Minutes

Third Council of Governors Meeting January 19, 2025 Sonesta Essential



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Minutes of the Third Council of Governors Meeting January 19, 2024

January 19, 2024
Call to Order
Welcome RemarksCC Pam Bilyeu
Flag SaluteDG Diana Baumann
InvocationDG Shari Neidhardt
Introduction of State Council 2024-2025CC Pam Bilyeu
Introductions/Remarks Past International FamilyCC Pam Bilyeu
Introduction of Vice District Governors 2024-2025CC Pam Bilyeu
Adoption of AgendaCC Pam Bilyeu
Shari Neidhart DG 17N-I move for the adoption of the
Kansas Lions State Council Agenda
Diana Baumann DG 17K – I second the motion.
CC Pam Bilyeu – Is there any discussion? All in Favor
say "I", Opposed "Nay". Motion: Passed
ParliamentarianMichael Sundstrom
The State Council meeting or State Convention Business meeting
shall be held in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of
Lions Clubs International and MD-17 of the State of Kansas.
Robert Rules of Order, as amended, shall be observed throughout
this meeting.
If any Lion in attendance wants to address the State Council, they

If any Lion in attendance wants to address the State Council, they must be recognized by the Council Chairperson first. Upon recognition of the Council Chairperson, you proceed to the podium and use the microphone in presenting your comments.

Comments are limited to three minutes or less. You will be alerted when 2-1/2 minutes has elapsed.

Approve Minutes – 2nd State Council Meeting 2024CC Pam Bilyeu

DG Diana Baumann DG 17K – I move to approve the minutes of the 2nd State Council Meeting

DG Margy Sundstrom DG 17A

CC Pam Bilyeu – Is there any discussion? All in Favor say "I", Opposed "Nay". Motion: Pass

Treasurer's Report 2024 ID Hans Neidhardt

DG Shari Neidhardt 17N – I move to approve the Treasurer's Report. DG Diana Baumann DG 17K - I second

CC Pam Bilyeu – Is there any discussion? All in favor say "I", Opposed "Nay". Motion: Passed

District Governor K – Diana Baumann

We continue to visit clubs, some of which are still struggling with growth. We are down 24 for the year. We continue to lose some wonderful Lions. PDG Sheryl Breen from Colby passed away this weekend and we attended PCC Les Herrman's funeral a week ago. Les was a dear man, Lion and Mentor. The number of past leaders we have lost in the last two years is devastating. We love our family and miss them dearly when they leave.

The good news is that one club added 7 members, and another added 5. We are still trying! I have people pushing to get our new club going in Hays which will be a top priority in the next month. I have been battling health issues that took me away from Lions duties for a while and I look forward to getting back to my Lions priorities. Our leadership team will be meeting the night before our cabinet meeting for a brainstorming activity to plan the rest of our Lion year and how we can get our membership back up.

We look forward to our district convention in Liberal on April 11th and 12th and hope you all can attend.

LCIF donations and service reporting will be part of the brainstorming our team will be working on to increase both before the end of the year. The move to new software by Lions International has been quite a challenge for the Secretaries in our district.

More cancer bags have been distributed to children/teens fighting the battle to survive. Our hearts go out to them and their families and hope that we help ease their fight just a bit.

I am excited about the leaders we have coming to our district in the future. We are working together as a team with our PDGs/PCCs to make a plan that will help our district for years to come.

District Governor A - DG Margy Sundstrom

Date: January 19, 2025

Number of Clubs: 70 / 1,408 members Net Gain/Loss: +3

Status Quo Clubs: Cancel Clubs: 0 Problem Clubs: 2

Abilene and Olathe

LCIF report: 46% club participation and 2.5 member participation

Dates to remember: Cabinet Meeting January 25, 2025 in Topeka District Convention March 7-8, 2025 at Hilton Garden Inn in Topeka

Official Visits to Date: All three of us are working very hard visiting with our clubs.

Goals: I hope to work with the clubs that are struggling to save members.

Health of the District: We are at a plus!

District Governor N – DG Shari Neihardt

Club Count: 66 Lions Member: 1356 Net gain/Loss: -20

DG Visit: Have visited all my clubs VDGs: Are still making visitations

District 17-N Calendar:

3rd District Cabinet Meeting January 25, 2025 Zoom 9:00 AM

District 17-N Convention February 28-March 1, 2025 Bel Aire, Kansas

4th District Cabinet Meeting \tag{year} June 14, 2025 ????

LCIF donations to date \$19,953.50

District lost two clubs in December. Sedan Lions (they had not been meeting for years) and Lindsborg Lions.

International Director Steve Middlemiss and his wife Lion LeeAnn will be our District Convention guests.

Friday night Lions will have the opportunity to spend some casual time with our International Director Steve and Lion LeeAnn and an opportunity to play Singo Bingo. Light snacks will be available and prizes given during bingo.

Saturday agenda will include business meeting, elections, service project (making tie blankets for the Children's home in Wichita), silent auction, and luncheon with ID Steve as the speaker.

We hope to have multiple gift baskets and donations for the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction will be split between supporting students to attend the Diabetes Camp this summer and supporting the family of a 12-year-old cancer patient from Moundridge.

Still working on the New Clubs in Augusta and Andover, hope to have the new club in Augusta on board very soon.

Other than that, we are in good shape.

Audit - PCC DeAnne Heersche - No Audit Committee meeting was held.

The DG's and VDG's meet Friday afternoon and covered Goals and objectives.

- 1. The following are the status of MD LCIF Team goals set for 2024-2025:
 - a. MD Club Participation goal of 75%. Currently 41%
 - b. MD Individual Participation of 4%. Currently 1.9%
 - c. Again, focus on clubs that do not historically give.
 - d. Again, focus on MJF/PMJF in clubs to influence other members to donate.
- e. Encourage donation recognition with LCIF Presidential Supporters for single donations: \$50 (Bronze), \$100 (Silver), and \$200 (Gold).
- 2. District donation breakout as of end of 13 Jan 25:
 - a. District 17-K \$7,378. 17% club participation. 1% member participation.
 - b. District 17-A \$28,835. 46% club participation. 2.5% member participation.
 - c. District 17-N \$19,679. 59% club participation. 2.1% member participation.
 - d. No Club \$27,836.
 - 3. The accompanying spreadsheet has donation data highlighted in yellow as of 13 Jan 25.
- 4. We're still working on Action Plan items for this year. The highlight will be a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour speed learning class on LCIF at the State Convention.

5. Our Coordinator Team can update you on their respective district action plans.

MD 17 LCIF Coordinator Team for 2024-2025: PDG Rick Dodson (MD), PCC Randy St. Auburn and PDG Kathie Bell (17-K), PID Deb Weaverling and PCC Bobby Duvall (17-A), and PDG Richard Caldwell and CC Pam Bilyeu (17-N).

See Chart attached at the back of this report.

Mid-Winter Rally - PID Bill Phillipi

Lion Bill talked about Mid-Winter Rally and the cost. Hotel changed hands and the price was reduced for rooms. State Secretary Dan Funke is taking bids now for next year. The Mid-Winter Rally in 2026 will be January 20-21.

Public Relations - Becky Funke

All articles for the State Newsletter are due by the 20th of January. We hope to get it out by the 2nd week of February. Please send all news information to Lion Becky Funke at 17 N newsletter@cox.net.

State Convention 2025 - Former State Secretary Linda McCormick – No Report at this time, but put on your calendar now May 30 and 31 at the Doubletree at the Wichita Airport.

State and International Band 2025 Galen Whisman

We are so very fortunate to have a dedicated Lions Club to prepare and promote this phenomenal camp, but your interest and support is greatly appreciated as we continue growing and moving forward! Currently multiple financial conversations revolve around a myriad of factors that include:

• Camp Room and Board We are looking at the possibility of having all students at Green Hall this year!

Music Staff Directors, Asst. Directors, Instrumental Instructors, etc.

- Performance Venue Likely the Gymnasium on campus
- Bus Transportation If all students are at Green Hall this won't be necessary, however Uniform Cleaning for the 2025 Year
- Sponsorships for student tuition and student shirts Currently holding conversations that would put a logo on the back of the students' shirts so as to offset the cost of the shirts

Our diligence continues as we find the most cost-effective path for this camp and the foundation that Hans and Shari Neidhardt have built through years and years of service! In determining the income and expenses of camp, the income will be \$10,000 short for the 2024 Lions Band Camp. Uniform dry-cleaning, Collegiate Music Staff compensation, and Room and Board are three driving forces of note.

Should you have any ideas you feel would be beneficial, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time via the following:

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State Office - CC Pam Bilyeu

The State Office has had several issues that have been resolved. The sewer pipe outside of the office was plugged up with ice preventing the stools from working. State Secretary Dan had a plumbing company come in and sent a snake auger down the toilet and got the ice moving. When the plumbers were going

through the door they found that the door floor jam was rotted out. State Secretary Dan then called in the cleaning lady's husband to put in a new floor door jam.

The cedar fence is scheduled to be sealed as soon as it warns up enough to do it. No other issues have arisen.

Youth Exchange - PCC Harry Stockwell

PCC Harry Stockwell gave the Youth Exchange report. There are students from Spain and requests from students from France and Italy. The Exchange is always looking for host families and students to go abroad. Stockwell stated he is advocating for the Program and Leos at his Club visits as MD-17 G.A.T. and as Zone Chair. Harry and his wife have hosted 40+ students since the 1980's and have students occasionally returning to visit, including a student from Japan scheduled to visit soon.

Kansas Lions Foundation - PCC Diane Hentges

At 8:31am President PCC Diane Hentges called the meeting to order. Attending were PCC Diane Hentges (President); Lion Cheryl Kerns; PDG Kathie Bell (Secretary and Director 17-K); Lion Linda Falley (Director 17-K); PDG David Hentges (17-A); Lion Ron Weaverling (17-A); PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N) and Lion Don Sefers (Director 17-N). PCC Helen LeBlanc (Treasurer and Director 17-N) and PCC Randy St. Aubyn (Director 17-K) were absent. A quorum was present. Guest ID Judge Anthony Paradiso attended the meeting.

Kathie Bell moved the agenda be accepted and Ron Weaverling seconded. The agenda was accepted.

The minutes from the August 2024 meeting had been distributed. Richard Caldwell moved they be approved, and Cheryl Kerns seconded the motion which carried.

Acting Treasurer PDG Dan Funke gave the Treasurers report. Though all the amounts were correct, there was a minor error in the bank statement. Richard Caldwell moved the \$600 in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Camp be removed and placed into Youth Projects. Cheryl Kerns seconded and the motion carried. Kathie Bell moved the Treasurers report be approved and Cheryl Kerns seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Dan Funke gave the ALERT report. Both trailers are tagged and fully stocked. For the foreseeable future KLF will maintain both trucks and trailers. One trailer is at the State Office in Wichita and the other trailer is at the Tom and Diane Baumann residence in Hays.

PDG Carleen Rajala reported all the Peace Poster District winners would be present at the Youth Luncheon which is hosted by the KLF. DeAnne Heersche will be speaking about the updated QUEST program.

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Automobile First Aid kits are available for \$10 each and Pink Lions are available for a \$100 donation. Updated KLF brochures, which will be distributed to the District Governor teams, are available for all.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08am. Kathie Bell, Secretary Kansas Lions Foundation

Kansas Lions Band Foundation\ - PDG Willie Tolle

The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their third directors meeting, Saturday January 18, 2025

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as e-mailed to the directors. A roll call was taken by the secretary.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

State office report:

Pam gave an update. Since the council will be taking over the repairs etc. no further information was needed.

State & International band report:

It was reported that the band will be at Friends University with the cost being held to \$250 again. Registration forms and applications will be on line in the near future. The idea is to perform all tasks on line.

Old business:

- 1. The quilt raffle that Hans & Shari are heading/producing is progressing. The quilt will head to the long arm the first of February. The group decided to go with \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25 with a total of 400 tickets. The tickets will be available after the first of March and the quilt will be given away next year at the Mid-Winter Rally.
- 2. The auction was discussed and is proceeding.
- 3. Bobby is waiting for sample pins for a final decision.
- 4. The pig/beef bundle raffle will be held again as the processor and producer has agreed to donate again and a beef bundle will also be donated. Tickets will be out soon.
- 5. There was a written agreement between the council and foundation presented. It will be signed as soon as a final copy is available.

New business:

1. There was a discussion about another fund raiser, but that will depend on a new branch club in process.

NOTE: Promote the band. The auction raised approx. \$1800.

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation - PID Deb Weaverling

Officers: Deb Weaverling, President; Jim Huenergarde, First Vice President; Terry Weldin, Secretary; Andy Hoedl, Treasurer all were present.

Welcome by President Deb Weaverling.

Pledge – Rick Dodson

Prayer - Vern Failor

Roll Call - Terry Weldin

Sylvia Reinhardt, Jim Huenergarde, Darold Grauerholz, Eric Strimple, Vern Failor, Rick Dodson, Mike Sundstrom, Deb Weaverling, Don Sefers, Richard Caldwell, Don Cunningham, Dr. Steven Cauble and Gene Allen were in attendance. Ginny Caldwell, Elwyn Maneth, Richard Webster, Victor Martin and David Davis were absent.

13 Directors were present for quorum.

Adoption of Agenda: Don Sefers made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Eric Strimple. Agenda was approved by voice vote

Approval of the Minutes dated October 19, 2024: Sylvia Reinhardt made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes. Seconded by Rick Dodson. Motion was approved by voice vote.

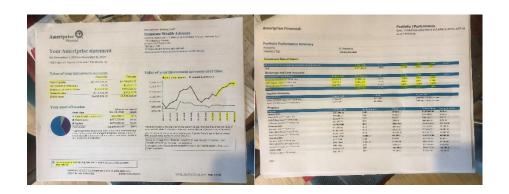
Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoedl: Treasurer Andy sent out the Dec. 31, 2024 statement see attached. Motion made by Mike Sundstrom to approve. Seconded by Sylvia Reinhardt. Motion Approved by voice vote.

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,446,092.17 1,328,494.84 117,597.33 8.9% 8:20 AM Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, Inc 01/02/25

Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison Cash Basis As of December 31, 2024 Page 1



Ameriprise Financial Funds – Jim Huenergarde see statements below.



Budget approval: A budget copy was not available. Lion Jim Huenergarde present information to the quorum of directors present. Lion Vern Failor made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Don Cunningham seconded the motion and the budget was approved by voice vote. See attached budget.

Committee Reports:

Kansas Sight First – Terry Weldin: See attached written report

CHILD VISION SCREENING Committee Report: Lions KidSight USA 1-18-2025

There are Lions United Vision Event going on this week in the United States to celebrate the 100 year commitment of Lions to support those individuals in need of assistance with their vision needs. Lions in MD 17 have participated in vision screening events during this week.

17K

These are the number of vision screenings in the 6 months to 6 years category since the last report:

545 screened with 93 referrals.



KSLSF Report 2025-01-16 Saving Sight Report.pdf

Eyeglass Collection – Mike Sundstrom. Mike reported the status of the eyeglass collection and the storage unit. Report added later.

KLSF Report Used Eyeglass program

MD17 Eyeglass Collection Chair Michael Sundstrom

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I expect with a larger facility we wouldn't need to have as many trips from Indiana. I might need to discuss this space issue. Because I'm going to be ordering box flats (large and small) which I'll fill up half of the room with this stock. Room, I don't have right now.

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State Fair – Vern Failor (Director's, please help and collect gloves. He needs small, medium, large, and x-large) Note: one size fits all doesn't work.

Old Business:

Welch Allyn RetinaVue 700 Screener (for adults) Update – Deb stated we will be researching this further. On Monday, January 13th a Zoom Meeting was scheduled with Maryellen Okeefe-Smith of School Health. She talked about the screener providing valuable information regarding how to use the screener and the advantages of the screener. We asked many questions; she had good answers. Knowing we had concerns; she stated the Oklahoma Lions are having great success with this screener and also the Syracuse NY Lions. She provided information for the Oklahoma Lions and Syracuse Lions; Deb has reached out but has not heard back from either to date. We expect to have meetings in the near future to pursue the RetinaVue 700 screener. To provide a screener for all three districts totaled \$37,800 (\$11,325 for screener and \$1,275 for a one-year support). Additional equipment such as a stand for the screener, Maryellen quoted \$1200 per stand. Another concern is the need for a professional to read the results of the test. More information will be provided at our next meeting.

Knight of Sight Pins – Terry Weldin has the pins and Treasurer Andy will notify him when pins need to be sent out to individuals. A donation of \$100 to KLSF.

Fundraiser Idea's – discussed a Broom and Mop program, no one seemed interested. We need to have a fundraiser, if you have idea's please share.

KLSF Brochure Completed – Deb; brochures were provided to DG's and Vern for the State Fair. A digital copy was emailed to the DG's, 1VDG's, 2VDG's, and CC. Deb will email a digital copy KLSF Lions.

Polo Shirts for Foundation Lions: DG Margy Sundstrom volunteered to do research on this. Little interest was expressed by director who were present. Deb believes the foundation should have polo's or shirts.

Scholarships Update - Dr. Steven Cauble stated that this was moving along with the Kansas Optometric Association starting to accept names of applicants for the scholarships. He will report to the foundation as two (2) students are selected to receive the scholarships. Remember, these scholarships are being paid by the funds received for the Solar Eclipse Glasses. Dr. Bill Witt and Dr. Kendall Krug were major donors for the Solar Eclipse Glasses.

Wear it Wednesday Reminder – Deb (Flyer Attached): All of the Directors should seek opportunities for wearing our Lions gear on Wednesdays. Share our photos with Eric Strimple so that he can post them.

New Business:

Audio Reader Presentation: Representatives of Audio Reader; Felly, Meredith, and Martha were present. They provided information about their 2024 Audio Reader Listeners, great information. A check for \$20,000 was presented to Felly, Executive Director. They were very thankful for our continued partnership in the efforts to provide their program to so many visually impaired persons.

Recognition (s) by Deb & Gene: Dr. Kendall Krug was presented with an award (plaque) and Lions International Presidential Certificate w/LI President's pin. Gene recognized Dr. Krug and Dr. William Witt for their valuable monetary support in the 2023-24 Solar Eclipse Program. Gene also stated an Optometric Scholarship in his name has been established with the Kansas Optometric Association. Dr. Bill Witt will also have a scholarship established in his name but is unable to be with us today. Deb will present Dr. Witt with his plaque and Lions International Presidential Certificate/LI President's pin at his club meeting.

PID Gene was recognized for his many years of service as President of KLSF. Deb presented Gene with a beautiful wooden box and LI Presidential Certificate w/LI President's pin. Gene thanked the foundation.

Presentation of Kansas Vision Coalition Award – Jim; received the award November 8th in Wichita. (Thank you to Jim, Randy St. Aubyn, and Sylvia Reinhart for attending the Kansas Vision Symposium)

Claude Devorss Fellow – Deb received brochures from Dan Funke. The brochure will be provided to the foundation members to share with all Lions they talk to or meet. Deb has to make more copies, have to check if an update of the brochure is necessary.

Sponsor a Stride's Walk for Diabetes's at 2025 State Convention – TBD.

Announcements:

Upcoming KanLovKids events: Celebrate Access: Braille and Beyond; January 30th at KSSB, 1100 State Avenue, Kansas City KS and February 6th in Wichita at Northridge Friends Church, 2655 N. Bullinger. Volunteers are needed, Director's if you can attend either date, please help. See attached flyers.

Vern Failor made a motion that he be allowed to provide some outdated and unwanted property to a Lions Club that is wanting a trade-in to get a\$1000 reduction in price on a new SPOT Screener. Darold Grauerholtz seconded the motion and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Adjournment:

Next KLSF Meeting is May 30th, Double Tree at Airport, Wichita. Mark your Calendar!

Special Meeting at 3:15pm on Jan. 18, 2025 to approve KanLovKids additional \$10,000

The BOD did not include the funding for the additional \$10,000 request for KanLovKids program. We had another meeting at 3:15pm attended by directors Deb Weaverling, Jim Huenergarde, Darold Grauerholtz, Vern Failor, Rick Dodson, Mike Sundstrom, Richard Caldwell, Don Cunningham, Gene Allen and Eric Strimple by phone. Motion by Rick Dodson and seconded by Mike Sundstrom. Quorum of 10 directors all in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes of KLSF Zoom Meeting on 1-24-2023

Pres. Deb Weaverling called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Sec. Terry received motion to approve the Cataract Support Request by David Davis which was seconded by Vic Martin.

Considerable discussion happened. Sec. Terry requested that the email votes in favor of the motion be counted and there were no email votes opposing the request. This request was granted by the directors in attendance.

Motion was approved with votes by Sylvia Reinhardt, Darold Grauerholtz, David Davis, Vic Martin, Eric Strimple, Vern Failor, Rick Dodson, Richard Webster, Mike Sundstrom, Don Sefers, Gene Allen, Jim Huenergarde,

After the approval there was considerable discussion about the need for more information to be shared with Kansas Lions regarding the cataract program specifics.

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**The next Kansas Lions State Cabinet Meeting will be held in Wichita on May 29 -31

CC Pam Bilyeu – Do I have a motion to adjourn this Kansas Lions State Cabinet Meeting?

Margy Sundstrom 17 A- I move to adjourn.

Diana Baumann DG 17 K- I second the motion.

CC Pam Bilyeu – Is there any more discussion? All in favor say "I", Opposed "Nay".

This Kansas Lions State Council Meeting is adjourned.