

Wisconsin Lions Mission Winter Meeting January 9, 2016

9:43 AM, Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI.

Meeting called to order: 9:43 AM by PCC Bill Taubman WLM president.

Ron Shively's passing was acknowledged and a motion was made by Lion Val LeJuene to donate \$100 by the Wisconsin Lions Missions to The Wisconsin Lions Foundation in his honor for his years of dedicated service.

Introductions: and a sign in sheet for roll was passed out, 30 people were in attendance

Minutes: of the August 9, 2015 meeting approved as written and emailed to all.

Treasurers Report: by Lion Rudy Kessler .Current balance in checking **\$13,384.07**. Copy of detailed report was also emailed prior to the meeting. Motion made by Lion Joe Bruno to accept – seconded by Val LeJuene Motion approved.

Lion Rudy reported that 5 districts still needed to pay their annual assessment. He has been in contact with them as a reminder and some had put a check in the mail and others will be sending it.

DISTRICT COORDINATORS REPORTS:

A-1 Lion Bill Fenger – Nothing new to report, going ok

A-2 Lion Dr. Alan Ehrhardt- nothing new to report

B-1 Lion Pat Knier – District bought spot cameras with some input from Lion Fred Gebhart who is on the WLF board from their district.

B-2 No report

C-1 Lion Steve McCabe – bought a fire truck, waiting for plane space to send it with the Nicaragua Partners to Nicaragua. Nicaragua Partners just sent 7 ambulances. The district purchased spot cameras to be used throughout the district.

C-2 PCC Bill Taubman gave report from DG Mike Lorbetske – made a trip to McCallen where they were met by the Nuns from the orphanage to accept school supplies and many items of close out clothing that the district bought from Walmart for \$1 a piece.

D-1 Lion Erling Isely – Will pay dues; all finances are good

D-2 Lion Dick Dalberg – The District purchased the spot cameras as well.

E-1 PCC Bill Taubman – brought the Wisconsin Lions Mission trailer to load some supplies that were brought to camp to be taken to Mexico.

E-2 PID Ron Duffe – Doing ok financially

MISSION REPORTS;

There are 3 Mission trips this year.

1. **Lion Steve McCabe Nicaragua Mission;** set to go to the city of Granada. People to arrive by Feb. 19, 2016, in Managua. From there we will be bused to Granada, we will set up on Sunday Feb 21, 2016 after the opening ceremony. The Mission will be starting early Monday morning and continue until Friday Feb 26, 2016. There will be a break on Wed afternoon when the Lions will take us around to see some of their culture and the islands in the area. Saturday or Sunday people will be either leaving to go back home or on to El Salvador to the next Mission.

We are fortunate to have 2 Doctors going on this Mission, Dr. Alan Ehrhardt and Dr. Lance Luback.

Lion Steve reminded those taking equipment to be sure and remember to take all the paper work for customs.

It was recommended that you take out travel insurance just in case of a medical emergency. The recommended medical and safety precautions were reviewed.

Cost up front -\$100 – 80% for food and 20% for tips (driver, maids, and wait staff)

2. **Lion Rudy Kessler** showed a short video and gave a report on his Mission in Haiti. It took place at the Mountain Top Ministries where they have 2 schools for approximately 600 children. It is located about 45 minutes South of Porta Prince. They screened about 627 children up to age 17 and saw 510 adults over 4 days with 8 Lions all of them new participants except for Lions Rudy and Sharon and Bill Taubman. Their accommodations were in a beautiful area and had better sleeping quarters than when they were in Lozandier the year before.

He intends to set up another mission but is not certain of the date yet.

3. **El Salvador – Lion Tom Bredesen** –Report given by Lion Bill Taubman, a new project sponsored by Aguilares Lions in San Salvador; to be held in the City Hall, area near the US Embassy. This Mission starts on February 29, 2016, people to arrive on Feb. 28th in El Salvador Mission will be held until Mar.4, 2016 and people will be leaving on Mar.6, 2016. We will have two Doctors on this trip , Dr. Alan Ehrhardt and Dr. Joe Militello.
The Lions of El Salvador have volunteered to transport people from the airport to the hotel, which is about 25 miles. Two Lions Clubs will be working and sponsoring this mission. The Anitguo Cuscatlan Club and the Aguilaries Club.
Cost up front -\$100 – 80% for food and 20% for tips (driver, maids, and wait staff)
4. **Lion Pat Knier** no mission planned at this time but is researching further possibilities in Honduras
5. PCC Bill Taubman reported that he received a suggestion form Lion Roger Musback of a possibility of a site on the Island of San Pedro off of the country of Belize.
6. Lion Pauline Schiferl reported the communication received from the Missionary Health group working in Honduras, looking for people to work or take over the clinic in Chapagua due to a problem with recruiting enough people to work.

PDG Jim Schiferl reported that all 3 of the auto refractors were checked out after Special Olympics and they are all in working order now.

WLM President Bill Taubman reported that the trailer is in good shape.

NEW BUSINESS

PID Ron Duffe, brought up a concern that we get more people involved in our Mission project, especially coordinators in the districts where coordinators have passed away, such as Ron Shively and Dan Williams in E-2, or no longer are there on a regular basis due to wintering elsewhere etc. Everyone needs to encourage others to become more involved in a leadership role. We need the help and cooperation of all the Districts to have active coordinators. In some districts people have stepped up but need more to join in. Hopefully can get also get more Missions going to accommodate the people who would like to participate.

Lion John Alberts suggested to put eye glass collection buckets in the VA clinics and facilities as many young men and women come to those areas to receive new glasses and would possibly deposit their used ones.

Summer meeting needs a host, looking for someone to volunteer.

Dr. Alan Ehrhardt opened his training session which lasted for approximately ½ hour. Everyone was dismissed around noon.