the 25 committee chairs, asking them to complete an action plan and set goals for their committee. Of the 25, 9 responded. The SP committee will again ask for action plan and goals to be provided for the 2016-2017 Lions year, stressing the importance of this task.

The Strategic Planning committee hopes to take this information and develop a working document to show what the committee's goals and action plans are.

The survey sent to the membership last year resulted in a .3 return rate. PDG Eberlein recommended the use of an on-line web survey, such as Survey Monkey, to gain better results. It was suggested by the council that the lengthy survey be pared down to a shorter version which could result in more participation by the membership. PDG Eberlein will put the committee to work on a revised version, and pursue Survey Monkey. The Governors were asked to consider a budget of up to \$1,000.00 for the Strategic Planning committee expenses, which includes printing, postage and possible internet charges.

Discussion took place regarding the survey. How is it validated? Suggested sending it to the DG's and VDG's to fill out in advance, and have the District SP committee member take the survey to upcoming Cabinet meetings and review results in February.

MOTION: Amidon, Gingerich, to approve a budget of up to \$1,000.00 for the Strategic Planning committee.

Questions were asked as to where the money for the SP budget would come from, and Treasurer Hemeryck informed it would come out of the Council & Committee budget. DG Gingerich withdrew his support of the motion.

MOTION: Amidon, Leach, Jr., to approve a budget of up to \$1,000.00 for the Strategic Planning committee. By a roll-call vote, the motion tied. Council Chair Linda Tate voted nay; motion failed.

Discussion tabled until the February 27, 2016 Council of Governors meeting.

PIN ACCOUNT – CONTINUATION OF 12/4/15 DISCUSSION

Based upon updated financial information, DG Allen amended the proposal for the Michigan Council of Governors Special Project Fund as follows:

The Council of Governors to create a designated fund for the purpose of special projects to be titled "Michigan Council of Governors Special Project Funds."

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DG Dolehanty suggest increasing the amount per fiscal year to \$10,000.00, allowing the seated 2nd VDG's the opportunity to review how the fund is operating, and make a decision of whether or not to continue. CC Tate explained each Council will have the opportunity to make changes to the policy or spend up to \$5,000.00, which would eliminate the need to make such a decision during their year.

Treasurer Hemeryck agreed since each Council has the authority to change policy, a two-year trial is not necessary.

DG Wood made the suggestion that this account will give each Council the opportunity to fund a project during their year as Governor. It was further suggested by DG Wood that a Council could match the funds used from the account through additional money raised by the Council, similar to a matching grant.

MOTION: Dolehanty, Wood, to accept the recommendation to transfer \$25,000.00 from the pin account for the creation of the *Michigan Council of Governors Special Project Fund*, which is not to exceed a withdrawal of \$5,000.00 per fiscal year. This account shall not be used for any other purpose. By a roll-call vote, motion carried nine (9) to one (1).

Aye votes: DG's Jordan-Crowley, 11 A1; Leach Jr., 11 A2; Allen, 11 B1; Wood, 11 C1; Amidon, 11 C2; Dolehanty, 11 D1; Faber, 11 D2; Schroeder, 11 E1; Gingerich, 11 E2. Nay vote: DG Mayuiers, 11 B2.

VCC Faber recommended the newly created Michigan Council of Governors Project Fund be included in the Lions of Michigan Policy Manual, and be placed on the February agenda for final review. CC Linda Tate will consult with Lion Ed Weessies on the process.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

