

PDGO Minutes January 13, 2018

Location - Meeting was held at Shooter's after Lunch.

Called to order - President Dierk Van Cleef at 2:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance - Vice President Ron Edlund

Prayer - PCC Sam Kochel

Attendance - Total 17, 1 PID, 2 PCC's, 12 PDG's, 1 Lion, 1 guest

Secretary's Report - Motion made by PDG Dick Hauser, seconded by PDG Roger Weber to approve, motion passed

Treasurer's Report - PDG Jerry Wille filling in for PDG Ken Wallander, report is Attached. Motion made by PDG Roger Weber, seconded by PDG Dave Sievert to approve and refer to the Audit report, motion passed.

Lions Reports:

International - ID Connie LeCleir-Meyer submitted a written report , attached.

Council Report - CC Chuck Steinmetz was at Selection of Council Chairman for 2018-19.

WLF - President John Dickson gave a report, attached.

Lions Pride- President PCC Sam Kochel gave a report, attached.

LEBW - PDG Rick Daluge gave a report, attached. Executive Director Darice Langham gave a report on BCW to the Council that will be sent out to all Lions in the next few weeks. We ask all Lions to support not working with BCW with their Blood Drives.

LCIF - PID Wayne Heiman submitted a report, attached. LCIF has made a commitment to take Diabetes to the next level as a major project. MD 27 has approved two new projects, Children's Cancer and SORE program, more to follow. PID Wayne is looking for a replacement after 10 years of being LCIF Chairman. If you know of someone interested let PID Wayne know.

Lions Missions - PDG Jim Schiferl gave a verbal report. Two more missions scheduled to Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Birch Sturm - President PDG Eric Holthaus had GMT Training. \$ 100,000 of available interest was transferred to Lions Camp to be used for expenses.

MD Convention - PDG Jordan Chadwick wasn't present. Olympia Resort has closed and the State Convention is being moved to Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva May 3-6. Details are being worked on and will be available in 2 -3 weeks. They have asked for the Council to have a printed March Copy of the Wisconsin Lion with all the details of the Convention with all the changes.

Old Business:

2016-17 Audit Report - The change in the explanation of how Life Members were calculated was read and a motion to approve the updated Audit was made by PDG Roger Weber, seconded by PDG Rick Daluge, motion passed.

New Business:

Tax Status - PDG Gary reported by email I have not heard anything back from the Internal Revenue Service on line regarding our Form 8876, Notice of Intent to Operate Under 501 (c)(4), that I filed on September 21, 2017. I will follow up with PDG Gary.

State Convention Speakers - After much discussion on what was and wasn't done in the past and that the 2017 evaluations are nowhere to be found it was decided that President PDG Dierk and PDG Ron contact PID Mark and PDG Jordan Chadwick and find out what we need to do and make sure it gets done. Thank you both for making this happen.

DG Roast/Next Meeting/New Members - Suggestions were not to have meal like last year, not to do a Roast, just a meeting at Convention, offer DG's to join with the meals paid by the PDGO for the first 6 months and then they could join, not promoting Membership, informational pieces on why PDG's should join and others. Motion was made by PDG Jerry Wille, seconded by PCC Sam Kochel that we don't do a Roast but a recognition, motion passed. It was suggested that we have a Team to develop a plan for the following items - Meeting at MD Convention, Recognition and plan for getting new members. The Team is PDG Roger, PID Wayne, PDG Dierk and PDG Ron. I would like to apologize to PDG Roger with my comment on some of his idea's. He is one of a few Members that comes up with ideas and how it might be done. We need to change, so let's think outside the box and if anyone has any suggestions please get in contact with one of the Team members above. Please keep us informed of what is decided.

Replacement for PDG Ken Wallander - Looking for someone from the "B" to fill out his term. Please contact me with any names!

Nominations for 2018 Sergeant-at-Arms - Motion made by PDG Dan Geau and seconded by PDG Dave Sievert to recommend PDG Eric Holthaus D1 as our next Sergeant-at-arms, motion passed.

Next meeting to be determined by the TEAM above.
Adjournment at 3:47PM

Respectfully submitted
PDG Jerry Wille

PDGO Meeting Minutes October 7, 2017 @ Lions Camp, Rosholt

The Meeting was held immediately after the COG meeting. Several of the PDG's attended the lunch @ noon.

Called to order - President Dierk Van Cleef at 3:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance - President Dierk Van Cleef

Prayer - PCC Sam Kochel

Attendance - Total 25, 3 PID's, 15 PDG's, 1 CC, 6 guests

Secretary's Report - Pres. Dierk read the minutes as distributed by IP sec. PDG Ron Edlund. Motion by PDG Joe Tomaszewski, 2nd by PCC Sam Kochel to approve, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - PDG Ken Wallander reported no income or expenses since the end of 16-17 fiscal year and referred to the Audit report. No action taken at this time

Lions Reports:

International - ID Connie LeCleur-Meyer submitted a written report (attached). IPID Karla Harris gave the report for ID Connie and encouraged all PDG's to read ID Connie's report as there are a lot of changes taking place on the International level that effects all Lions Clubs and Districts. She challenged the PDG's to be informed enough to council Lions Clubs, DG's & District Leadership with these changes.

MD-27 Convention 2018 - PID Mark Hintzman gave a report. The 2018 Convention will be held May 3, 4, & 5, 2018. The Theme will be "Lions Into the Future". Saturday Morning there will be a LCIF Breakfast, Saturday Evening there will be a Pig Roast, Friday Evening the Hospitality will be Free. They are looking for Seminar ideas again from the PDGO and to meet with the Host committee to decide the number of seminars, locations & times. The PDGO will have to meet with the host committee on when our annual meeting/DG Roast can be held. Last year we had the Saturday Breakfast, not possible for this year.

CC Chuck Steinmetz Report - He reported that the reason we met today at the Camp, was because the reservation were not made in time in Plover, such they were booked for the August & October COG meeting, The Next one will be January 13 in Plover. The Lunch will be at Shooters. The COG meeting will begin at 8 am instead of 10 am today and should be complete by noon or shortly after. That will allow for the PDGO meeting to begin no later than 1:30 pm @ Shooters.

WLF - President John Dickson - Report attached -

Lions Pride - President PCC Sam Kochel - Report attached -

LEBW - President Karl Schmid - Report attached - All processing is now done in house and all donor support & transportation support is now all done in house.

LCIF - PID Wayne Heiman - Report attached - As of March 2017 LCIF went over 1 Billion Dollars distributed to date in grants.

Lions Missions - PDG Bill Taubman - Report attached - The Missions group did a relief mission to Rockport, Texas.

Birch-Sturm - President Eric Holthaus - is asking that all districts include information or presentation by the Birch-Sturm Committee.

Old Business :

Audit Report - PDG Ken Wallander, PDGO Treasurer - report attached - after some discussion, the audit report could not be accepted because of confusion of the listing of the Life members and should include that report. This will be corrected before the January meeting.

Records from 2017 MD Convention - Several attempts have been made to contact PDG Dwaine, to not avail. A couple mentioned that he emailed at 9:30 am this morning that PID Art Marsden has all that information. President Dierk will contact PID Dierk to get that info. PDG Dave Sievert will share the evaluation forms and reports from 2016 to help assist getting information properly reported.

New Business :

Membership - No 2016/2017 DG's have joined the PDGO. IPDG Eric Holthaus did join at the end of today's meeting. It was suggested that the PDG's from the last couple of years that have not joined be contacted to get them consider joining the PDGO.

Communicate Like a Leader Conference - PCC Sam Kochel made a motion to support each district that has attendance \$100, 2nd by PID Wayne Heiman, motion passed.

Tax Status - PDG Gary Colton reported that as of September 2017 we are not incorporated & a new ID # at a cost of \$35. We are now known as Wisconsin Lions Past District Governors Organization, Inc. The incorporation will cost \$10 per year for renewal. That will also list the officers on the renewal form. We are now a 501-C4 and got a filing form 9976 for a cost of \$50. All reports etc. will be sent to the State office at the Camp.

State Convention Speakers / Moderator / Room Monitors - PDG Dave Sievert reported that we need to submit seminar ideas and possible speakers for the 2018 MD-27 convention. Once the number of seminars are decided, President Dierk & VP Ron will be making a request for volunteer PDG's to be Moderators and Room Monitors.

DG Roast 2018 & Annual meeting - PDG Dierk is in-favor of going back to a Saturday PM session. He will need to check with the convention committee to coordinate how, where & when this can take place so that the current DG's will be able to attend.

Comments: PID Wayne Heiman gave the attached report on the Manawa Lions are sponsoring a 1917 Oakland antique car that will tour parts of Wisconsin October 9 - 14 in celebration of it's and Lions 100 year anniversary traveling the Yellowstone Trail. A form for pledges is included in the attached report.

Adjournment; 5:05 pm

Minutes by Secretary Pro-temp; PDG Dave Sievert

Financial Report

Period Ending 12/31/2017

Balance \$ 7,866.03

Income

Meals	\$ 93.00	
One Lifetime Membership - PDG Holthaus	\$ 150.00	
Two Yearly Members	30.00	
Interest - Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec		1.66
Total Income		\$ 274.66

Expense

# 1331 The Trophy Shop - PCC Hartvig	\$ 6.33	
# 1332 PDG Gary Colton, Tax papers	\$ 85.00	
# 1333 WI Lions 7 Lunches @ \$12.50, Room Rental (\$ 37.50)	\$ 125.00	
# 1334 The Trophy Shop - PDG Holthaus	\$ 6.33	
Total Expenses		\$ 222.66

Checking Acct Balance \$ 7,918.03

119 Members \$ 4,240.00, Yearly Members 2,
Available Balance \$ 3,678.03

PDG Jerry Wille
Acting Treasurer 2017/2018

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS ORGANIZATION

2016-17 Audit **UPDATED**

November 5, 2017

Submitted by PDG Jerry Wille

Audit Committee

PDG Dierk Van Cleef

PDG Dave Sievert

PDG Ken Wallander

PDG Jerry Wille

General Comments

- 119 Life Members - \$ 5,195 and 10 Yearly members, Balance of \$ 2,770.70. We had 3 new Life members during this period (PDG Dick Schwedrsky, PDG Susan Selner, PDG Rick Daluge). **The process is as follows: New members are added at \$ 15.00 per year for 10 years on an excel sheet. Total is adding up all columns for current year and the next 9 years. Members minus Deceased Members equal Life members.**
- We paid for 17 meals @ \$ 14.00 = \$ 238.00 for Council and Dignitaries at State Convention PDGO Breakfast meeting.
- 8 out of 10 Districts received \$ 100 for Communication Like a Leader, A2 & B1 didn't.
- One unexpected cost for an invoice from The Trophy Place from 2013, \$ 228.85 that was never paid.
- President Elect Dierk needs to get a motion at the 1st Council meeting to approve PDGO using the State Office Address for Tax and Communication. Once approved give to PDG Gary to file for tax status. We are doing the simple form , nothing more.
- We use Tim at The Trophy Place for all Plates, cards and plaques, 1204 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660, 608-847-7662, ttpinc@mwt.net
- There are plates that need to be mounted onto the Member's plaques at the State Office. I will be giving PDG Ken a box of old records that need to be stored at the State Office. PDG Ken could you talk to Kathy and see if they can free of one draw to keep PDGO stuff.
- I would suggest that there are two names on the Checking account, Treasurer and President so either one could write checks individually if they had to. Just a good business practice to have.
- I would suggest that when the invite is sent out, That it ask that all reservations and money be sent in before the meeting. It allows you to have a proper count with money and if anyone doesn't show up that the PDGO will have to pay for the meal.
- All Treasurer information is on a junk drive that the Treasurer maintains.
- Once the audit is signed I will transfer everything and Account to PDG Ken the weekend of August 11-13 when we will be together. We are staying with US Bank where there is a facility close to PDG Ken.
- **Please sign and email or send the signature page back to me to keep in our records.**

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Jerry

Connie LeCleur-Meyer, International Director 2017 - 2019

January 13, 2018

The November 2017 Board of Directors meeting was held in two places: Dubai, UAE and New Delhi, India. Note that I represent two committees: LCI Forward Project Committee and the Marketing Communication Committee. Updates are provided for both. Below also find updates on several key items for your information.

1. Update on the LCI Forward Project

The LCI Forward Project, developed by the Long Range Planning Committee, is a five year strategic plan (2015/2016 to 2019/2020) to guide LCI in action planning to meet rapidly growing humanitarian needs. The LCI Forward Project Team (consisting of three PIDs from India, Norway and Alaska, and two IDs from the US – ID Joyce Middleton and ID Connie LeCleur-Meyer), held the second meeting of the year on November 1, 2017 via webinar with LCI Oak Brook staff in attendance. At this meeting, we did the following:

- Reviewed strategies for developing membership pilots focusing on young adults and other key demographics
- Discussed updating the Board Committee structure (Vision 2020) and proposed the new Technology and Member Services Committee (would oversee IT, translation and core membership services)
- Identified key performance indicators for the LCI Forward quadrants (service, visibility, membership and new markets)
 - Increase impact
 - Boost visibility
 - Enhance operations
 - Energize members
- Reflected on the midway status of the LCI Forward Project and strategized consolidation and readjustment of priorities as warranted.

2. Update on the Marketing Communication Committee

The Marketing Communication Committee met during the November Board Meeting, the primary results of which are included in the November Board minutes (attached). Here are some additional discussion highlights:

- The committee reviewed and made recommendations to the LCIF Board of Trustees five nominees for the annual Humanitarian Award.
- Discussion on continuation of PR grants will be held at the next board meeting.
- Discussed a new marketing plan structure; a leader awareness campaign will begin in Spring 2018 to educate Lion/Leo leaders on new resources that will be rolled out at the Las Vegas convention.
- Worked on communication strategy and development plan for rollout of the Digital Marketing Initiative, a new LCI website, LCI Forward, Social Media, Second Century Ambassadors, and Welcome Home.
- Launch of MyLion app in December 2017, MyLCI 2.0 in July 2018
- Reviewed requests to modify protocol (order of precedence)
 - GST is added alongside GMT and GLT in all areas
 - Past Council Chair is inserted right before Past District Governor

3. Update on International Convention – Chicago

- Chicago Convention:
 - Final registration: 30, 115 (largest in North America); 9520 rooms booked; 8000 Lions cancelled due to denial of Visas
 - Voting: 6,653
 - Parade: lasted 5 hours with 28,000 marching; 1,000 spectators

4. Update on International Convention - Las Vegas (June 29 – July 3, 2018) MGM Grand

- Rest assured that LCI staff will work closely with hotels/City to ensure the safety of convention attendees
- 6/30: Parade on 4th Street begins at 8:30am (.6 mile long), business meeting from 3pm – 4pm
- 7/1 First plenary: IP Aggarawal, flag ceremony, nominations, speeches, demonstrations for 3rd VP, special session on diabetes
- 7/1 Certification and voting begins (ends on 7/3)
- 7/2 Second plenary: memorial service; LCIF session
- 7/3 Final plenary: installation of IP Gudrun Ingvadottir, UN flag ceremony, installation of 2018 – 2019 DG

- Wisconsin delegation hotel is the Luxor (15 minute walk to the MGM Grand)
- Service projects opportunities will be announced in June 2018
- DGE per diem: \$165/night for hotel; \$105/day for meals provided DGE seminar assignments are completed by assigned dates
- Registration (3 methods):
 - Online LCI registration/housing booking tool <http://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/registration-information.php>
 - Fax completed form to LCI Registration and Housing Department 630-571-1689
 - Mail completed form to LCI, Attn: Convention Registration and Housing Dept at Oak Brook
 - NOTE: Name badges will not be mailed – they can be picked up at the hotels. Must bring a copy of the convention registration confirmation to pick up your badge

5. Update on International Convention – Milan Italy (July 5 – July 9, 2019) MiCo Milano

- Site inspection complete; parade route being planned
- New version of DGE School will be rolled out

6. Miscellaneous items of note

- GMT: Funding has been approved for \$147,000 for the development and expansion of the women’s initiative, which will be launched in 2018 – 2019
- GLT: 326,789 Lions attended training events; MD Funding Support Program continues to offer funding for 1VDG and/or 2VDG training (NOTE: it must be confirmed that this training is on the GAT Development Plan); 2VDG training course and District GAT training course are in production; LCIP training will be rolled out in all areas 2018 – 2019; club officer training e-books are in final development; Certified Guiding Lion materials are in development (Zone/Region Chairs, Lions Leaders, GAT should take the CGL course)
- Revised Board Policy Manual Chapter X, Paragraph A.5.a to permit more flexibility in allowing a new club to request alternative naming convention beyond starting with its local municipality
- Changed the service framework platform area “pediatric cancer” to “childhood cancer”
- New Member Kits have been updated

7. Upcoming 2017 – 2018 Schedule/Meetings

- Board Meeting: 4/5 to 4/9 in Miami
- Board Meeting: 6/24 to 6/28 in Las Vegas (MGM Grand is headquarters hotel)
- The ID 2017 – 2018 meeting and travel schedule is on file with Kathy Gruna

8. Presidential and Leadership Awards

President Aggarwal’s guidelines for selection of the Presidential Awards and the Leadership Awards have been received and distributed. All District Governors submitted recommendations for each. The Past International Directors met on January 12, 2018 to review the submissions, and will notify the District Governors of the final outcome when that information is received from LCI.

9. International Guest Speakers

The international guests for the remaining 2017 - 2018 District Conventions and the State Convention are listed below. The E1 convention will have a Past International Director, as that District Convention is held at the same time as the International Board Meeting.

District	DG	Speaker/ Location
A1	Jerry Gibbons	Bruce Beck (2nd)
A2	Glen Moegenburg	Joyce Middleton (2nd)

C2	Ronald Behm	Ardie Klemish (1st)
D1	Jodi Burmester	Jenny Ware (2nd)
D2	Pat Noll	Sam Lindsay (2nd)
E1	Lee Vrieze	PID Robert Littlefield
E2	Brad Barth	Bruce Beck (2nd)
State	Received confirmation that PIP Frank Moore	

The international guests for the **2018 - 2019** District Conventions and the State Convention are listed below. District A2 and District B2 have endorsed International Director Candidates listed; their attendance is dependent upon successful election at the International Convention in Las Vegas. District C1 and District E1 will have Past International Director guests, as those District Conventions will be held at the same time as the International Board Meetings.

District	DG	Speaker/ Location
A1	Sharon Eberhardt	Pat Vannett (2nd)
A2	Rich Koch	Derek Ledda (TBD)
B1	David Lee	Don Noland (2nd)
B2	Dale Matheson	Gary Brown (TBD)
C1	Brad Behrens	PID Robert Libin
C2	Collette Sorgel	Tom Gordon (2nd)
D1	John Elvekrog	Ardie Klemish (2nd)
D2	Gwen Nelson	Gwen White (2nd)
E1	Diane Fansler	PID Jenny Ware
E2	Pat Furey	Nick Xinopoulos (2nd)
State	Requested 1VP Gudrun Yngvadottir as our international guest	

It is hard to believe that half of year one is over! Lion Michael and I are humbled by the trust you have bestowed upon us during this leadership journey. Thank you for your support, your friendship, your service and your dedication to making the world a better place.

Respectfully Submitted

MD-27 Lions Clubs International Foundation Report
PID Wayne Heiman

January 13, 2018

Plover, WI

1. A reminder that just as your District LCIF Coordinators receive reports - - as your Multiple District LCIF Coordinator, I receive a club listing of Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows, a status of installments/credits towards MJFs and a year-to-date donation list. Let me know if you need a copy. My email is heiman_wayne@live.com
2. By the numbers: As of December 31, 2017 MD-27 has donated \$172,525 to LCIF. This is \$96,000 above last year, same time. Last year's MD total was \$252,027; this was more than 10% above the previous year. With the recent natural disasters, our goal is to donate at least 15% above the 2016-17 total, meaning a goal of \$294,800 this year. Halfway through the year, 40.11% of clubs donated (213 of 531); we have named 6,119 Melvin Jones Fellows and 156 PMJFs in Wisconsin. As of 4/18/17, world-wide, there have been 405,284 MJFs named and 79,824 PMJFs named.
3. Individual donations: Less than 10% of Lions members donated to LCIF worldwide; and world-wide, only 30% of District Governors donated in 2016-17. We can increase donations to LCIF by increasing club amounts, increasing the number of clubs donating and by increasing individual donations.
4. Lions support is needed to meet and sustain LCIF grants and program expenses through 2018 and beyond. Grants are constantly being used for disaster relief and that donation category needs to be sustained. Please promote making a donation to LCIF's disaster relief fund so that Lions can continue offering this critical aid.
5. Club LCIF Coordinators: Clubs are still being asked to name/select a Club LCIF Coordinator. By my count, 228 of our 531 clubs have named a club LCIF Coordinator. The purpose of this individual is to simply educate the club and give at least one presentation to the club per year and serve as an LCIF ambassador on the local level. This is a Board of Directors role; club officers can double up roles. However, where there is no named club coordinator, the immediate past club president is to be this ambassador of humanitarian services. If he/she does not take this role, then another can be named.
6. District Chairperson's Medal: If a District donates at least \$30,000 this year and has a 10% increase over the previous year, the District LCIF Coordinator and the District Governor will each receive the LCIF District Chairperson's Medal in appreciation of their efforts in promoting LCIF.
7. The Measles Initiative : Thank you for your past support of this initiative; this matching fundraiser ended 12/31/17.
8. Best address to send LCIF donations: LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

9. Contributing Member Pins: are available; s Still \$20, \$50 and \$100 until 7/1/18; then will go to \$50, \$100 and \$150. These amounts have not changed for years (decades?). There may still be a \$20 level, but TBD, may not come with a pin. I do have some \$50 and \$100 level pins with me.
10. Changing grant structure: Watch for restructuring of grant categories July 1, 2018. For example, the International Assistance Grant (IAG) will be going away. It will be covered under the Humanitarian Grant category, but no personal expenses or travel expenses to be part of the grant. Standard grants will be known as Humanitarian Matching grants. Diabetes Grants(formerly Core 4 Diabetes) and Lions Quest Grants(formerly Core 4 Lions Quest) are also being placed under the umbrella of Humanitarian Grants. These changes come in response to our ever-changing world. As the needs of the world change, LCIF will evolve so Lions can focus on sustainable serve projects that reach the most people possible.
11. Redesign of the Melvin Jones Plaque packaging: Watch for this new attractive container!
12. Recent training stressed the relationship of LCIF Coordinator under the Global Action Team and working with the GST- -GST & LCIF supporting each other. See the attached.
13. The 50 anniversary of LCIF (June 13, 1968) is fast approaching. Enter the Lions contest supporting LCIF's 50'th Anniversary. Log onto www.LCIF50.org
14. Looking for a MD27 LCIF Coordinator for the 2018-21 term; to be approved by LCIF. District LCIF and Multiple District LCIF Coordinators are still 3 year terms.
15. Questions? Support LCIF when you shop online at www.smile.amazon.com



Lions Clubs International Foundation

OUR MISSION: Supporting the compassionate service of Lions worldwide

WLF Report to the Governor's January 13 2018

The Wisconsin Lions Foundation Directors met on December 8, 2017 at the Wisconsin Lions Foundation in Rosholt Wis. The operation Budget for 2018/2019 was approved.

In order to use up the remaining Diamonds in the display of memorials in the Friends and Honors Garden the board approved a change of price of the remaining diamonds all of which have a seam running through them. These are all in the original Diamond display and will be offered at half the regular price, \$2500 for the full size diamond and \$1250 for the half diamonds. The Board voted to apply this money to the construction of the addition to the Garden. At this point we are still seeking someone to provide design and construction help with the expansion of the Trellis Structure in the Garden.

Camp schedule was approved and the schedule is attached. Last year we served 1212 campers during our season. We are asking you to help contact schools, community organizations, medical professionals, neighbors and anyone who works with youth. We are seeking more youth with disabilities to participate in the great camp experience that the Lions of Wisconsin have created. Every year we have campers who pass the 16 year age limit and are no longer eligible. If you or the Lions of your district can contact in person or at least leave on of our postcards it helps to get their attention. Attached are a copy of the 2018 camp schedule and answers to many of the questions they ask. Lets get out and provide a great week, at no cost, for more of the eligible kids of Wisconsin.

Please let your Lions know that we need their help in locating Counselors, Program Specialists and Health Care Staff to complete our summer staff. Information is available online for interested individuals.

The Eye Screening Challenge continues and we at the foundation encourage you to get involved in working at a Vision event. Help get your Lions and Lioness involved so you can expand the available screeners and workers. It is important that all results are reported to you District Vision Screening Chair and that they forward those results to the WLF.

Your WLF Directors have received this year's Lion Camp for Kids Raffle tickets and will be delivering them to each of your clubs. Help would be appreciated. This Raffle along with the Lion Clubs annual donation is the basis of keeping your Lions Camp healthy and happy and providing a great experience for campers in Wisconsin.

As always we appreciate your efforts toward promoting the Mission of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation in you District and encourage you to ask your Directors and the Staff of the Foundation if we can help you.

Lion John Dickson
President

Lions Pride Endowment Fund of WI, Inc., Report

Past District Governors Organization Meeting

January 14, 2017

Because of Chairman Dewey's untimely passing an off schedule LPEF Board Meeting was held on Friday, October 7th at the Pride office. Discussion ensued regarding the appointment of a President or President Pro Tem. It was decided that at this juncture a President Pro Tem would be the best avenue to pursue, and PCC Sam Kochel was elected to assume the position through June 30 2017. That will provide a Task Force time to develop a long range plan for Lions Pride. The LPEF Board remains committed to Chairman Dewey's vision, our mission and ultimate goal.

The next LPEF Board meeting is scheduled for January 20th and will be held in Madison at the Suby Group Offices.

The transfer of our Wealth Management account from BMO to Johnson Bank is complete.

At the B2 Conference November 5th a check from Lions Pride for \$41,273.41 was present to WLF VP, John Dixon and Executive Director Evett Hartvig. In December a third check was presented to the WLF in the amount of \$25,000. The Lions Pride total support for 2016 is \$173, 273.41. Lions Pride Board continues to look forward in partnering with Wisconsin Lions Foundation in financially supporting the statewide projects.

Lions Pride invites you to check out our blog at; blog.lionspride.org a new one post every Thursday. You can go to our website and click on the owl icon to view the blog and sign up to have the blog come directly to your email account. It doesn't always talk about Lions Pride for example; we recently featured the, Deer Hide Collection, the Turkey Tips, Black Friday and St Nick's Day, and National Blood Drive Month.

The Lions Ray Hempel Fellowship is a great option to honor members of your Districts and Clubs to those who work with Lion Ray's spirit to change the lives of people in your communities.

As always we ask for your continued support both personal and from your districts and extend an invitation to join the Pride family if you are not yet a member. When you join the Lions Pride family you truly become part of "Today's help, Tomorrow's Hope".

Visit us at www.lionspride.org and be sure to like us on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,

PCC Sam Kochel, President pro tem
Geri Schlender, LPEF Executive Director

LIONS EYE BANK OF WISCONSIN - OVERVIEW

FURTHERING OUR MISSION: LEBW 1st QTR FY 2017-2018 (July-Sept. 2017)

- Served 330 Donor Families
- Our transplant rate for this time period was 68%.
 - Research placements were up by almost 60 tissues placed compared to the same quarter last year.
 - Cornea Discarded rate was down by 3% (5% this year vs. 8% same timeframe last year).

Our in-house Donor Support Center:

Our Donor Family Support Center is still running well. When speaking with families, our authorization rate for donation remains within the 70-75% range. This further demonstrates the commitment of our staff to our mission to restore sight.

Discussions and progress continues with regards to our new facility:

The land is prepared, footings poured, and exterior walls are starting to be built. We will be celebrating the progress on January 25th at 12:30pm, as we hold our groundbreaking ceremony. We will be onsite for approximately 15 minutes, and then will proceed to the nearby Sleep Inn hotel for fellowship and refreshments, wrapping up around 1:30pm. We hope many of you are able to attend.

LEBW's upcoming projects:

- Much of the talk within the corneal transplant field revolves around improved surgical processes. Therefore, to better serve our local surgeons, we will turn our focus to expanding our services over the next 3-6 months. 2 major key projects will include:
 - **Developing Human Serum Drops**
 - This process involves drawing the patient's own blood and mixing with the product developed to cure dry eye. It is a much desired product, but there are logistics to work through, as many patients are located around the state (not just in Madison). Ocular surgeons have been giving serum drops much thought for many years, and some eye banks have been providing these drops for some time now. Developing our own product will add value to our organization. This will not only help to serve corneal transplant recipients, but also other patients. For example, cancer patients often suffer from dry eye as well.

- **Pre-loaded Tissue**

- Many surgeons are now wanting to move away from handling the tissue during their surgical procedures these days. These corneas are prepared to be so thin, they can be difficult to manipulate. Therefore, with surgeons moving toward pre-loaded tissue, it is important for us to get out ahead of this now, so they aren't tempted to work with other eye banks who can provide this as an added convenience. Currently less than ½ (maybe even less than 1/3 of eye banks offer pre-loaded tissue, so the timing is right for us to proceed. This should be completed by mid-late spring 2018.

In Closing:

The message remains the same...our new facility is key to facilitating our new developments and expansion of services. The climate of eye banking has shifted, and LEBW is moving forward to stay ahead of the game, already shifting to come out as one of the leaders on the backside of the shift. As always, we appreciate your continued support.