

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

AGENDA Board of Trustees Meeting AGENDA

Saturday May 16, 2026 9 AM

Comfort Suites East, St. Cloud, MN

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81732559425?pwd=TFBwvUHTeld8KtrKp1o6Twaf64ns2L1>

Welcome: Chair Gary Stevens

Roll Call of Directors (and guests) present:

Status	Dist.	Name	Committee
N	5M01	Deb Nisbit	Outgoing Trustee
Z	5M01	Greg Larson	Finance
Y	5M01	Patty Stockdale	Incoming Trustee
N	5M02	Chuck Toltzman	Finance Chair – Outgoing Trustee
N	5M02	Debbie Trebiatowski	Grant Writing
N	5M02	Shermayne Cross	Incoming Trustee
Y	5M03	Patty Peterson	
N	5M03	Tammy Horner	
Y	5M04	Merlin Athmann	Vice Chair
Z	5M04	Sue Krumrey	
Y	5M05	Colleen Patterson	Secretary, Finance, Marketing & PR
Y	5M05	Gary Stevens	Chair, Marketing & PR
N	5M06	Judy Zewer	Marketing & PR
Y	5M06	Tracey Braaten	Marketing & PR - Outgoing Trustee
N	5M07	Lindsay Vokaty	
Y	5M07	Mark Landwehr	Marketing & PR
Y	5M08	Bob Thompson	Outgoing Trustee
N	5M08	Christine Wosmek	Incoming Trustee
N	5M08	Jeff Thompson	
Y	5M09	Cora Hohnstadt	Finance Vice Chair
Y	5M09	Jake Jacoby	Incoming Trustee
N	5M10	Jaclyn Skille	Incoming Trustee
Y	5M10	Tom O'Brien	Treasurer, Finance, Grant Writing
N	5M11	Jodi Sorenson	Marketing & PR -Outgoing Trustee
Z	5M11	Katie Damm	Marketing & PR
N	DGL	Diann Bellmont	DG Liaison, Incoming
N	DGL	Susan Krumrey	DG Liaison, Outgoing
N	LC	Eric Glenz	Legal Counsel

Correspondence: Secretary Colleen Patterson

Additions or Corrections to Agenda: Election of Officers for 2026-2027

Approval of Agenda: Motion by: Merlin 2nd by: Mark

Secretary Report: Motion by: Cora 2nd by: Tom O *attachment sent with meeting materials.*

Treasurer Report: Approved by Finance Committee on May 12, 2026 *attachment sent with meeting materials.*

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee Tom O'Brien, Chair

- a. Treasurer's Report-report was approved by the finance committee on 05-12-2026 with the recommendation for the board to accept.
 - i. Mark motioned to accept Gary seconded motion. All approved. Passed.
- b. Parade of Green Donations—as of March 31, 2026 we were at \$110,233
- c. Family Grants
 - i. One family was awarded a grant from two different lions clubs. One was in the calendar and the other in the fiscal year. Recommendation of the board was to review further. Family Needs committee will take a look at it.
- d. Budget for 2026/2027-Tom reviewed the report and the finance committee accepted and recommended the board to accept.
 - i. Mark motioned to accept Gary seconded motion. All approved. Passed.
- e. Final donation amount to U of M for 2025/26-we are close enough to proceed with the donation of \$140,000 to the University of Minnesota to make our One Million dollars in donations since the beginning of the foundation.
 - i. Mark motioned to approve Merlin seconded motion. All approved. Passed.
- f. Tom made us aware of a U S Bank Business Premium Money Market account. Our funds would earn interest at a current rate of 3.46%. Based on our large balance at the beginning of the calendar year, when Parade of Green money comes in it is a sound business decision.
 - i. Mark motioned to approve Merlin seconded motion. All approved. Passed.
- g. It was also recommended that the checking have an additional authorized signature on the account. Gary Stevens is currently one of the two signatures requirement for amounts over \$500. He will be added to the account as an authorized signor.
 - i. Tom motioned to approve Cora seconded motion. All approved. Passed.

2. Hamel Rodeo Gary Stevens

- a. Gary needs 25 people to scan tickets on Thursday Night and Sunday closing night. When talking to clubs and promoting the Hamel Rodeo, remind people the ONLY place to buy tickets is from: HamelRodeo.org. Using a search engine to look up Hamel Rodeo results in sites that sell invalid tickets.
- b. The Hamel Rodeo Association approved us to have a flag in the Grand Entrance Ceremony with the other sponsors. Thanks to a generous donation from Cora we were able to get an upgraded flag. The Hamel Rodeo Association will store and maintain the flag and the Rodeo Flag Girls will ride it in.
- c. We have 2 children that will be in attendance this year, baring no health issues that would prevent them from attending. Watch for Charlie & Viola.

3. Believe Award Colleen Patterson

- a. We have 21 on hand, with 6 due to go out; we have 25 remaining of the last order.(Order for 100 placed on 04-27-2025, \$1305). Some clubs have requested Patches or Alternatives to award? Patches, Trophy, Certificates. A certificate or letter that explains the significance of logo has also been requested by clubs. It was recommended the Marketing & PR Committee look at this to roll out for the beginning of the new fiscal year.
- b. Question came up about some of our pins having a gemstone on them. No one in attendance had knowledge of how or why.
 - i. After the meeting Gary found notes from 04-02-2022 which stated: Old Business 1. Childhood Cancer Pins- Tom McCarthy report that he has a few pins left if trustees need some. Third order of pins has been placed and should arrive sometime in May from China. Linda Albrecht 5M9 asked if we should place a gemstone on some of the pins and give them to individual Believe Recipients. She received 20 pins from Tom McCarthy and will add the gemstones to them and get them to Genia to send along with the Believe Awards for the future recipients.
 - ii. We will prepare the new process to roll out for the beginning of the new fiscal year.

4. Family Needs Matching Grant Program

- a. Application review-Need to review wording on number of times a family or child can receive a grant. We currently have nothing in the bylaws or on the application that clearly states this. It was recommended of the board for the Family Needs committee take a look and come back with a recommendation to be rolled at the beginning of the new fiscal year.
- b. Definition of “childhood cancer” (“pediatric” is through age 19)-we will add this to the applications and any reference in the bylaws effective the next fiscal year.

5. Recognition of incoming/outgoing trustees by district Gary Stevens

- a. Tracy Bratten was recognized for her 6 years of service and awarded a Believe Award.
- b. Bob Thompson was recognized for his 6 years of service and awarded a Believe Award.
- c. The remaining departing trustees will receive their award and recognition at a later date.
Their combined time and talents got us from the beginning of the foundation to today. They will be missed and we appreciate all they have done with the foundation.

6. University of Minnesota Gary Stevens

- a. Video will be available after 05-23-2026. (It was ready on 05-18-2026 and submitted with meeting minutes.)

7. MD5M Convention-Silent auction /raffle room

- a. Final numbers, etc.-Still waiting; have not received any updates from MD5M staff

8. Grant Writing Tom & Debbie

- a. Nothing to report.

9. Fundraising

- a. Sue visits clubs that have not donated to the foundation.
- b. Tracy just shows up to club meetings and asks for 5 minutes.

10. Marketing & Public Relations

- a. Need to find ways to promote reaching our Million Dollar goal to the University of Minnesota.

Old Business:

1. **Kamp KACE**-Jake Jacoby shared details about Kamp KACE a program that provides free summer camps for children with cancer, including activities like ice cream socials, fishing trips, and meals, with costs totaling around \$125,000 for the June retreat.

New Business:

1. Committee structure Gary Stevens

- a. Below is the new structure of the committees. Please feel free to join a committee at anytime.

Finance Committee	Marketing & Public Relations	Fundraising	Family Needs	Grant Writing
Cora Hohnstadt, Chair	Katie Damm, Facebook		Tracy Braaten	Tom O'Brien, Treasurer
Colleen Patterson, Secretary	Colleen Patterson, Website		Katie Damm,	Debbie Trebiatowski
Greg Larson	Mark Landwehr		Mark Landwehr	
Gary Stevens	Tracy Braaten		Patty Peterson	
	Jodi Sorenson			
	Judy Zewers			
Tom O'Brien, Treasurer (non-voting member)	Gary Stevens, Hamel Rodeo			

2. By-Laws Regarding implications of verbiage of audit & review Tom O'Brien

- a. Section 5.2.3.1.7—stays, not effected.
- b. Section 5.2.3.2—this verbiage will be removed.
- c. Section 5.2.3.2.1—this verbiage will be changed to: At the discretion of the board of directors, our records may or may not be subject to audit or review.
 - i. First reading Motioned by Mark; Seconded by Tracy. All approved.
 - ii. Second and final reading will be at the 4th Quarter meeting in July.

- d. Check verbiage for the following items:
 - i. Family Grants-number of grants per child; per family
 - ii. Pediatric Cancer age
 - iii. Required Signatures for Checks

3. Date/location for 2026-2027 meetings and 4th Quarter Meeting

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| a. | Trustee training | Zoom | 07-__-2026 | 7 PM to 9 PM |
| b. | 2025-26 4 th Quarter (Apr-May-Jun 2026) | Zoom | 07-14-2026 | 7 PM to 9 PM |
| c. | 2026-27 1 st Quarter (Jul-Aug-Sep) | In-person | 09-22-2026 | 7 PM to 9 PM |
| d. | 2026-27 2 nd Quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec) | Zoom Call | 01-12-2027 | 7 PM to 9 PM |
| e. | 2026-27 3 rd Quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar) | In-person | 04-10-2027 or 04-17-2027 | |
| f. | 2026-27 4 th Quarter (Apr-May-Jun) | Zoom Call | 07-13-2027 | 7 PM to 9 PM |

4. Expense reports

- a. Tom stressed the importance of getting your expenses reported in a timely manner so they are reflected in the appropriate time period.
 - b. New expense report amounts are:
 - i. Mileage is .50 per mile or Charitable mileage is .14 per mile (you can claim one or the other, but not both)
 - ii. Lodging not to exceed \$100
5. Motion by Tom for foundation to buy a hole and send a golf team to the Go for the Gold Golf Tournament in Hawley on September 18, 2026.
- i. Tom motioned. Tracy seconded the motion. All approved. Passed.
 - ii. Interested Golfers are: Tom, Gary, Cora (cart driver),

District Reports:

1. What are your highlights from the 3rd Quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar)
2. What is coming up in the 4th Quarter? (Apr-May-Jun)
3. How can the Officers of MLCCF support your endeavors?

5M1-Greg Larson	Twelve Believe Awards have been given out to the district. Deb's clubs' visits have raised over \$6000. Thirteen family grants were given out and collected many tie blankets and Lego's
5M1-Patty Stockdale	Patty Stockdale was introduced as the new incoming trustee, sharing her background as an Education and Outreach Manager at Lions Gift of Sight and her extensive experience in hospital partnerships and organ donation education.
5M3-Patty Peterson	One club donated cash and after consulting with the Masonic Children's Hospital found they had a need for an iPad & charger, The midwinter convention collected blankets, Legos, playdough and toys. Since they are a one-time use only it is very helpful to replenish their supply. Relay for Life, coming up in June will split proceeds with Childhood Cancer and another group.
5M4- Merlin Athmann, Vice-Chair	Did one zone visit and 6 club visits. Raised money with pin sales and matched sales at clubs with his own money. Looking at Walk in the Park event and high school event to collect Legos.
5M4-Sue Krumrey	
5M5-Gary Stevens Chair	Excelsior church did pancake breakfast and asked people to bring Legos. Rodeo coming up, promote, promote, promote.
5M6-Tracey Braaten	Booth at Vadnais Hi8eghts Pancake breakfast. Looking at setting up a Pub Crawl in Stillwater in September.
5M7-Lindsay Vokaty	Emailed all club presidents and secretaires on why she was called to help the foundation.
5M7-Mark Landwehr	Asks clubs for "healthy" donations and many clubs are still not aware of us or our mission.

5M8-Bob Thompson	Bob ducked out early.
5M9-Cora Hohnstadt	Wednesday night Polish Hot Dogs table with proceeds going to Childhood Cancer. Thinking of Poker Walk in a 2-hour block of time in August. Started collecting change at meetings.
5M9-Jake Jacoby	Jake introduced himself and short bio. He is retired from Target Corporation accounting department. He will bring a wealth of knowledge. He is also active in Kamp Kacy in Detroit Lakes and the importance and fun the kids get to have for a week of just being kids.
5M10-Tom O'Brien Treasurer	Going to try a Pub Crawl in September and has given 2 presentations.
5M11-Katie Damm	September 18 th is Golf Tournament. Goal this year is \$10,000. Going to try the Poker Walk. It was very successful for the Diabetes Foundation at the 5MD5 Convention.

Adjourn:

Time: 12:45 PM

Motion by Tom

2nd by Tracy

All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:

Colleen Patterson, Secretary

Colleen Patterson

Submitted:

May 19, 2026