

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation
AGENDA Board of Trustees Meeting AGENDA
February 25, 2026
Zoom Call,
Meeting ID: 885 3570 6963 Passcode: 712143

Welcome from Chair, Gary Stevens

Roll Call of Directors present:

N	5M01 Deb Nisbit	Y	5M06 Tracey Braaten
Y	5M01 Greg Larson	Y	5M07 Lindsay Vokaty
Y	5M02 Chuck Toltzman	N	5M07 Mark Landwehr
Y	5M02 Debbie Trebiatowski	Y	5M08 Bob Thompson
Y	5M03 Patty Peterson	Y	5M08 Jeff Thompson
Y	5M03 Tammy Horner	Y	5M09 Cora Hohnstadt
N	5M04 Merlin Athmann		5M09 OPEN
Y	5M04 Sue Krumrey		5M10 OPEN
N	5M04 Susan Krumry, DG	Y	5M10 Tom O'Brien
Y	5M05 Colleen Patterson	Y	5M11 Jodi Sorenson
Y	5M05 Gary Stevens	Y	5M11 Katie Damm
Y	5M06 Judy Zewers	N	Eric Glenz, Legal Counsel

Additions or Corrections to Agenda: NONE

Approval of Agenda: Motion by: Gary; 2nd by: Jeff

Secretary Report: *See attachment 2025 09-29 MLCCF Minutes*

Motion by Gary; 2nd by Chuck

Treasurer & Finance Report: *See attachment 2026 02-23 Finance Committee Notes*

Finance Committee Report, Tom O'Brien, Chair, Approved by Finance Committee on 02-23-2026

- The meeting focused on reviewing the Treasurer's report for the 6 months ending December 31, 2025, which showed an increase in total donations compared to 2024. Tom presented the financial statements, highlighting key differences in donations, expenditures, and cash balances.
- The board discussed the decision not to conduct a financial compilation this year, as it is not a requirement. Gary inquired about the necessity of a compilation, and Tom explained it is optional and up to the board's discretion.
- The board approved the Treasurer's report, including the matching grants. Motion by: Patty; 2nd by: Jodi; Passed.
- Tom presented a situation regarding a \$500 donation from the Ramy Morrill Lions Club, which requested the foundation to find a family in need, rather than the club providing the family. The board agreed with Tom's recommendation to return the check to the club, offering them the option to either retain the funds for a family in need or donate it to the foundation's matching program. Motion by: Colleen; 2nd by: Tracy; Passed.

Business New:

Vacancies at end of FY 2025/2026: Chuck Toltzman, Bob Thompson, Jodi Sorenson
5M09 has a trustee coming in that will help Cora.

Committee Reports:

Believe Award, Colleen	New process is going well with names being etched on. New form on website.
Camp KACE, Cora Hohnstadt	Cora continues to work with Linda and Camp KACE. They have requested \$500 for winter camp expenses.
DGE Tour, Gary Stevens	March 12, 2026 Jeff may be available; Tracy can stop in also. Group will tour Can Do Canines, then come over to the U for the hospital tour and lunch.
Family Needs	No report
Fundraising	Katie reported her Golf Tournament last fall was very successful and will be repeated on September 19 th at Hawley Golf Course. Greg reported their golf tournament will be at a different location this year and support a different foundation.
Hamel Rodeo, Gary Stevens	Gary still needs a few volunteers to sign up for different spots for Thursday July 9 th and Sunday July 12 th . Link to Sign Up Genius: MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation: 2026 Hamel Rodeo & Bull Ridin' Bonanza! Bank of Hamel has provided 20 tickets for families. We were approved by the Hamel Rodeo Organization to have a flag in the grand entry ceremony. We purchase the flag and they will store it. Maple Grove has a child, that will be attending. Check out Viola Watkins CaringBridge https://www.caringbridge.org/site/30f34fc9-811a-11f0-971e-0757150597bd
Marketing and PR Swag, Judy Zewers	Committee will stay on after the meeting and vote on postcards and brochures for the 5MD convention. Katie has ordered can koozies for the welcome bags and will ship to Colleen who will get them to the convention committee for the welcome bags. Need to increase visibility with a Pub Crawl, Golf Tournament, Walk, whatever would work in your community. Signs have been ordered that can be used on table top displays. Each district will have one and can be picked up the 5MD convention in April. Committee is going to review printing brochures for trustees to have on hand but still encourage self-printing.
Matching Grant Program	New form on website.
MD5M Convention, Gary Stevens	We have reserved a table and will have materials for the Welcome Bags. Please let Gary know if you're coming to the convention and if you would work a shift at the table.
Philanthropy Officer at Children's Minnesota, Gary Stevens	Consider donations
University of Minnesota, Gary Stevens	Stayed the same with funds coming from 501.c.3's
Grant Writing, Debbie Trebiatowski	Debbie has been in touch with Emma at the UofM to set a date for exploring grants. They also have grant writers who can help. They can take on the building and we come up with the money.

Old Business:

Committee structure, Gary Stevens

a. Updates or additions to the list

Finance Committee	Marketing & Public Relations	Fundraising	Family Needs	Grant Writing
Chuck Toltzman, Chair	Katie Damm, Facebook			Debbie Trebiatowski
Cora Hohnstadt, Vice Chair	Colleen Patterson, Website			Tom O'Brien
Colleen Patterson, Secretary	Mark Landwehr			

Tom O'Brien, Treasurer (non-voting)	Tracy Braaten			
Gary Stevens	Jodi Sorenson			
Greg Larson				

District Reports:

1. What are your highlights from the 2nd quarter? (Sep, Oct, Nov,)
2. What is coming up in the 3rd quarter?
3. How can the Officers of MLCCF support your endeavors?

5M01 Greg Larson	participated at the MWC with a tri-fold display. Parade of Green brought in \$6000. Golf fundraiser was successful and sold lots of mulligans and sponsorships. Stewartville on August 3 rd will be next golf fundraiser.
5M02 Chuck Toltzman	Debbie did a great job with her story and grandson. He sold pins and got over \$700 in sales.
5M02 Debbie Trebiatowski	Ryder Bags were very successful and created a lot of interest and support. Parade of Green brought in \$17,300
5M03 Patty Peterson	Convention was this past weekend and brought in \$2710 on parade of green. Collection of toys, Legos, blankets for the hospital was well received. One club donated \$1000 for the purchase of something they needed. With help from staff at the hospital it looks like an iPad for 3D printing will be purchased.
5M03 Tammy Horner	Tammy sent pictures of the table of toys.
	
M04 Sue Krumrey	Gary was a guest speaker. Sue spoke and shared her journey with childhood cancer. It was a huge success and connected with many in the audience. Parade of Green brought in \$8887. Only 24 of 50 clubs participated in donating. Merlin will send out thank you and introduction letters. They are working on getting more visibility in the district.
M04 Susan Krumrey, DG	Again, I want to express my sincere thanks to Lion Gary for coming to talk about the foundation at our 5M4 Mid-Winter Convention. He and Trustee, Lion Sue Krumrey, did an amazing job – the feedback was phenomenal! They were a great team, each giving a different perspective; Lion Gary on what the Foundation does and has accomplished so far, and Lion Sue on a family's perspective. They were a great addition to our Saturday luncheon. As part of the service projects done at 5M4, we collected small toys, Legos, cards and games to be delivered to the two hospitals and to the Ronald McDonald House on Oak Street. We made a HAUL!!! See the picture attached! Our Buffalo Lake Lions Club is also collecting this month to add to what we collected at the convention. I have an email into a contact from the U of M to coordinate the delivery date for all these items and maybe score a tour. I have not heard back on this yet though. Outside of the parade of green money that was collected, I bought a Lego set of a Sunflower picture/frame from a special Vincent Van Gogh art collection edition for our silent auction tables. I designated the money for this item to be given to the Lions CC



Foundation. The Lion that bought it not only gave it back to be delivered to the hospital but used this item as a matching donation through her work – an extra \$600 for our foundation!!
I have signed up for a shift at the Hamel Rodeo. Looking forward to this!
Honored to be a part of this group!!



5M05 Gary Stevens	Eden Prairie has a foundation that Gary asked for a donation from. The request brought in \$5000. Be sure to tap into those foundations in your areas.
5M06 Tracey Braaten	MWC brought in \$14,300. District 5M6 doesn't have zone meetings. Tracy suggests looking at club calendars and inviting yourself to their meetings.
5M07 Lindsay Vokaty	I am continuing to connect with the clubs via email and have connected through our monthly newsletter called "The Gram". I have also continued to track donations coming into the foundation from my district as well as follow up with clubs when they reached the milestone of Believe award. Continue to connect with Clubs and offer to attend a meeting to share about our Foundation. Nothing at this time that I can think of.
5M08 Bob Thompson	Thanked Jeff for the appointment. Continues to visit clubs and zone meetings and support the kids with blankets and Legos. He challenged the clubs to give the hospitalized kids a nice Christmas. They have beds for 24 children. They collected 84 sets of Legos and games and games. The last 6 years have been a very rewarding experience.
5M08 Jeff Thompson	MWC brought in \$23,400 with 80% of the 73 clubs donating. They had a table with brochures. Bloody's & Blankets event at local bar that community members look forward to. Recipients of matching grants come to help with the event.
5M09 Cora Hohnstadt	New trustee is coming in to help and he's very excited to be part of the group. Trifold for MLCCF and Camp KACE. They don't do Parade of Green but has received about \$9000 for the foundation. As clubs become eligible for Believe Awards, she includes an application.
5M10 Tom O'Brien	Had a table at the MWC passed out a lot of brochures. Has sent letters and receives no responses. Parade of Green brought in \$3900. With a family friend that started the journey he has seen first hand the expense to families it takes. Every dollar helps make a difference. Tom may start inviting himself to club meetings.
5M11 Katie Damm	She had a trifold with pictures of her daughter. The DGE has been inviting her to meetings to talk. Jodi was awarded the Melvin Jones Award at the MWC. Send her pictures of events and flyers and she will post them to our Facebook page.

Closing

We need to do more self-promoting.

We were truly honored to present the Haupt Family with the grant match check on your behalf. They asked that I share their sincere gratitude. They were touched, emotional and thankful to feel supported and

thought of while they endure the many trips to the cities, burden of cancer medication cost and supporting Samuel through spinal taps, hospital stays and treatment.

Samuel is scheduled to ring the bell in November, and they are counting down the months. This has already been a 2-year long journey for them. They are an amazingly strong family, rooted in their faith and each other.

It was an honor and our club along with the Haupt's cannot thank you enough.

I have included the photo of our check presentation along with a photo of your check presentation to use how you wish.

Thank you again, Tom and MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation!

Bailee Koehler

Chisholm Lion



Meeting Dates for 2025-2026

1 st Quarter	(Jul-Aug-Sep)	In-Person	September 29, 2025
2 nd Quarter	(Oct-Nov-Dec)	Zoom Call	February 25, 2026
3 rd Quarter	(Jan-Feb-Mar)	Zoom Call	APRIL?
4 th Quarter	(Apr-May-Jun)	In-Person	JULY

Adjourn: Time 9:25 pm; Motion by Gary; 2nd by Colleen