

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
AGENDA Board of Trustees Meeting AGENDA

~~Comfort Suites East~~, Country Inn & Suites, St. Cloud, MN

Saturday May 3, 2025 9 AM

Welcome: Chair Jeff Thompson
Incoming DGE Susan Krumry joined us as the incoming DG Liaison

Correspondence: Secretary Colleen Patterson
None to report.

Additions or Corrections to Agenda:
3D. Believe Award, Progressive
7C. Ad in Convention Book (5M7)
7D. Display Table Inventory

Approval of Agenda: Motion by: _____ 2nd by: _____

Consent Agenda: Tom O'Brien

(A consent agenda is a board meeting practice that groups routine business and reports into one agenda item. The consent agenda can be approved in one action, rather than filing motions on each item separately. Using a consent agenda can save boards anywhere from a few minutes to a half hour. A consent agenda moves routine items along quickly so that the board has time for discussing more important issues.)

1. Confirm the following matching grants that have been approved by email:

See attachment sent with meeting materials

Date	Club	District	Family	Amount	Yearly Cumulative	Check #
01/22/25	Cologne Lions Club	5M2	Snetting	500	4,000	1176
01/26/25	Backus/Elizabeth Lions	5M9	Kadel	500	4,500	1177
01/26/25	Rockville Lions Club	5M8	Willenbring	500	5,000	1178
03/12/25	Cokato Dassel Lions Club	5M7	Lambrecht	500	5,500	1180
03/16/25	Duluth Lions Club	5M10	Steinhoff	500	6,000	1181
03/22/25	Nisswa Lions Club	5M9	Jobe	500	6,500	1182
03/28/25	New Ulm Lions Club	5M3	Ramos/Pressley	500	7,000	1183

Secretary Report: *See attachment sent with meeting materials*
Motion by: Linda Albrecht-Norby 2nd by: Katie Damm
Approved.

Treasurer Report: *See attachment sent with meeting materials*
Approved by Finance Committee on April 18, 2025 for recommendation of approval.
Motion by: Linda Albrecht-Norby 2nd by: Colleen Patterson
Approved

Roll Call of Directors present:

No 5M01 Deb Nisbit	Yes 5M04 Bob Knutson
Yes 5M01 Greg Larson	Yes 5M04 Merlin Athmann
Yes 5M02 Chuck Toltzman	Yes 5M05 Colleen Patterson Secretary
Yes 5M02 Debbie Trebiatowski	Yes 5M05 Gary Stevens Vice Chair
No 5M03 Doreen Hanson-Velde	_____ 5M06 OPEN
Yes 5M03 Patty Peterson	Yes 5M06 Tracey Braaten

No 5M07 Chad Vokaty
No 5M07 Mark Landwehr
No 5M08 Bob Thompson
Yes 5M08 Jeff Thompson **Chair**
Yes 5M09 Cora Hohnstadt
Yes 5M09 Linda Albrecht-Norby

No 5M10 Jessica Minske
Yes 5M10 Tom O'Brien **Treasurer**
Yes 5M11 Jodi Sorenson
Yes 5M11 Katie Damm
No Eric Glenz **Legal Counsel**
Yes Lisa Kaufmann **DG Liaison**

Reports:

1. Finance Committee Tom O'Brien, Chair

- a. Budget for 2025/2026
- b. Final donation amount to U of M for 2024-2025 of \$120,000
Motion by: Colleen Patterson 2nd by: Bob Knutson
Approved
- c. Adoption of expense amount limits and expense form
Motion by: Linda Albrecht-Norby 2nd by: Colleen Patterson
Approved

DG Lisa Kaufman presented a check to the Foundation for \$2000 that was collected from District 5M2 Journey of Service.

2. Hamel Rodeo Gary Stevens

Gary reported that everything is right where it needs to be at this time. A lot of Lions have signed up to help.

He also explained that the money donated to us comes from two areas.

1. Ticket sales from Thursday night.
2. Sub-committees that agree to a certain amount.
 - a. Separate organizations may also decide to match those funds.

Most volunteer spots are filled. State Bank of Hamel will pay complimentary tickets for a family that has a child battling a childhood cancer. Contact Lion Gary if you know of anyone.

Talk of a flag with our name and logo to be rode in during the grand entrance would be nice.

Reminder to ONLY purchase tickets from: hamelrodeo.org

A motion was made for the foundation to pay for 1 full page in the program for the cost of \$550. It will reach over 20,000 people.

Motion by: Gary Stevens 2nd by: Cora Hohnstadt
Approved

3. Believe Award Colleen Patterson

- a. We have 0 on hand, with 6 due to go out
- b. Some clubs have requested Patches-Linda Albrecht-Norby brought a sample of a stitched patch from a contact in Vergas. The group thought square rather than circle, and a thicker outer border. The colors looked good.
- c. Patches, Trophy, Certificate-Katie shared the MN Diabetes Foundation Dream Catcher Certificate and how it explains the
- d. Progressive Award: Idea for a jewel that could be attached to the pin or award for someone who earns a second one. Linda will check craft stores for something suitable.

There should be a meeting with the public relations committee to hammer out something that the board could then vote on.

4. Family Needs Matching Grant Program

- a. Application review-Trustees felt the application form should go to them so they are aware of what requests are coming in from their areas. Make it interactive so it can populate who the trustee is for each district.

Create a letter to go out to districts at the beginning of the new fiscal year to bring new officers up to speed and remind experienced officers what resources are available.

- b. Definition of “childhood cancer” (“pediatric” is through age 21

Motion to agree that age 19 will be the period for childhood cancer.

Motion by: Tracy Braaten 2nd by: Bob Knutson

Approved

5. Identification of incoming/outgoing trustees by district

Bob Knutson 5M4, Linda Albrecht-Norby 5M9, Jodi Sorenson 5M11 have fulfilled their 6-year commitment. Lion Jeff will also reach out to others we have not heard from.

6. University of Minnesota Gary Stevens

- a. Video-was message from Dr. Kareem Sadik outlining several patients and their cancer journeys and the impact and importance of the Survivor Program and Application. This video was for our viewing only and not to be shared on social media or on our website.
- b. Lions Funds Spending-A letter was included in materials that also outlined how important every little dollar is. Our funds can and have provided funding for a “concept”. Once that idea has cleared all the necessary hurdles they can then apply for funding from grants. That is how the Childhood Cancer Survivor Program started. We will post links on our website to their website.
- c. Current needs are fleece blankets, Lego’s, coloring supplies, play dough, UNO. To schedule a drop off contact :petra.eastling@fairview.org

7. MD5M Convention-Silent auction /raffle room

- a. Final numbers, etc. Silent Auction & Live auction brought in \$8100. Members felt Silent Auction area was hidden away.
- b. Develop policy or checklist for next opportunity (next in 2030?)
- c. Ad in convention Book-\$125 for half page ad.
Motion by: Tracey Braaten 2nd by: Tom O’Brien
Approved
- d. Display table Inventory-Tracy Braaten requested an inventory of items for table top displays.

8. Date/location for next (June?) meeting and new trustee indoctrination

There was a discussion about waiting for new trustees to come on board and maybe having a meeting that coincides with the Garden Party. We will present dates and further information on-line.

Cora auctioned off homemade Red River Cereal Bread. Winning bid of \$35 from Lisa Kaufman.

Old Business:

1. Camp KACE-
 - a. any updates? Linda reported no updates
2. Camp Knutson-
 - a. any updates? Jodi reported no updates or asks. We will keep links on our website to their website for family resources.

New Business:

1. Committee structure – Jeff Thompson

- a. Updates or additions to the list from January?- No updates and will revisit with new trustees. As we are growing we need to be more proactive with committee work and meetings.

Finance Committee	Public Relations	Fundraising	Family Needs
Chuck Toltzman, Chair	Katie Damm, Facebook		
Cora Hohnstadt, Vice Chair	Colleen Patterson, Website		
Colleen Patterson, Secretary	Mark Landwehr		
Tom O'Brien, Treasurer (non-voting member)	Tracy Braaten		
Jeff Thompson	Doreen Hanson-Velde		
Gary Stevens			

District Reports:

5M1-Deb Nisbit	
5M1-Greg Larson	Attended all 6 conventions. General Days are coming up and Hormel golf event in August. Turned in 95 blankets; 70 Lego sets.
5M2-Chuck Toltzman	Attended multiple clubs & zone meetings. Collected money. He buys pins for \$5 from foundation and then sells them during visits. He also thanked DG Lisa Kaufman for all her work and support this past year.
5M2-Debbie Trebiatowski	Chaska Lions made 100 blankets that went to the hospital. Her daughter-in-law and grandson made a video regarding challenges and how to deal with them. One big helpful idea was the RyGear Bag. It is packed with essentials and ready to go at a moments notice. Theu received a grant to 60 bags and will pack them with club donations and support. Squeeze the Stuffins raised \$240 to fill animals with stuffing.
5M3-Doreen Hanson-Velde	
5M3-Patty Peterson	
5M4-Bob Knutson	New Leo Club; attended 2 zone meetings; Paynesville Leo's charter night
5M4-Merlin Athmann	Zone meeting planned and then canceled. Talked to his club about planning a Blanket Tie in August or September and a Lego Pub crawl.
5M5-Colleen Patterson Secretary	Nothing to report.
5M5-Gary Stevens Vice President	Attended Excelsior Pub Crawl. If you brought a Lego Set with 100+ pieces or \$20. Start at one Brewery and move on to next after an hour. They made can koozies, and hats. Maple Grove Lions had a taco bar Friday night and will do a Lego collection at the Lookout Bar & Grill on Mat 18 th . Donate a box of Legos and get a discounted meal. Rodeo commitments are filled but check with Sign Up Genius for changes.
5M6-OPEN	

5M6-Tracey Braaten	Visted a total of 14 clubs. Blanket project and busy with MD5M Convention Silent Auction.
5M7-Chad Vokaty	
5M7-Mark Landwehr	
5M8-Bob Thompson	
5M8-Jeff Thompson President	1 zone meeting coming up. Farming Club did blankets.
5M9-Cora Hohnstadt	She watches Joannes for close outs on blanket kits. She sent some to St. Cloud Children's Hospital..
5M9-Linda Albrecht-Norby	Zone and club meetings.
5M10-Jessica Minske	
5M10-Tom O'Brien Treasurer	Very successful pancake event on Thursday. Zone and club meetings.
5M11-Jodi Sorenson	
5M11-Katie Damm	Beginning stages of planning a golf tournament to benefit MLCCF. Looking for funds and ideas for swag bags, golf balls with our logo, basket to raffle; hole sponsors..
Lisa Kaufmann DG Liaison (non-voting)	Been a pleasure this past year.
Eric Glenz Legal Counsel (non-voting)	

Meeting Dates for 2024-25

1 st Quarter (Jul-Aug-Sep)	In-Person
2 nd Quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec)	Zoom Call
3 rd Quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar)	Zoom Call
4 th Quarter (Apr-May-Jun)	In-Person

Last Minute Items:

Motion by Chuck Tolzman to budget \$1,500 to PR account. Second by Tracey Braaten, passed.

Motion by Chuck Tolzman to have PR requests sent to the PR committee for review and approval. Second by Linda Albrecht-Norby, passed.

Adjourn:

Time: _____ Motion by _____ 2nd by _____