



# Minutes

**First Council of Governors Meeting  
August 12, 2023  
Wingate by Wyndham Wichita Airport, Wichita, Ks**

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#### PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Dr. William "Bill" Wunder (1995-1996)  
Cluade DeVorss (1964-1965)  
Charles Hatton (1932-1933)

#### INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Deb Weaverling (2021-2023)

#### PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

Bill Phillipi (2015-2017)  
Ann Smarsh (2009-2011)  
Ernie Young Jr. (2004-2006)  
Ed McCormick (2000-2002)  
Gene Vogel (1997-1999)  
Dr. William "Bill" Wunder (1989-1991)  
Robert "Bob" Tonjes (1987-1989)  
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Chester Francis (1973-1975)  
Cluade DeVorss (1957-1959)  
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## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 17 OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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### Minutes of the First Council of Governors Meeting for August 12, 2023 Wichita, KS

**Council Chair Lori Horton** called the Council Meeting to order at 3:30 pm. All members of the Council of Governors were present. 17K – DG Don Keihl, 17A – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom and 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu

**CC Lori Horton** welcomed everyone to the meeting

**DG Pam Bilyeu** led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DG Acting DG Margy Sundstrom** gave the invocation.

**CC Lori Horton** introduced the current council: 17K – DG Don Keihl, 17A – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom, and 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu.

**CC Lori Horton** asked the International Family present for comments. PID Deb Weaverling, PID Bill Phillipi and PID Ed McCormick.

**CC Lori Horton** introduced the following Vice DGs: 17K – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG Diana Baumann, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG 17A – Margy Sundstrom, and 17 – N 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Shari Neidhardt. 17K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG Louis Morgan, 17A – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG Irene Haws, and 17N – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG Ron Colbert

**CC Lori Horton** asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**Council Action:** 17K – DG Don Keihl moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 17A – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Parliamentarian PDG Governor Michael Sundstrom** read the following report. 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 must be recognized by the Council Chairperson first. Upon recognition by 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.

## **2021-2022 Year End Reports**

**CC Lori Horton** asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Fourth State Council Meeting of 2021-2022.

**Council Action:** 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu moved to approve the minutes as presented. 17K – DG Tom Don Keihl seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

**Treasurer Report** - PCC Hans Neidhardt, treasurer, presented the 2022-2023 Treasurer Report.

This report is on file at the State Office

**Council Action** – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 17K – DG Pam Bilyeu seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

**Budget and Finance** – PDG Tom Baumann reported he felt the year went well and complemented treasurer Hans on his hard work.

**2203 State Convention** – PCC Diana Baumann reported that the convention was well attended with 193 in attendance plus 30 boy/girl scouts. International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori were wonderful guests and fantastic speakers! We toured the ARC Park, which is a new park for all children but especially those with special needs. Kansas Lions Sight Foundation donated \$10,000 to the project and the tour was very informational!

Kansas Lions Band put on a fantastic concert held at the beautiful Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center. Great job Lions Band and thank you to all the sponsors!

A representative from each District gave a presentation and all were very good and greatly appreciated.

A new approach was tried at the Midnight Ranch and not having to walk long distances to rooms were appreciated. We look forward to them paving the parking lot in the future! We enjoyed the clubs that provided a meal and breakfast. The food was great, and the caterers were much cheaper than the high dollar meals at the hotels.

The auction items will soon be online to bid on. The proceeds will go to the Boy Scouts who served us so well. They have 20-year-old tents that badly need replaced. Thank you for your help with this.

Thank you for coming. Hays loved having you as guests!

### **International Convention 2023**

Kansas Lions from each district attended the International Convention in Boston. The convention was well organized, and registration was much easier than in prior years. We saw many friends from all over the world and enjoyed the sessions and entertainment. We marched in the parade and had a great time enjoying the city of Boston.

PCC Hans Neidhardt was welcomed as a new International Director as ID Deb Weaverling completed her time serving in that same capacity. Thank you for representing the state of Kansas so well and good luck Hans in your journeys over the next two years!

## **2022-23 LCIF Report – PDG Rick Dodson presented the following report:**

Greetings from your MD 17 LCIF Coordinator Team for 2023-2024: PDG Rick Dodson (MD), PCC Randy St. Auburn and PDG Kathie Bell (17-K), PID Deb Weaverling and Lion Caroline Arter (17-A), and PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N).

From July 22-25, the LCIF Team (minus Caroline Arter) attend the LCIF Strategy Session in Rosemont, IL. In addition to getting very motivated to meet assigned LCIF goals, we learned myriad functional things about our jobs and shared a lot of creative ideas about fundraising. I think the District Governors will see a new level of motivation from our Coordinators.

At the Session, we were given our LCIF fundraising goals for this year. Those are provided on the separate handout. We were asked to set some MD level goals during the Session. You had probably already set your district goals for the year before we attended the Session, so I hope the following goals can fit into your district efforts this year.

- Continue to pursue historical efforts to raise LCIF funds oriented on past successes and increased funds by achieving:
  - a. MD goal of \$112,455 (assigned by LCIF).
  - b. Club participation goal of 66%.
  - c. Individual participation of 7%.
  - d. Focus on clubs that historically give.
  - e. Focus on MJF/PMJF in clubs to influence other members.
  - f. Encourage donation recognition with Presidential LCIF supporters (share pins).

Our Coordinator Team also develop some action steps to help us achieve these goals. Your DCs can discuss those with you separately. We hope to have an LCIF presence at all conventions this year, and ask for your enthusiastic support. If there is any information you need, please contact your DC or myself.

## **2023 State Band report – PCC Hans Neidhardt, State Band Chair, presented the following report:**

Our band student attendance numbers continue to rebound. This year we had 182 students representing 73 schools. Dr. Lillpopp and the folks at Fort Hays State University did an amazing job to host the camp. The students were very happy to be able to eat their meals in the same location as their assigned dorm. The Friday night Jazz Band and Ensemble performance really had the audience in tune. On Saturday, the full band concert once again received a standing ovation and the guest director (International President Brian Sheehan) also made an impact on students and audience alike. During the Friday night event, we recognized two of our students as “Fifth Year Returnees.” Lansing High School Senior Parker Edwards (trumpet) and Clearwater High School Senior Tegan Zimmerman (Tenor Sax) became our 22nd and 23rd Senior – Seniors”.

## **The 2023-2024 Reports**

### **District Governor Reports**

#### **District K – DG Don Keihl**

**District Governor:** Donald Keihl

**District:** 17-K

**Date:** August 12, 2023

**Number of Clubs:** 66      **Number of Lions:** 1235      **Net Gain/Loss:** -9

**Status Quo Clubs:** 0      **Cancelled Clubs:** 2      **Problem Clubs:** 1

**Date to Remember:** **District Convention:** March 15-16, 2024

**Official visits to Date:** 00

**Goals:** 2 New Clubs; 2 branch clubs; 200 New Members by June 30, 2024

**Health of the District:** **GOOD**

**The Good News:** District K has a governor, 1st-vice governor, 2nd-vice governor, a GAT team, and 9 zone chairpersons for this Lion Year. We have established a plan for training district and club officers and to improve communications between district and club officers. A GMA plan to retain and recruit club members, develop new clubs, and add branch clubs is in the development stage.

**The Bad News:** My review of District K LCI reports of club reporting monthly MMR and service projects needs to be improved. I have heard several different reasons why. However, the complaints with service reporting are most prevalent and has caused discontent using MyLCI or MyLion. The cancelled clubs were reported July 29, 2023 but all members were dropped in June 2023. The problem club occurred in July 2023, and I am working with the club to resolve their predicament.

**"It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something."** FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

**District A – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom**

<b>Number of Clubs:</b> 72	<b>Number of Lions:</b> 1,483	<b>Net Gain/Loss:</b> -4
<b>Status Quo Clubs:</b> 0	<b>Cancelled Clubs:</b> 0	<b>Problem Clubs:</b> still process of determining

**Date to Remember:** District Convention - April 13 & 14 – details to follow

Official Visits to Date: zero

**Goals:** 82% of clubs will report their service projects, 2 new clubs with 40 charter members, will induct at least 34 new members to existing clubs, and not surpass 10 dropped members.

**Health of the District:** good

I have been busy the last few weeks getting our district cabinet and committees in place and got all that information to the State Secretary. I have just started working on the other aspects of what I need to be doing in our district. I am happy that our first district newsletter has gone out. I hope to have a more precise report at our next council meeting.

Submitted by ADG Margy Sundstrom

**District N – Pam Bilyeu**

<b>Club Count:</b> 68	<b>Lion Member Count:</b> 1439	<b>Net Gain/Loss:</b> -6
<b>DG Visits:</b> 0	<b>VDG Visits:</b> 1	

**District 17-N Calendar:**

1 <sup>st</sup> District Cabinet Meeting	August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Burlington, KS
2 <sup>nd</sup> District Cabinet Meeting	November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Towanda
3 <sup>rd</sup> District Cabinet Meeting	February 17 <sup>th</sup>	ZOOM
DISTRICT 17-N CONVENTION	March 1-2	Ottawa
4 <sup>th</sup> District Cabinet Meeting	June 22	Newton

**District 17-N Goals:**

**Membership** – By June 30, 2024 District 17-N will have a net gross total of 50 new lions.

Charter two new Lions clubs with 20 new Lions each.

District Membership challenge to encourage clubs to actively seek new members

**Leadership Development:** - 100% Zone Chairs complete training-50% have already completed  
80% Club Officers attend some training

District will offer Club Orientation training – 50% of the clubs will offer new member orientation

DG monthly roundtable with Zone Chairs

**Service** – by June 30, 2024 90% of the District 17-N clubs will report service on My Lion

Provide training on new website

Monitor and contact non-compliant clubs to offer assistance

**LCIF** Goal for 2023 -2024 is \$40,000.00

Offer opportunities for clubs to donate during Governor visits and take up collection

**Leo Clubs** – Develop two new Leo Clubs, one is in the beginning stages in Lyndon

Also spotlighting Leos more on the District level they are our future Lions

**District Environmental Challenge** – Challenge clubs to do a new environment project and they will receive a District Environment Award plus have their project displayed at the District Convention with the Convention Attendees voting for their favorite to receive the District Environmental Challenge People Choice Award.

Concerns – Need one more Zone chair, and Childhood Cancer Chair to complete the cabinet.

**High Points:**

Going to the International Convention in Boston

1st District Cabinet meeting is being hosted by the Burlington Lions next Saturday in Burlington, KS.

I will be attending the Zone 12 Watermelon feed

Club visits will increase with more clubs starting back up after summer break

I will be attending the USA/CANADA Forum in Reno next month

**Treasurer's Report - PCC Hans Neidhardt, State Treasurer:** Hans stated there was no report as the budget had not been approved at this time.

**Audit - PCC DeAnne Heersche – No Report**

**Budget and Finance –** PID Han Neidhardt presented the proposed 2023-2024 Budget for MD17. The budget committee recommends the passage of the budget for 2023-24.

**Council Action** 17N DG Pam Bilyeu made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. 17K – DG Don Keihl seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

**Constitution, Bylaws, and SOP's –** Mike Sundstrom: No meeting was scheduled and there is no report.

**Environmental –** No report – committee did not meet.

**International Convention 2023 – Diana Baumann, Chair:** PID Diane Hentges reported that all members of the committee were present (Diana Baumann, Diane Hentges, and ID Deb Weaverling). We had quite a few guests with great ideas who attended as well.

International Convention was July 7-11, 2023 in Boston, MA. The Kansas delegation did march in the parade, PCC Han Neidhardt was elected as aa International Director.

#### **GLT, GMT, GST, GET Programs**

**GLT –** PID Bill Phillipi and Deb Weaverling, Chairpersons – Second Vice and First Vice Governors met for training at the State Office on Friday. They will be given a lot of information to study and will get more training at Mid-Winter Rally,

**GMT – Richard Caldwell, Chair:** I might be early in reporting of facts and figures due to the opening of the new Lions Year. Clubs are organizing to begin the year. I am getting my information from the Club Health Assessment Reports from Lions International. Right now, most Clubs are reporting the same numbers as at the close of the 2022-2023 Year. I hope we can be more current to help me keep track of actual numbers. However, we do have clubs reporting with some numbers. About 10 Clubs have shown growth from the last report from June 2023.

Right now, I would like to present goals for the Global Membership Team Chair for the Lions Year 2023-2024 in Multiple District 17.

I will support Districts and Clubs as they go about to maintain a positive growth throughout the year.

If given the opportunity I will keep the districts informed of their membership numbers by district newsletters, Facebook, and other means of communication.

I will support the function of the Global Extension Team in MD17 as they seek the possibilities of new Lions Clubs.

I would like to begin a project to encourage recruitment and retention for the Clubs in the State. It involves recognizing a Club with the highest percentage of growth in each of four quarters of the Lions Year. I will be keeping track of the Clubs in the State with help of the GMT in each of the Districts and using the monthly Club Health Assessment Reports. The Club with the highest percentage per quarter will receive the highest club will

receive an 18-inch, reflective Lions highway sign that can be posted anywhere that is chosen. If that Club does not accept the sign, they can pass it forward to another Lions Club. If there is a tie, I will go to using the earliest recruitment of a new member for that quarter in those Clubs.

I will encourage clubs to use their monthly membership report. This will provide me as the GMT the ability to obtain numbers in order to accomplish my duty and to maintain the Quarterly Membership Project.

As well as encourage membership growth in each Club and District, I will also emphasize orientation for new members.

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**GST:** Carlene Rajala, Chair Lions Clubs of Multiple District 17 will continue to focus on the LI goals of **hunger, vision, environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes**, as well as the LCIF programs to **support youth, humanitarian causes and disaster response**.

Priority will be given to RECORDING the activities on the Lions website.

There will be service activities for each of the State Council Meetings.

1) August Council Meeting: local service activities are being scheduled.

2) October Council Meeting: 17-N's GST Lion Debra Funke will again help set up the creation of the veterans' flag banners for Mid-Winter Rally.

3) Mid-Winter Rally: suggestions??

4) State Convention: ALERT Trailer's needs.

The "Awareness of Human Trafficking and Exploitation" Program is still evolving. Watch for more information.

District GST's this year are 17-K PCC Randy St. Aubyn

17-A PCC Diane Hentges

17-N Lion Debra Funke

Please contact one of the team members if you have suggestions or comments.

**GET: PCC Harry Stockwell – No report**

**Historical Committee – PDG Chris Bauer – No Report**

**K-I - PID Ed McCormick, Chair:** brought the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Present were PID Ed McCormick, District Chair Lion Vickie Phillipi, ID Hans Neidhardt, IPID Deb Weaverling, PID Bill Phillipi, PID Gene Vogel, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Shari Neidhardt, Ron Weaverling, Linda McCormick, Gary O'Neal, Mary Vogel, and Marge Zakoura-Vaughan.

Voting Members of this committee are: PID Ed McCormick, PDG Marvin Greenberg, and Vickie Phillipi. Member PDG Marvin Greenberg was unable to attend this meeting.

IPID Deb Weaverling shared her experiences over her two-year term as International Director. She would like to implement some of the wonderful projects that she saw during her visits to other states. She would like to see the roles of District Governor, Vice District Governor, zone chairs, and regional chairs to be delineated and implemented in our Lion service. One of our goals should be to meet the Club Excellence Award standards. Her name has been brought up to the possibility of running for Third International Vice President. Ron Weaverling shared what he believes are Deb's strengths and his support of his spouse. Deb thanked everyone for their support over the last few years.

ID Hans Neidhardt shared his expenses that he incurred presenting his candidacy for International Director. Gifts that he will be giving over the course of the next two years were detailed along with the support of his spouse, 17N First VDG Shari Neidhardt. ID Hans also shared the experiences that he had during his first Board Meeting.

The Budget for the K-I committee will be covered in the Treasurer's Report.

Lion Vickie Phillipi made a motion to endorse PID Dr. Manoj Shah of Kenya for Third International Vice President. PID Ed McCormick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Council Action:** 17A Acting DG Margy Sundstrom made the motion to endorse PID Dr. Manoj Shah of Kenya for Third International Vice President. Second by 17N Pam Bilyeu. Motion approved 3-0.

**Lions LCIF Programs – PDG Rick Dodson, Chair:** - No Report at this time. See 2022-2023 Report.

**Lions Health Programs Lion Vern Failor** - Are you ready to “Change the World” as IP Patti Hill has said “Change comes One Step at a Time.” We change the world one life, one relationship, one community at a time. **Is your Lions Club ready for the challenge?** To help you with this challenge the Lions Health Program LHP will be supplying articles to all of the DG’s newsletters on health issues as indicated by the LCI’s monthly event calendar. We ask that each Lions Club use these topics to plan programs for the year. We hope these will be helpful in planning your Lions Club programs.

**Here is the LCI Event Calendar for Lions year 2023/24.**

August	No cause listed	January	Hunger Awareness Month
September	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month 15 <sup>th</sup> International Childhood Cancer Day
October	Vision Awareness Month	March 23	Diabetes Alert Day
November	Diabetes Awareness Month Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> Diabetes Awareness Day	April	Environmental Awareness Month
December	No Cause Listed	May	Strengthen Membership Month

There is a Kindness Award from LCI. Has anyone read the Health Program article in the DG’s Newsletters to learn more about this award?

LCI has lots of information on all of the subjects listed above, just go to lionsclubs.org and look for it. If you need help Lion Vern will be glad to help you. Just contact him.

The Lions Health Program team has VSP certificates available. They are for any Lions Club in the multi-district. If you want a certificate please contact **(email)** Lion Vern with the following information.

1. Name and Date of Birth of the recipient
2. Postal Zip Code of the recipient,
3. Name of the Lion making the request and mailing address of that Lion.

These are worth \$250.00 to a club, but are **FREE** for the asking.

These certificates are presented from **your** Lions Club; **you** will need to explain the process for using the certificate to your client and you will receive a list of vision service companies where the certificate can be redeemed. The certificates cannot be emailed as each has a different serial number and cannot be copied.

**These certificates must be used by April 4, 2024 so please ask for them.**

The Kansas Yellow Dot is still alive and well; just ask Lion Vern for information.

Dist. A Lion Vern Failor	<a href="mailto:vfailor@gmail.com">vfailor@gmail.com</a>	785 272 6102
Dist. N Lion Ferne Evans	<a href="mailto:fuzzywuzzyonelci@gmail.com">fuzzywuzzyonelci@gmail.com</a>	785 845 4755

**Long Range Planning** – Chairperson Rick Dodson - The LRP Committee met by Zoom on Aug 7, 23. Chairperson Rick Dodson hosted the meeting. Committee members present: Dodson, PID Ed McCormick, PCC Diana Baumann, 2VDG Lou Morgan, and Lion Ron Weaverling. Guests present: CC Lori Horton, PID Deb Weaverling, DG Pam Bilyeu, DG Don Keihl, and State Secretary PDG Dan Funke.

PID Ed provided a perspective on what should be considered long range planning rather than routine immediate action by one of the MD offices or committees. PID Ed said that, historically, the committee looked



at activities/functions/changes at least five years in the future to project what we can do to positively impact Kansas Lions.

The first topic of discussion was about the Strategic Vision that the Committee developed and is provided in the MD Lions Quick Reference Guide (QRG). The focus of the discussion was whether the LRP had any responsibility to implement or coordinate the implementation of any actions to support the vision. The consensus of the committee is that the committee serves as an advisory agent and generally does not have the resources to implement state-wide programs. However, one project that the LRP can assist with immediately is something to supplement the QRG by organizing handout packets from the following foundations/agencies to provide to DG Teams to give to clubs during visitations. The goal is to have the packets ready for the DGs by the October Council Meeting.

- LCIF (Dodson)
- KLF, KLSF, KLBF
- Kansas Lions Band
- Kansas School for the Blind
- KSDS, Leaders Dogs
- Audio Reader
- State Lions Health Programs

A second discussion topic was the use of PDGs at State and district levels. Some action items are being developed and will be shared by the next Council meeting.

We will try to have our next committee meeting in conjunction with the Second Council Meeting.

**Mid-Winter Rally – PID Bill Phillipi, Chair:** Mid-Winter Rally will be held January 19-21, 2024 in Junction City at Courtyard by Marriott. The Speaker will be PID Debra Wasserman.

#### **Public Relations - Eric Tweedy, Chair**

1. District Facebook
  - a. Naming structure  
Kansas Lions 17K – Kansas Lions 17A – Kansas Lions 17N
  - b. Access  
Admins need to be public relations members
  - c. Content  
Lions content only
2. State Facebook
  - a. Access  
State Council Chair Lori, State Secretary Dan, State Public Relations Chair Eric, and Instagram admin Amanda Treadwell
  - b. Content  
Lions content only
3. Instagram
  - a. Launching at the state level  
Amanda Treadwell launched and is managing
4. LinkedIn
  - a. Launching at the state level  
Eric Strimple will launch and manage
5. Website
  - a. District
  - b. State  
I strongly encourage all the webmasters to work with their district governors and ensure the websites are accurate and user friendly not only for Lions, but for the public

6. PR SOPs (draft by Oct council meeting)
  - a. District

Meeting takeaway – Statewide training is needed on making and maintaining a club website. Training has also been requested on Facebook and Instagram. I will be working with the public relations team on these items.

**State Convention 2023 - PID Deb Weaverling: Chair:** The next State Convention will be in Lawrence, May 31 – June 1, 20124 **International President Patti Hill is planning to be our Special Guest.** The band will be at Baker University.

**State and International Band – PCC Hans Neidhardt, Chair:** For Lion Shari and I, this was our 19th band camp and an opportunity to return to the same campus as our first camp in 2003. Now Lion Shari and I start planning our final band camp, as we look ahead, returning to Baker University next May. If all works as planned, our grandson will be one of the five-year returnees, an excellent way to end our multiple terms in charge of the Kansas Lions Band Program. We are ready to turn over the reins to a couple of younger band members (one being a high school director), to see where the band can go in the future. In closing, Shari and I just want to express our sincere gratitude for the support given by the Kansas Lions, not only to us, the band program, but each and every student which have been part of this wonderful adventure.



**State Office – Lori Horton, Chair:** The state office is doing some building maintenance to preserve the integrity and looks of the state office building. All International Directors and Presidents have their pictures hung in the office now. Thank you to the K-I committee for providing the funds for the project.

#### **Kansas Lions Foundation – President PCC Diane Hentges - Zoom Meeting, July 25, 2023**

The meeting of the Kansas Lions Foundation was called to order by President PCC Diane Hentges at 7:02pm. Attending were President PCC Diane Hentges (17-A); Vice President Lion Cheryl Kerns; Secretary PDG Kathie Bell; Treasurer PCC Helen LeBlanc, Assistant Treasurer PDG Dan Funke; Directors IPCC Randy St. Aubyn (17-K), (17-N), PCC David Hentges and Jess Larison (17-N). There was a quorum. There were a number of guests and committee chairs attending.

Cheryl Kerns moved the agenda be approved and David Hentges seconded. The motion carried.

The minutes from the June 2, 2023 meeting had been distributed. Cheryl Kerns moved the minutes be approved and Helen LeBlanc seconded. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Dan Funke. An audit is pending. The Foundation still needs to return about \$3,500 in grant money not spent to LCIF. The KLF treasury has a record amount of money. Helen LeBlanc has been visiting the State Office regularly to get up to speed on the duties of treasurer. Software needs to be purchased for her. Helen LeBlanc moved the report be approved and Cheryl Kerns seconded. The motion carried.

Next on the agenda were committee reports.

Only one Leo attended the Leos USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

There were no reports from Quest and Peace Poster. PDG Richard Caldwell will be the Peace Poster chair.

PCC Harry Stockwell reported all Youth Exchange are here. He is at a baseball game with two students from Spain. Another one from Finland has also arrived. He expects more students will participate next year and host families will be needed.

Dan Funke will inventory the contents of the ALERT trailer in Wichita. Expired items will be donated to charity. Currently the biggest needs are for adult socks and children's underwear. ALERT will apply for a \$25,000 grant from LCIF once the Andover grant is closed.

There have been no \$250 KLAT grants in the last three months. This program consists mostly of furnishing Walmart (or other store) cards to individual families. The Foundation has enough funds for grants for three more families. This is an area of need since when the colder months arrive more families will probably need this assistance.

Lion Ron Weaverling is chairing the Public Relations committee. He was absent because he was delayed getting back from the LCIF meeting in Chicago.

Helen LeBlanc has had health issues and will work on fundraising in the future.

The next Kansas Lions Foundation board meeting will be in McPherson on October 21, 2023.

At 7:29pm the meeting adjourned.

#### **Kansas Lions Band Foundation: PDG Willie Tolle, President**

The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their first directors meeting, Saturday August 12, 2023.

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:**

Lori reported that everything is in order and the fence is being worked on by us and the neighbor.

#### **State & International band report:**

There were 182 students in attendance at the band camp in Hays. They questioned whether the flyer had been updated and were informed that an update had taken place. We approved a request for \$8000 to cover the cost of band camp and the KMEA booth in 2024. The band will be at Baker University this year with the cost remaining at \$250.

#### **Old business:**

1. Reviewed the pig raffle. \$1,385 was collected. A little more than ½ the tickets were sold.

#### **New business:**

1. PCC Bobby is looking into a new pin.
2. Mid-Winter Rally was discussed and auction will be held as per normal.
3. Pig raffle was again brought up and a couple of locations will be investigated.
4. PDG Willie brought up an idea suggested to him by a younger parent, who is also a past band participant, to have a QR code for donations at the concert as younger people don't carry cash and would be more likely to donate.
5. Other fundraising ideas were brought up but no suggestions were made.

**Suggestions:** Start requesting and gathering items to be auctioned at the MWR.

**Kansas Lions Sight Foundation - PID Gene Vogel, President:** Your Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, met in Salina Kansas on Sunday August 6 in person and Zoom.

Financial report of 7/31/2023 was accepted. Total cash on hand \$1,272,468.90

The investment report was presented by Lions Jim Huenergarde. Documents available on request.

A discussion was held regarding notice of officers pending nomination was held.

Solar Eclipse report, 32, 910 solar glasses have been ordered. 4,600 was given to Lion Scott Helmke for potential sales to a couple of organizations in the Wichita area. 2,000 are pending orders. This leaves 17,090 left in inventory.

The main purpose of the meeting was to inform the new committees of their duties and activities expected.

The State Fair report was given by Lion Vern Failor. He stated that most of the volunteer positions have been filled, however there are some that need to be filled. There is also a need for a nurse volunteer for one day. If you can help in filling these positions it would be appreciated.

A discussion was held on the Eye Bank and the need for organ donations.

A discussion was held on what new projects the foundation could do.

Medical Aid for vision problems, Optometry Scholarships, Audio Aids in Parks, Continuing the Screening at the Kansas State Fair, and Diabetes Camp.

Additional suggestions are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned.

In other actions since the MD-17 convention:

The financial committee approved moving \$50,000 from the Commerce Bank Account into a 6-month Saving Certificate paying 5.05%. If needed, these funds would be available for our January distribution of funds for projects.

The Indiana Lions picked up approximately 40,000 used eyeglasses from the Topeka storage facility. Thanks to Lion Scott Helmke for bringing the glasses collected in Wichita to Topeka and Lion Vern Failor for loading the used eyeglasses.

The Saturday after emptying the storage, PCC Randy St Aubyn brought 5,000 pair of finished glasses from the Hutchinson Corrections Facility.

Thanks to all Lions for their efforts in vision services throughout the year.

For your foundation Board of Directors

### **Adjournment**

**Council Action:** 17K DG Don Keihl – I move that we adjourn. 17A Acting Governor Margy Sundstrom - I second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.