

**State Council Meeting of MD 17
Minutes January 24, 2026
Zoom Meeting**

Call to Order	CC Shari Neidhardt
Welcome Remarks.....	CC Shari Neidhardt
Flag Salute.....	DG Lou Morgan
Invocation	DG Irene Haws
Introduction of State Council 2025-2026	CC Shari Neidhardt
Introductions/Remarks Past International Family	CC Shari Neidhardt
Introduction of Vice District Governors 2025-2026	CC Shari Neidhardt
Adoption of Agenda	CC Shari Neidhardt

DG Irene Haws 17A – I move for the adoption of the Kansas Lions State Council

Agenda

DG Clark Lindstrom 17N – I second the motion.

CC Shari– Discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Pass/Fail

Parliamentarian.....	PDG Chris Bauer
Approve Minutes 2nd State Council Meeting 2025	CC Shari Neidhardt

Lou Morgan 17K – I move to approve the minutes of the 2nd State Council Meeting

Irene Haws DG 17A – I second the motion.

CC Shari – Discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Pass/Fail

Treasurer’s Report December 2025	IPID Hans Neidhardt
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CC Shari Neidhardt – Hans is not here because of another meeting. The report is here if anyone needs to see it. The report was sent out to all Governors and committees.

Irene Haws DG 17A – I move to approve the Treasurers report.

Clark Lindstrom DG 17N – I second the motion

CC Shari – Discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Pass/Fail

District Governor Reports and Goals	District Governors
17 N	DG Clark Lindstrom

As of the December 31,2025 the Lions International Club Health Assessment report for the number of District 17 N Clubs is still 67, but the Lebo Club is technically cancelled by Lions International.

The total membership count dropped from 1360 to 1,288 after 44 added new members, with 109 members dropped. This ended the month with negative 65 members or negative 4.8%. 20 Clubs had negative net growth as of the first half of the Lion year. 60% of the District Clubs have less than 20 members. 30 Clubs had no change in membership. On the positive side, 5 clubs had increases in membership. For example, the new Augusta Servant Club has a 13.64% YTD net membership growth because they are engaged in new service projects in the community, they strive for a diverse membership and have a continuous active membership recruitment effort in place. The Clearwater Club has had 10.5% growth. Humbolt has had 8.3% growth. The Derby and Fredonia Clubs have 4% growth. We continue to hang onto the district goal to increase membership by at least +1 by the end of June if we can start at least two new club of 20 members each and 10 new members each in our three club rebuilds. Every member needs to recruit at least one new member this year. Our #1 duty is to share the word about Lionism to people we know and meet to grow the Association.

To begin to address the significant drop in membership, this month, after a conversation with State Secretary Dan ,I asked GMT Richard Caldwell to submit a request to GMT State Chair Lion PDG Richard Baumann, then the State Budget and Finance Committee to reallocate budgeted GAT funds

to cover the cost of the \$35 Lions International new membership administrative fee for up to 20 new members Statewide. A similar State new membership marketing plan exists for new club formation. This would be only for existing Clubs statewide which have applied and been approved for rebuild by Lions International like the Potwin Club. We are the only District with an approved Club rebuild and we expect to promptly do the same for Maize and Hesston. This request is submitted and expected to be approved by the Governing Councilors later in the agenda. The lowering of the cost to join a Club may provide positive answers when people are asked to join Lions.

Just prior to the end of the month, LI confirmed arrangements to close the Lebo Club. Of the 10 members listed on the portal as remaining active members, only 5 were still alive or living in town. The two remaining Club leaders were convinced to pay the billed dues, which closed their bank account. They clearly communicated to me and Lions International that they were not continuing with the Club, reported members were not able meet to vote to close, and they did not want any further contact. LI acknowledged their written desire to close and once the Charter and any other club assets are returned, LI will officially cancel the Club.

Some good news is we continue efforts to start new clubs in Andover, Douglas, Oxford, El Dorado, Rose Hill, and talks have been made about a Boeing Club.

Further good news is we have Lion teams already formed to start Club rebuilds in the Potwin, Maize, and Hesston Clubs. The Potwin rebuild has been approved by Lions International just prior to the end of the year with PID Hans Neidhardt as the Guiding Lion. The Hesston Club rebuild plans are written to submit to Lions International and 2VDG Barbara Schattak will be the Guiding Lion. A week ago, we had a Hesston Club membership recruitment opportunity by collaborating on the successful pancake feed event with the high school booster club which easily served over 500 people. The Maize Club rebuild team has a meeting scheduled yet this month to develop plans to contact community leaders, city staff and leadership, as well as school district representatives to develop a membership recruitment plan and events with State Secretary Dan Funke as the guiding Lion. The goal is to get at least ten new members in each Club by June 30, 2026.

Clubs visited by me since the last Council Meeting are Marquette, Garnett, Independence, Carbondale, Ark City Early Birds, Madison, Caney, Hesston twice, Parsons, Altamont, and Galena Route 66/Baxter Springs jointly. Future Club visits scheduled thus far are Coffeyville, Neodesha, Lyndon, and Pittsburg.

1VDG Melanie Snider and PDG Ray Rothgeb have submitted an approximately \$60K LCIF Hunger grant at the end of November. We await word from LCIF, most likely in May of this year.

A standardized Lion Member Exit Interview Form has been implemented and PDG Richard Caldwell, as the District GMT, heads up that team effort to attempt to gather data that will hopefully help us to understand better how to stop the membership drop.

The DG team continues to survey Club membership satisfaction with the agreed upon form during official DG team visits. By the Lion year end, we hope to provide data about members responses to their present level of membership satisfaction, potentially develop membership retention ideas to be shared with Club leaders, and hopefully discover new ways to improve the district membership experience.

41% of District Clubs have reported service in the portal this fiscal year. This is better than last year, but we would like to see that number doubled, if we can. We continue to strongly encourage Club leaders to use the business sized card reporting form or contact Lion PDG Chris Bauer, District

Secretary/ Administrator for help. Thus far, there have been over 484 service activities which have served 116,532 people for 8,676 service hours. We Serve!

LCIF Club and personal donations are notably lower than this same time last year at \$10,044.26. The DG team continues to pass the “Bag of Bucks for LCIF at each official Club meeting with the goal of having every District Club donating something to LCIF.

Clubs and Zones continue to take donations for the Making Change for Diabetes collection jar campaign this year. The funds go to providing scholarships for teens to attend Camp Discovery summer camp.

Clubs with any new environmental project or service so far this year have until the end of the month to submit their entry form and a photo of the service project to GST Kathy Pratt to be entered to win an art quality Lion statue at the District Convention.

Lastly, I personally invite everyone make your reservation now for the District Convention in Goddard KS on the evening of February 27th and morning/early afternoon Saturday the 28th. We have a great, fun event planned so please plan to attend.

This concludes my report.

MD 17 N District Governor

17 K DG Lou Morgan

The district lost 1 club Natoma Lions Club

The Zone Chairs are making visits

We have added some new members in our District

Reminding the Clubs about donations and Service reporting and adding new members

Lincoln wants to join with Barnard

Been getting things ready for our District Convention in April

Let The Lions Train Roll On

DG Lou Morgan

17 A DG Irene Haws

Membership:

We continue to loose members faster than we gain new member and as of the December Report we are at a net -6 for Membership with a goal to be a net +1 by the end of June. GMT Eric Strimple and I visited about using the District Funds allocated to Membership to start a new membership campaign incentive now and not wait until the 4th quarter. We are pushing for 10% membership growth in each club (in most of our clubs that is 1 to 2 new members) with the incentive to reimburse the club the \$35.00 application fee for new members, effective Jan 15 to March 30.) See our AD in the 17A District Dialogue newsletter available on Kansaslions.org.

Retention becomes another issue as we do need to identify why people are not staying in the club. This is next on our list of things to tackle.

We lost another club recently, The Gypsum Club. 68 clubs now. The community is stagnating and the potential for rebuilding in that area isn't there. I will mail member Chevrons to the most recent president at the time they closed. Abilene Lions wanted to cancel their club by the end of December, they had 5 members. Zone Chair Bart Hettenbach and I spoke several times about the situation. Getting ahold of the club president took weeks. The portal did not have the correct address or phone number of the president/secretary. He had moved and the address and phone number was never

updated on the portal. Largely thanks to Bart we got a working phone number and I was able to convince two members to say and keep the club on the books with a plan to move forward with club rebuilding.

Bart and I met with Lease Duckwall, president/secretary of the Abilene Club and we had a strategy meeting. I used Lions Virtual Map2Grow to help develop a marketing strategy. We will meet again soon to formalize the plan.

Experience the Joy of Serving Mini-Membership Applications have been distributed by our Governor's team.

Extension:

I am very excited to be part of a New Club Charter Night on Feb. 21 with the Jackson County Lions Club. I have seen the Charter Member Certificates and a Brand New Charter ready for member signatures. This club started out as a Club Branch sponsored by the Sabetha Lions Club. As a club branch their focus was on vision screening and service to the whole county as there was no Lions Club in Jackson County. Largely promoted by PDG Terry Weldin. When I became Governor, they thought they were a branch, however the administrative paperwork and registration for the branch had not been done. A lack in communication on how to create the branch. This goes back to education and training. So I worked with Terry. The parent club made him a club administrator so he could have access and together we worked on the laptop following a Cabinet meeting to add the club branch to the parent club on the portal and assign the members that were I the branch to the branch. As DGs we were assigned the goal of starting one new club by October of this year. Pressure was on. I walked the streets on Downtown Holton KS together with Terry, promoting an Information night and inviting community members. Terry's personal connections and referrals from previous Holton Lions and friends of members made this happen. My goal was to hit 20 before December. We got the club application approved before the end of December so the branch members dues would not be charged to the parent club as they were now the Jackson County Lions Club.

Elsewhere, in Eudora, Ks Lion Eric Tweedy has been working to build a new club called the Pride and Purpose Cyber Lions Club. I encouraged him to add the 3 prospective members to the Eudora club and keep building membership until they hit 5 and could become a club branch, at least this way they could become members now, they had already been doing service but with volunteers and not Lions. They reached a total of 6 members that were part of the Eudora Lions now. Eric let me know they were ready to become a Club Branch. I worked with Eric Tweedy to get the Branch Application set up on the Portal. Eric Strimple was a member of the would-be branch but held the officer position on Marketing Chair in the Eudora club. So, you cannot be an officer of the parent club and be a member of the club branch. He had to end Eric Strimple's role as Marketing Director, so he was available in the portal to be added to the Club Branch. Lions International approved the Club Branch application and they are now an official club branch of the Eudora Lions Club known as the Pride and Purposed Cyber Lions Club Branch. Note: LCI requires a geographical reference, and this helps with the club locator. So, they technically are the Eudora Pride and Purpose Cyber Lions Club Branch. As a cyber club they want to welcome anyone from anywhere and prefer to go by the Pride and Purpose Cyber Lions Club Branch. Our goal is to ad 14 more to the Branch within the next 12 months to Charter another new club. This maybe an effective strategy for starting clubs. We have made out Annual Goal

set by LCI to start one new club this Lions year and we are laying the ground work for one more by the end of next year.

Service

Our GST Rick Dodson has been keeping track of all the categories of service performed by our clubs and as District Administrator will help clubs to enter their service project in the portal. As of January 20th, **40 clubs (55%)** have input service projects in the Lion Portal. 412 activities with 87,241 people served. 8,316 volunteer hours reported.

Breakout of activities reported:

- 11 Childhood Cancer
- 3 Diabetes
- 5 Disaster Relief
- 30 Environment
- 118 Hunger
- 97 Humanitarian
- 81 Vision
- 59 Youth
- 8 Administration

Mental Health is not on the drop-down menu of the portal as an official cause, but we are tracking those project separately.

As Governor my goal is to reach 90% of Lions and Leo clubs in our district reporting service.

We are getting closer to meeting this goal. There is more training to be done to help our club officers learn to navigate the portal and *more importantly help them to understand why it is important, what is in it for them.* To that end when they do the work and report the service they have stats they can use to market their club. Real numbers to highlight the impact their club has on “their” community. This data puts them in a better position to attract more like-minded members when they promote the impact their club has on the community (toot your own horn is another way of putting it.) People want to be part of a successful organization and we need to show them our successes!

I am excited to see Facebook Posts of club service projects and encourage clubs to partner with nearby clubs to add more people to their project. Community members don’t necessarily know that it is two clubs, all they see an active larger group of Lions Serving the Community and potentially may want to be a member. We do not need to isolate ourselves to just the community in which our club is located. We can be partners with other nearby clubs!

Our next District-Wide Service Project is to make sure clubs are aware of Clean up and Conservation Opportunities through **Friends of the Kaw and the Kansas Riverkeeper** and other partners. The Kansas River, aka The Kaw, runs through District 17A and serves as a source of drinking water for more than 800,000 people in cities and towns in our district. To correspond to LI’s week of service for Environment, a district-wide River Clean-up project is scheduled for two locations in April: Lawrence on April 18th and in Manhattan on April 25th. Both events starting at 9 am. Information on exact locations and work requirements will be provided later.

Service Activity Reporting (SAR) Cards have also been distributed by Zone Chairs and the Governor team to make it easy to capture service details, the day of the event so the club secretary has the information to report.

We still need to identify the main issue as to why clubs are not reporting their service projects on the portal.

Leadership:

As part of the **Club Excellence Award requirements** this year, clubs need to participate in all three Weeks of Service (Mental Health and Wellbeing, Hunger and the Environment). Additionally, to qualify for Club Excellence, club officers needed to complete their officer's training by December 31st. This training benefits Clubs so they can be better leaders with the 2nd half of the Lions Year ahead of them.

I have encouraged clubs to complete the training this year even if they are not qualifying for the club excellence award, as it will help meet our district goal of 50% Trained Club Leaders by the end of our Lions Year. Currently, I believe 51% of our clubs have completed officer training.

In addition to our in-person **Lions Portal training** completed on August 30, A **Leadership Resource Spotlight** was distributed to all District 17A club officers. This one-page resource serves as a central hub with direct links to essential leadership tools, governance guides, best practices, FAQs, and an accompanying leadership and governance e-book to further support club success.

Certified Guiding Lions Training originally planned for January, Certified Guiding Lions Training will be offered from 3 – 5 pm on the 10th and 3 – 5 pm on the 11th of April in conjunction with the District Convention. Lions from any district or multiple district are invited to received this training, partial facilitated by PID, Bob Block from Illinois.

This district-wide training will equip Lions serving as Certified Guiding Lions with tools to strengthen mentorship, support club development, improve retention, and assist with rebuilding efforts.

As District Governor I also believe that with New Clubs we need a strong support group of Certified Guiding Lions to be with these new clubs and support them during their initial first two years as a club. Training now for future growth so it is done right will help with retention too.

New Voices and Women in Lions: We will recognize a New Voices Nominee at our District Convention for the new approach to growing Lionism in our District.

For the weekend of International Women's Day our GLT Vania Castro will host a **Hybrid Women in Lions Symposium** on March 7, 2026, a platform for inspiration, inclusion, and action-oriented dialogue. More details will be shared soon.

Our Virtual Cabinet meeting on Zoom is Feb. 7th.

I am blessed to have a strong District Governor's Team (we started the year with some health concerns but we have worked through them, Cabinet and GAT team in my district and look forward to all that we can accomplish in the remaining months of my term as District Governor.

Irene Haws
17A District Governor
"Chart Your Course"
And Set Sail for Success

Committee Reports

Constitution and By-Laws and SOPs PDG Chris Bauer

PDG Chris We are recommending four amendments that need to be voted on at our State Convention in May. You as governors need to approve each amendment as a separate motion.

Amendment 1

PDG Chris - In the By-laws Article III, Section 2 – Add highlighted position

Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST multiple district coordinator, GMT multiple district coordinator, GLT multiple district coordinator and GET multiple district coordinator.

Clark Lindstrom DG 17N – I move to approve the Amendment One to be voted on at the State Convention in May of this year.

Lou Morgan DG 17K – I second the motion

CC Shari – Discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Pass/Fail

Amendment 2 And add the following section to Article VII

PDG Chris - **GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM (GET)** - It shall be the responsibility of this unit to develop and execute an annual multiple district new club extension plan and provide support for newly formed clubs to ensure their success and long-term sustainability. The duties of Global Extension Team (GET) shall be as defined in the Multiple District 17 Standard Operating Procedures.

Reason: The GET position was originally optional. LCI made it mandatory this year.

Irene Haws DG 17A – I move to approve the amendment changes to be voted on at the State Convention in May of this year.

Clark Lindstrom DG 17n – I second the motion

CC Shari – Discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Pass/Fail

Amendment 3

PDG Chris - Wherever the term “Mid-Winter Rally” is in the By-laws change it to “Kansas Lions Rally”.

Reason: The rally was held in the fall this year. This gives us the option to change back if needed

Lou Morgan 17K – I move to approve the Article VII changes to be voted on at the State Convention in May of this year.

Irene Haws 17A – I second the motion

CC Shari – Discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Pass/Fail

PCC Shari – Comments on dues increase.

CC Shari — Before PDG Chris speaks about the Fourth Amendment, I would like to make a brief statement.

The Governors and Vice Governors have been carefully reviewing the state budget to identify opportunities to reduce expenses and/or adjust dues in order to better support our established programs—particularly those focused on retention, membership growth, and the creation of new clubs.

Since the last dues increase in 2012, membership in the State of Kansas has declined by approximately 4,000 members. At the same time, every Lion is aware that inflation and the cost of goods and services have increased significantly over that period.

As leaders of the State of Kansas Lions, we have implemented a number of changes over the past several years to control costs and operate more efficiently, resulting in meaningful savings.

After doing as much as we felt we could to save money for the Multiple District we have come up with following verbiage that if passed by the Governors will be voted on at the State Convention in May.

Lion Chris then explained the proposal

PDG Chris - Amendment 4

Article 5 - Change the annual dues per capita from the current \$17.00 to \$20.00 in the Lions year 2026-2027, then in 2027-2028 change to \$22.00, and finally in 2028-2029 change to \$24.00.

State Dues	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Administrative Fund	\$ 14.50	\$ 16.00	\$ 17.90	\$ 18.90
International Committee	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
KI Fund	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.60
GAT	\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Rally	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50
State Convention	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.50
Yearly total	\$ 17.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00

Clark Lindstrom DG 17N – I move to approve the Article 4 changes to be voted on at the State Convention in May of this year.

Lou Morgan DG 17K – I second the motion

CC Shari – Discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Passed

The following reports were received.

MD 17 – Global Leadership Team Report
3rd State Council Report Zoom Meeting 1-24-26

The 3rd State Governor’s Team training will be held, via Zoom in March, date is TBA. I have asked the GLT’s from each district to participate in this training and to submit topics that they would like to see presented.

1st VDG’s are currently working on their LI training with the fellow Governors on their team online. They will have an extra day at the LI Convention in Hong Kong to complete their training this year. The 2VDG’s reported they have completed their online training.

I also asked each District GLT, District K – PCC Randy St Aubyn, District A – PDG Dr. Vania Castro and District N – PDG Steve Langley for their suggestions for educational sessions for the upcoming Kansas Lions State Convention to pass on to the State Convention committee for educational topics and learning opportunities for the Lions attending.

Each district GLT has their training plans for their district for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Lion year.

The Kansas Lions Fall Rally had 86 Lions who participated throughout the day in educational sessions. Those who completed the survey that was sent to each Lion who attended, stated they enjoyed the sessions and learn new ideas and information that they can use in their clubs. The weather caused interruptions in the planned Strides Diabetes walk but the few who participated, enjoyed learning about the DALA horses and Diabetes Facts along the way.

The Fall Rally was new this year, and finding the right time in the fall is a challenge due to many other activities that occur in communities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Pam Bilyeu, IPCC/MD17 GLT

MD 17 Lions Health Programs
Meeting Report
January 24, 2026
Zoom at 7 pm

Lions Attending were: 2DG K Linda Chessmore, Don Cunningham, Al Kimmi, DG K Lou Morgan and Patti, Jackie O’Neal, Jim Huenergarde, and Vern Failor Chairman

We visited about Diabetes Camp and the cost and how to help families with a Lions District Scholarship. MD 17 has 8 applications for a Diabetes Camp at this time. The date to get registered with ADA is February 11th and all applicants are being encouraged to get registered as soon after February 11th as possible as the camps fill up fast.

We discussed getting articles in all of the Kansas Lions newsletters about the Lions initiatives for the next 4 months. February Childhood Cancer, March Diabetes Alert Day March 23, April Environment Awareness, May Membership. Lion Vern will write these articles.

We discussed the Hunger project done by the Sunflower Lions Club Topeka and how to submit pictures to My Portal.

We provided Lions Diabetes Scholarship Applications to District K

Everyone present wishes we were able to get back to having in person MD 17 meetings like were done in the past as we like to have a more personal contact with the Lions interested and are able to give out handouts.

Respectfully

Lion Vern Failor
MD 17 Lions Health Programs

GET (Global Extension Team Chair MD 17)..... PDG Rick Dodson
GLT (Global Leadership Team Co-Chairs MD 17) IPCC Pam Bilyeu
GMT (Global Membership Team Chair MD 17) PDG Tom Baumann

PDG Tom Baumann - The membership Team has come up with a plan to help in the process of rebuilding clubs that are ready to close their doors. The rebuilding plan must be a club that is rebuilding and has the approval of the Governor and Lions International. The following rational is recommended.

Across each district, Governors are actively working to revitalize clubs that are at risk of folding and closing their doors. District leadership is partnering with these clubs to rebuild membership and develop meaningful community projects that strengthen the club's presence and relevance.

One tool available to Governors is placing a club on an official rebuilding plan sanctioned by Lions International (LCI). However, a significant obstacle to recruiting new members is the upfront cost, which includes the LCI administrative fee and local club dues. This cost can range from \$70 to \$100 and often discourages prospective members from joining rebuilding clubs.

To help address this challenge, the State Membership Committee proposes that the \$720 currently allocated to the committee be used to cover the LCI new member administrative fee for rebuilding clubs.

Proposed Guidelines

- 1. The District Governor must provide written documentation confirming that the club has been placed on an LCI-approved rebuilding plan to the State Treasurer**
- 2. For any new member joining an LCI-approved rebuilding club, MD 17 will pay the \$35 LI administrative fee until the allocated funds are exhausted. This program will be available to all districts within MD 17.**
- 3. The District Governor must submit the LCI rebuilding plan documentation along with a completed reimbursement form to the MD Treasurer before any funds are distributed. The MD State Office will create the required reimbursement form. The Governor will submit the completed form to the MD Treasurer for reimbursement to the club.**
- 4. This allocation allows for up to 20 new members across the Multiple District to join rebuilding clubs under this program.**

If other State GAT Committees wish to contribute unused funds to this effort, they must seek approval from the Budget and Finance Committee and the Council of Governors.

Clark Lindstrom DG 17N – I move to approve the Membership Plan on rebuilding.

Lou Morgan DG 17K – I second the motion

CC Shari – Discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Pass/Fail

GST (Global Service Team Chair MD 17).....	PDG Carleen Rajala
Health Programs	Vern Failor
Historical Committee	PDG Chris Bauer
Information Technology	PDG Rick Dodson
International Convention 2026.....	IPCC
Pam Bilyeu	
K-I (Kansas International)	PID Bill Phillipi
LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) MD 17 Co-Chairs	IPID Hans Neidhardt & PID Bill Phillipi

This report was given by email from LCIF

Multiple District 17

As of Date: 5/31/2026 11:59:59PM

MJF/PMJF Listing

District 17 K Ident 1107 KANSAS

Melvin Jones Fellow MJF Completion Date Highest PMJF Most Current - Completion Date
KANSAS

ATWOOD(7141)

BILLY PACK BEAMGARD (104968) 02/20/2020

James R Begley (104971) 03/14/2024

BARNARD(7099)

Joe Coover (948962) 01/08/2024

WILLARD HART (948969) 12/11/1996

Nancy E. Houghton (2557688) 11/22/2021

NEIL MAHOLLAND (954338) 02/07/1997

BELOIT(7100)

FRED ALBERT KARLIN (970464) 09/14/2005

BREWSTER(7142)

Phillip L Knox (185284) 05/16/1996

SHARRON J. KNOX (2289311) 05/16/1996

CIMARRON(41470)

FREDDIE KRAMER (99318) 02/25/2009

CLAFLIN(7235)

Craig Donecker (1390153) 05/14/2008 PMJF - 1 Diamond YG 05/19/2021

COLBY HIGH PLAIN(32610)

LAWRENCE R BRENN (511516) 06/02/1997

Sheryl K Brenn (511517) 07/16/2013

Justin L Burrus (2641255) 05/25/2021

STANLEY DAVIS (511519) 05/19/1992

MATT H HAMILL (516887) 03/11/2003

Larry E Koon (516891) 02/20/1986

ELMER E LAWVER (516892) 07/05/1994

DODGE CITY(7240)

Kathryn O Bell (1422451) 12/14/2007 PMJF - 1 Diamond YG 05/19/2014

Michael W Bell (1422452) 12/14/2007 PMJF - 1 Diamond YG 05/19/2014

Vernon H Everhart (1427806) 12/30/1991

DOROTHY J EVERHART (1427807) 04/15/1994

BRYANT LEE FINCH (1427808) 03/01/1994

RUSSELL GALL (1427811) 03/09/2018

LEE D GEMAEHLICH (1427812) 04/30/2014

DON HAHN (1427814) 05/28/1994

Bruno Hoffman (1427815) 03/29/2012

LAURIN JONES (2191392) 05/28/1994

VAUGHN A KIMBALL (1433159) 04/09/1993

OTTO KINDER (2191393) 05/28/1994

HAROLD E MARCONETTE (1433163) 11/26/1990

DONNA D MARCONNETTE (1433164) 11/15/1993

BRUCE D MOCK (1438510) 03/29/2012

Richard L Roenfeldt (1438514) 04/20/2017

MICHAEL F RYBA (1438515) 06/01/2006

LAURENCE STANTON (2191387) 05/28/1994
Donald D. Webb (2861647) 03/31/2020
ELMER WETZEL (1443863) 05/28/1994
CAROL T WETZEL (1443864) 07/06/1994
Charles W. Wilkerson (3266650) 04/30/2014
VERNON ZOLLARS (1443869) 05/28/1994

DOWNNS(7146)

ALAN FEIST (201376) 03/22/2017
DANNY KENNEDY (1173877) 01/18/1996 PMJF - 1 Diamond YG 09/22/2010
KENNETH G LEE (206739) 04/08/2021
GEORGE L. LEE (2289312) 05/28/1993

ELLINWOOD(7243)

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Long Range Planning..... PID Deb Weaverling
Public Relations Becky Funke
State Convention 2026 PCC Diana
Baumann
State and International Band 2026.....Galen
Whisman
State OfficeCC Shari Neidhardt
Kansas Lions Foundation PCC Diana Baumann
Alert PDG Dan Funke
Peace Poster PDG Richard Caldwell
Youth Exchange..... PCC Harry Stockwell
Kansas Lions Band FoundationPDG Willie Tolle

Kansas Lions Band Foundation Directors Meeting

Third Meeting

Jan 18, 2026

Moundridge

The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their third directors meeting, Sunday Jan 18, 2026, at the United Methodist Church in Moundridge.

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

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

State office report:

Hans reported the installation of the gates to protect the band trailer was complete. It was also brought up about inventorying items stored at the state office, giving the inventory list to Dan and cleaning up storage at the state office. It was voted on and approved to let Hans inventory and destroy old records except information about the incorporation and the purchase of the office building.

State & International Band Report:

It was reported that the cost per student for the band was raised to \$300. Galen has been working with HCC's band director for the camp. The application is available online. KMEA booth has been paid for, and Galen will be working the booth. Galen is also working with Washburn for the 2027 camp. He is also looking at the possibility of taking a band to the convention in 2027 to Washington DC. There are also a couple others coming up that could be possible.

Old business:

1. The new pin was distributed by Bobby.
2. The pig raffle tickets were distributed.
3. There was more discussion of the possibility of moving the auction to the state convention in 2027.
4. Barb Schattak reported that the quilt will be ready to be raffled in the 2026-27 Lions year.

New business:

1. Discussed the possibility of purchasing an item to raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

President PDG William Tolle

Secretary PDG John Lee

Treasurer PDG Bill Stenfors

Encourage band students to get their applications turned in early.

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation PID Deb Weaverling
Old Business.....CC Shari Neidhardt
New BusinessCC Shari Neidhardt
Adjournment

Lou Morgan DG 17K– I move to adjourn

Irene Haws DG 17A – I second the motion.

CC Shari – Discussion? All in Favor say “I, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Pass/Fail

CC Shari – This Kansas Lions State Council Meeting is adjourned until May 30 in Hutchinson at the Hutchinson Community College.

Acronyms

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CC = Current Council Chair of MD 17

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I before any title = Immediate Past