



Minutes

**First Council of Governors Meeting
August 2, 2025 - 3:00 PM
Wingate – Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham
Wichita, KS**

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PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

John H. Boys, Wichita - 1922 - 1925
Charles H. Hatton, Wichita - 1928 - 1930
J. Earl Tanner, El Dorado - 1935 - 1937
Royal Vergades, Clay Center - 1941 - 1943
Ronald B. Laing, Abilene - 1945 - 1947
A.R. "Si" Lamb, Coffeyville - 1949 - 1951
C.W. McKee, Hays - 1952 - 1954
Claude M. DeVorss, Wichita - 1957 - 1959
Chester Francis, Clearwater - 1973 - 1975
L. Blaine Rush, Smith Center - 1978 - 1980
Farice Bruce Jr., Liberal - 1981 - 1983
Robert Tonjes, Prairie Village - 1987 - 1989
William H. Wunder, Salina - 1989 - 1991
Gene Vogel, Tonganoxie - 1997 - 1999
Ed McCormick, Valley Center - 2000 - 2002
Ernest Young, Jr., Lansing - 2004 - 2006

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Minutes of the First Council of Governors Meeting August 2, 2025

Call to Order CC Shari Neidhardt
Welcome Remarks CC Shari Neidhardt
Flag Salute DG Lou Morgan
Invocation DG Irene Haws
Introduction of State Council 2024-2025 CC Shari Neidhardt
Introductions/Remarks Past International Family CC Shari Neidhardt
Introduction of Vice District Governors 2024-2025 CC Shari Neidhardt
Adoption of Agenda CC Shari Neidhardt
Constitutional Area 1G Global Action Team Leader IPCC Lori Langley
District Governor and Secretary and Treasurer CC Shari Neidhardt
Lou Morgan 17K, District Governor Irene Haws, 17 A, District Governor Clark Lindstrom, 17N, State Secretary, PDG Dan Funke and State Treasurer ID Hans Neidhardt
Introduction of 1st Vice District Governors Elect CC Shari Neidhardt
District K-Jeremy Skrdlant, District A-Roger Yost and District N-Melanie Snider
Introduction of 2nd Vice District Governors Elect CC Shari Neidhardt
District K-Linda Chessmore, District A-Cheryl Kerns (Absent), and District N-Barbara Schattak
Adoption of Agenda CC Shari Neidhardt
DG Clark Lindstrom 17N - I move for the adoption of the Fourth Kansas Lions State Council Agenda DG Lou Morgan 17K- I second the motion. Motion passed.
Parliamentarian Michael 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. Please use microphone in presenting your comments. If any Lion in attendance 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 - 4th State Council Meeting 2024 CC Shari Neidhardt
DG Irene Haws 17A I move to approve the minutes of the 4th State Council Meeting
DG Clark Lindstrom 17N I second the motion. Motion Passed
Treasurer's Report 2024 ID Hans Neidhardt
DG Lou Morgan 17K - I move to approve the Treasurer's Report. DG Irene Haws 17A - I second the motion. Motion passed

Reports from District Governors

District Governor 17K – DG Lou Morgan – Visiting Clubs and making sure that all the Cabinet members are aware of my goals and that the district will be a plus one and that 75% of my clubs will be reporting and if the club can't report we have cards to hand out to fill out to give to the district administrator to put service in.

We will start one new club and a Cubs Club along with a Leos Club. Make sure that all club officers get the training they need along with the Zone Chairs.

District Governor 17K – DG Irene Haws

District 17A is excited to Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead!

The August newsletter will include goals with monthly reports of new members by our GMT, Eric Strimple.

PDG Terry Weldin is busy starting a new club in Jackson County with about 4 – 6 more members to go. Eric Tweedy, our GET is also working on the Pride and Purpose Cyber Club. Our cabinet meeting in the winter will be via zoom only with the other cabinet meeting available in a hybrid format (in-person and on Zoom). Our theme is “Chart Your Course” and our convention will be held in Manhattan, Ks, location to be determined.

Goals for district 17A include:

Membership – starting 2 new clubs, one in the first quarter. Our stretch goal is to gain 161 new members and retain as many as possible and lose no more than 90 members.

Leadership – promote and facilitate in person and zoom trainings for Portal Training, Club Officers, Guiding Lions and Zone Chairs. Ensure these trainings are reported on the Learn Module by GLT, Vania Castro.

Service – Focus on Environment and Hunger with 90% of clubs reporting service. Utilize Service Activity Reporting Cards and our District Administrator/GST, Rick Dodson. A special focus this year will be on the Kansas River with district wide river clean up projects pairing nearby clubs to work together and build a sense of unity among clubs in the district.

LCIF – increase donations by 25%, ask my cabinet members to donate to LCIF. I pledge to personally donate \$300.00. We now have a district Lions Legacy Society Ambassador, Caroline Arter to work with clubs, provide information and education on how to give through trusts and wills. We plan to achieve the Bronze Presidential Achievement Award, LCIF Presidential Award for Goal Achievement working with the LCIF District Coordinators Deb Weaverling and Bobby Duvall.

I have an excellent team with Vice District Governors Roger Yost and Cheryl Kerns. Together with 10 Zone Chairs, GAT Teams and motivated cabinet members We're ready to Chart our Course and Set Sail for Success in Northeast Kansas, District 17A

District Governor 17N – DG Clark Lindstrom - Club count as of June 30, 2025: 67 Lion Members 1,353 2025-26 Net member gain/loss -23

As of June 30, 2025, the following are challenged Clubs for Rebuild: Lebo has not had a meeting for over a year with 10 remaining members. Maize Secretary/Treasurer passed away and Club has not met since last December and has 5 remaining members. Hesston long time President passed away and members voted to disband June 16th and only one member remaining. Potwin has paid up dues, but still is not scheduling meetings or service projects. With 9 remaining members. Benton only has 3 remaining members and would like to rebuild. There were 32 Clubs that had a negative net member loss by year end 2025.

Last month, there was Club Charter Night: Augusta Servant Club with 22 and growing members

DG Club visits were to Hesston in an attempt to keep the Club going, Winfield for Officer installation, Augusta Servant Charter Night, Bel Aire for Officer installation and member induction, Valley Center for planning meeting with volunteers for the first District Cabinet meeting. I attended Zoom training for Zone Chairs, Marketing, and CA 1 GAT meetings. Along with PCC Harry Stockwell and PDG Richard Caldwell, attended the GAT summit in Las Vegas, NV. Attended the Lion International Convention in Orlando, FL with Lions from the Multi-District.

There was a 1VDG Visit to the Fredonia Club to install officers.

District 17 N Calendar: 1st District Cabinet Meeting, August 9, 2025, 9:00 Registration, Valley Center Community Building 314 E. Clay Valley Center, KS

USA/Canada Forum, September 18-20, Atlantic City, NJ

Kansas Fall Rally, October 25 2025, Lindsborg, KS

A successful year is planned with goals to increase membership to exceed net +1 by June 30, 2026. We are already planning to Charter at least two new Clubs in either Andover, Rose Hill, Oxford, El Dorado, and/or Douglas. There is a monthly Club membership growth competition. The Club with the most new members will have \$10 per new member donated to LCIF in the Club's name by the District Governor up to /\$100 max. The LCIF District giving goal is \$33,000 by June 30,2026 with increased individual member donations by 20% and 100% of Clubs donating. The Bag of Bucks for LCIF will continue with the District Governor Team passing a bag for donations at each Club visit made. Leadership development is critical for continued success with training goals for Club leaders and Zone Chairs. Service activities global focus causes will be Diabetes and the Environment.

Audit **PCC John Lee**
Meeting was held and some books were turned into the Audit Committee,

Budget and Finance – **PDG David Hentges**
PDG David along with Treasurer Hans presented the recommended budget. After some discussions DG Clark Lindstrom 17N made the motion to approve the budget as presented by Budget and Finance. (Report attached to end of the minutes (Appendix A). DG Lou Morgan 17K seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Audit - PCC John Lee
PDG John Lee met with the committee and reviewed the SOPs for the committee. Several financial records were turned in for members to review.

Constitution and By-Laws..... **Chris Bauer**
The committee meeting was called to order by PDG Chris Bauer at 8:30 AM. Committee members present were DG Lou Morgan and PDG Bauer. Guests included CC Shari Neidhardt, DG Clark Lindstrom, DG Irene Haws, 2VDG Barb Schattak, Lion Patty Morgan, and Lion Daniel Martinez.

We reviewed committee's contact information.

Need to update the MD-17 Constitution and By-laws plus the Mid-Winter Rally wording. Also need to remove reference to funding for the Kansas Lions News. Make sure the MD's Constitution and By-laws are aligned with Internationals.

We discussed spouses serving on the same committee or board and should both be voting members. Also we discussed if term limits should be considered for committees or boards.

We talked about reviewing older SOPs.

No action or recommendation was taken on the various topics but more research should be done.

Environmental **Lynda Falley and Kathy Pratt**
The committee met and agreed to leave everything the same for the Environment Photo Contest. We will discuss further project ideas at the August 9th meeting. Some clarifications of the rules will be added. (Appendix B)

Health Program **Vern Failor**
Lions International usually has a different Global Cause each month and we had emphasized one a month through out the year. Lets do something different this year. You as a Lions Club pick from the list of Global Causes that LCI has and find a program on that cause for the month. You can do this from the list below.

The Global Causes that I know about are:

Childhood Cancer,	Diabetes,	Vision,
Disaster Relief,	Environment,	Hunger,
Humanitarian,	Youth.	

So, pick one of the causes type it into the LCI website and find the information there or just go to your local community and find a program. To me every community has all of these causes and most communities need your Lions club to support them.

It is time to start looking for youth to go to a Diabetes camp next summer. So talk to your school nurses and see if they have youth in their schools that would like to go to a camp. There are 2 camps close or in Kansas and District 17-A can scholarship these youth. Lion Vern has material that will help you find these youth.

In that same vein your District has a Diabetes Camp Fund. So ask your club to make a donation to your District Diabetes Fund by sending a check made to your District, write Diabetes fund on the memo and send it to your District Health Program Chairman or send it to your District Treasurer.

For help with this please contact Lion Vern at 785-231-3960

GATShari Neidhardt

GET Global Extension Team Rick Dodson

1. This is a very brief overview of State-wide extension efforts. I forwarded PID Hans' reminder of the funds available for each district: reimbursement of the \$35 new member fee for up to 20 members in two new clubs in each district.

2. District 17-K. Planning is under way to start new clubs in Hays and Lyons.

3. District 17-A. Lawrence Lions of Pride and Purpose Club Branch (cyber) has several members and is actively recruiting. Its parent club is the Eudora Lions Club. Jackson County Club Branch is organized, very active, and recruiting to become a chartered club The Sabetha Lions Club is the parent Club.

4. District 17-N. Already targeting clubs for Andover, Rose Hill. Also considering starting new club sin El Dorado and Douglas. Augusta Servant Club was chartered in June.

GLT Global Leadership Team Pam Bilyeu

This year has included some new challenges for the MD 17 Leadership Team with the addition of the Kansas Lions Fall Rally Event. A new vision for what used to be the Mid-Winter Rally is being created to offer more learning opportunities for Lions. The committee is currently working on the sessions that will be offered.

The first Governor's Team training was held on August 1st. All but one Vice Governor was in attendance. Review of responsibilities and required learning timelines were discussed. How to complete necessary forms for expense reimbursements were also reviewed. IPID Hans Neidhardt presented to the Governor's what to do to secure ID's guest visits for District Conventions and necessary forms to complete.

The next Governor's Team Training will be held on October 24th in Lindsborg in conjunction with the Fall Rally Event.

GMT Global Membership Team Tom Baumann

No written report sent in.

GST Global Service TeamCarleen Rajala

The 2025-26 MD-17 Global Service Team consists of PDG Carleen Rajala, Jim Huenergarde 17-K, PDG Rick Dodson from 17-A and Kathy Pratt from 17-N.

A service project will be held in conjunction with each of the State Council meetings. Collecting items for the ALERT trailer was chosen as the project for the first Council Meeting. The Fall Rally activity will benefit the Lindsborg community. The Zoom meeting in January will offer Lions of MD-17 the opportunity to order supplies on-line to meet a need in each district. The project for the State Convention has yet to be set.

In addition to working on the Global causes, LCI has designated specific weeks to complete an activity in the following global causes:

1. Oct. 4-12 will focus on Mental Health and Well-Being. (suicide, depression, disabilities,poverty and inequality)
2. Jan. 3-11 will focus on Hunger
3. April 18-26 will focus on the Environment and include Earth Day April 22.

Lions Clubs throughout Kansas should continue meeting the needs of their communities and record their service on the Lions Portal.

Historical PDG Chris Bauer

We are continuing to add history binders to our growing list of Kansas Lions History. Our inventory now includes Claude DeVorss Fellows, Kansas Melvin Jones Fellows, LCI President Medal Recipients, Kansas Lions Districts, Active & Dropped Clubs, State Council 2000-2025, PDG Obits since 2000, Club Banners & Charters, KS Friendship Banners, KS State & District Pins, KS District Governor Pins, Other Lions Pins, Lions University Graduates, KS Golden Anniversary, KS Directories 1988-2000, KS Directories 2000-2010, KS Directories 2010-2020, and KS Directories 2020-2025.

At the first Council Meeting the Historical Committee discussed several other possible titles to research: Bill Wunder Fellows, LCIF Grants Received, International Family since 2000 plus those before 2000, Records of Club activities, Highlights from each foundation, State Conventions and Mid-Winter Rally, Kansas Lions State Office, Lioness Club, and Leo Clubs.

We are still looking for older information on Lions Clubs in addition to current pictures of club charters and banners. In addition, I'm still working on identifying all pins and buttons related to Kansas Lions. I recently completed a catalog of all known Kansas District Governor personal pins. I constantly on the lookout for any that may have missed.

Information and Technology.....PDG Rick Dodson

The committee meeting was called to order by PDG Chris Bauer at 1:30 PM. Committee members present were 1VDG Jeremy Skrdlant, PDG Rick Dodson, and PDG Bauer. Guests included PDG Gene Allen and Lion Jim Huenergarde. We reviewed committee's contact information with 1VDG Jeremy reporting a new email address.

We discussed developing a SOP for the Information & Technology Committee. PDG Rick will draft a copy for us to review.

We discussed continuing to scan documents at the state office. No decision was made. 1VDG Jeremy will research a filing system for these files. We also discussed having online backup files that could be shared.

International Convention..... Lori Langley

Kansas Lions had 21 members attend LI Convention Orlando, 2025. 15 marched in the parade of nations, 13 dressed in the "Uniform of the Day" of our commemorative t-shirts, khaki pants and custom Mickey Mouse ears decorated in Wizard of Oz themes. The weather was mild for Monday morning, so the shortened parade was a great time!

The plenary sessions and guest speakers were amazing as always. Kansas Lions met at different times for some group meals, as they were available. Our 3 DGEs had a wonderful showing and training, they made us all very proud!

The Mid-west Breakfast was also well attended and during the discussion, PID Deb Weaverling announced that Kansas would host the Mid-West Breakfast in Memphis for the 2026 USA/Canada Forum. As usual, Lions from around the world left Orlando energized, optimistic and ready to grow our association and reach our Mission 1.5 goals.

The best message of the convention came from our newly elected International President, A.P. Singh to "Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead." He spoke of being a humble servant leader and I know we all took that message to heart.

K-I..... Bill Phillipi

The K-I Committee met by Zoom and recommends that Past International Director PID Robert Rettby be endorsed by the Council of Governors for 3rd Vice President for Lions International.

17N DG Clark Lindstrom moved and to accept the recommendation of the K-I Committee and have State Secretary PDG Dan Funke send a letter to the appropriate International the candidate and others on the International Board. 17K Dg Lou Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

LCIFPID Hans Neidhardt and PID Bill Phillipi

Questions: Why is it important to donate to LCIF? Do your donations make a difference.

Donating to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is crucial for several reasons:

1. **Global Impact:** LCIF supports Lions' humanitarian efforts worldwide, funding projects that improve health, provide disaster relief, and support youth and education.
2. **Empowering Lions:** Donations help Lions clubs around the world to implement service projects that address local needs, making a significant impact in their communities.
3. **Transparency and Stewardship:** LCIF is committed to financial transparency and responsible stewardship of donor funds, ensuring that contributions are used effectively to create meaningful change.
4. **Supporting Critical Causes:** LCIF funds initiatives in areas such as vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer, and diabetes, addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges.

5. **Amplifying Service:** Every donation is amplified through LCIF's grant programs, enabling Lions to extend their reach and effectiveness in serving those in need.

During the 2024-2025 Lions Year, LCIF donations totaled just over \$81,500,000.00. LCIF grants approved during this time period was \$44.5 million. This funding supported 1,809 grants awarded and 1085 District & Community Impact Grants (DCG).

From 1980 – to the present, Multiple District 17 (Kansas) has received over \$1.4 million in grants from LCIF. We all are aware of the emergency grants (tornados, floods, fire, etc.), but what about the grants we have received for such projects as vision screening equipment, COVID relief, Habitat homes, reading action, Quest, library, fire equipment, community center, etc.

During the 2024–2025-year, MD 17 Lions donated \$154.7K, which not only was an amazing amount, but the largest donation amount in recent years, especially considering it was done with only three districts. For the first month of the current year, Lions of CA 1 have donated \$800K and Lions of MD 17 \$3.9K.

So, what about this year? Just think, if every Lion would donate \$1.00/month for 12 months, given the current membership of 3840, that would amount to \$46,080.00. Using the membership at start of year, 3851 members, districts would have the following donations: **K 1122 = \$13,464.00 A 1376 = \$16,512.0 N 1353 = \$16,236.00**
Another benefit of doing this would be that the entire MD would be 100% per/Lion LCIF donations.

For a final thought, what about Melvin Jones Fellowships and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships. MD 17 has over \$424,000.000 in installments, which many that could provide a MJF or PMJF. If members don't want to use their funds for themselves, how about an anonymous recognition of a member or other individual/group. Can we have another record year of donations? Yes, we can, but only with the help of each and every Lion.

Long Range Planning PID Deb Weaverling

The meeting was held at the first State Council of Governors meeting on August 2, 2025 at the Wingate by Wyndham.

Planning Committee Members:

Deb Weaverling, Chairperson, Diana Baumann, District K, Diane Hentges, District A, Jon Freund, District N, Melanie Snider, 1VDG

Attending Meeting: Ed & Linda McCormick, Anne Smarsh, Helen LeBlanc, Pam Bilyeu, Peggy, and Ron Weaverling.

The committee will:

1. Work on a 3–5-year long range planning, strategic planning, and succession planning.
2. Recommend to Council of Governor's any matters related to future Fall Rally's (2026 and beyond)
3. The Lions Code of Ethics was highly recommended for all KLSF members to read and abide by. (attached)
4. A Zoom meeting will be scheduled to discuss the goals and plans of the committee moving forward.
5. Recommend the Quick Reference Guide be updated and then provided to the DGs, VDGs, and Zone Chairs. I talked to Rick Dodson, he indicated he will update the QRG and send to State Secretary.
6. Anne Smarsh suggested the committee review LI, Lions International Strategic Plan and use it as a guide when creating a strategic plan for KS Lions.

State Publications and Marketing.....Lion Becky Funke

The Public Relations/Marketing Committee met August 2 at 10 am at Wingate by Wyndham at Wichita Airport.

Committee members DG Irene Haws and Becky Funke were present. A number of Lions from across the state were also in attendance.

The committee discussed a budget request to purchase car window decals to distribute to Lions across the state – an effort to raise awareness of Lions Clubs. In discussion it was noted that new Lions receive a decal in the new member kit and the new August Servant Club is selling larger decals as a fundraiser. It was decided not to seek budget to create another decal.

The committee also noted that the state SOP needs to be updated to include Marketing. DG Irene will draft a revision for consideration at the fall meeting.

There was considerable discussion with audience members about use of social media – more specifically Facebook. There was discussion about content, use of social media to promote club events. Becky explained her

philosophy of posting on the state and 17N Facebook pages. She explained that posts about upcoming club events are shared and pinned under Featured. After the event, the Featured pin is removed. She also shares posts show club service projects and some club meetings as a means to share ideas on service and programs.

With assistance from District K First Vice District Governor Jeremy Skrdlant there was discussion about the difference between a Facebook page and a Facebook group. VDG Jeremy indicated his willingness to help any Lion with setting up a Facebook page.

DG Irene reminded the audience at Lions International recommends a PR/Marketing position on the club board of directors and there are many resources for club PR and Marketing on the Lions International website. She also noted that a club newsletter is a good way to keep members engaged and that there is an easy to use template available in Microsoft Word.

State Convention 2025.....Linda McCormick
Greatly appreciated all the efforts of several clubs around Wichita that helped with the convention. Special thanks to Jackie O'Neal and the Bel Aire Lions Club for organizing the hospitality room. She did a great job. We had two wonderful speakers at our noon meals. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

State Convention 2026.....Diana Baumann
The 2026 convention will be held in Hutchinson on May 29 and 30. We were able to secure our convention site for just \$35.00 a day which is great savings. We plan on catering our food in to reduce the cost.

USA/Canada Forum Atlantic City.....PID Anne Smarsh
PID Anne Smarsh invited all Lions to attend the USA/Canada Forum. As chair of the USA/ Canada Forum she knows how much Lions appreciate the training and support Lions get at the event. Anne encouraged all Lions to consider signing up for the event in Atlantic City.

State and International BandID Hans Neidhardt
We had several no shows, but it was below the number we have had in the past. We hope all of you enjoyed the Jazz Concert and the Band performance. It looks like the cost of Band Camp will have to be raised next year. Further details will be announced at a later time.

State Office
Water Heater – This item is scheduled to be fixed the week of October 20. We were waiting to see how much the insurance for the building would cost. For several months the State Office has had no hot water. The hot water tank is gas heated. I first thought the pilot light wasn't lit, and I was correct. We lit it, but after several days we still could not get hot water in the kitchen or restrooms. Although the tank is only about 5 years old it is my opinion that the tank is nearly full of sediment.

All we are doing is heating that sediment up and what water is on top of the sediment. The use of hot water at the office is used very little and that may be the cause. The pipes going out of the tank are warm, but not hot. The tank is set on the highest temperature.

At this time, I am reluctant to buy a new hot water tank. Several Lions are going to help me in the next few weeks and try to drain the tank and flush it out. If the doesn't work then it is my recommendation that we turn off the gas and go without. To do dishes I will just boil so water on the stove. At some point in the future we might look at tankless water heater. **This did not work.**

Fence Damage

The fence is still not fixed. The State Secretary has contacted the gentleman three times and he keeps saying it will be fixed, but he never shows up to fix it. State Secretary Dan is getting the name of the Insurance Company and going to fill a claim with them if the Fence is not fixed over the next weekend. There was an accident in front of the office that caused an electric pole to be moved nearly 2 foot to the west. The 1st section of fence on the north side was moved, but not damaged. To fix the fence it needs to be welded to connect it to the rest of the fence and a hole needs to dug and filled with concrete. The electric company has replaced their pole, but the two cable service companies have not moved their service from a section of the old pole to the new one. I have called three times to both cable companies. They sent a tech out and he says that another part of the company does that and he will get it scheduled. That has not happened yet.

The young man no longer works at Harp Well When he was employed he was driving and wants to fix the fence himself, but he couldn't do it until the pole was replaced. Hope to see it fixed within the next couple weeks.

Outside the Building

This has not been completed. Hopefully it will be done before Thanksgiving. With Clark and Dan having medical issues during September and October they hope to get it done in November, The rock on the porch keeps coming off. DG Clark is going to help me buy a seal that I hope will keep the rock from coming in the building and on the concrete. Estimated cost about \$75.00.

Old Business Pam Bilyeu
Is there any old business to come before the council? Seeing none is there any new Business.

New Business. Pam Bilyeu

Chris Bauer..... **SOP's**
APPROVAL: SOP's need to be adopted by each new Kansas Lions State Council as their policy directives to each committee. The State Council must then allow each committee time and support for doing the tasks assigned.

As you can see the council at it's first meeting of the year approves the SOP's. On the second page it shows when each SOP was last updated. At this time there were no changes to any of the SOP's.

State Secretary Dan sent a copy to the chairperson of each committee their SOP last month.

Each committee is supposed to review their own SOP each year and send any changes to the C&BL committee. That committee reviews their requested changes and presents them to the Council for approval. Individual SOP's can be updated and approved at any council meeting throughout the year.

17A DG Iene Haws – I move for the approval of all SOP's until the Constitution and Bylaws Committee brings back additions and corrections. Seconded by 17N DG Clark Lindstrom. Motion Passed 3-0

Seeing no new business is there a motion for adjournment?

17K DG Lou Morgan – I move adjourn the meeting

17A DG Irene Haws - ! Second

Motion: Passed

Business Meeting of the three Kansas Foundations – August 2

Foundation minutes have not been approved by the respective boards.

Kansas Lions Band Foundation

Kansas Lions Band Foundation Minutes of Director's Meeting August 2, 2025 President William Tolle, PDG, called the meeting to order at 10:33 pm. The meeting was held at Wingate by Wyndham, Wichita KS. Secretary John passed a roll call sheet around the room. The roll call sheet is attached to these minutes.

Attendees:

President William Tolle, PDG, 17N

Treasurer Bill Stenfors, PDG, 17A

Secretary John Lee, (Director) PDG, 17K

KLBF Directors Randy St. Aubyn, PCC, 17K

Roger Yost, 17A

Bobby Duvall, PCC, 17A

Terri Yost, 17A

Daniel Martinez, 17A

Barb Schattak, 2VDG 17N

Hans Neidhart, ID, 17N

Governors Lou Morgan, PDG, 17K

Clark Lindstrom, DG, 17N
Council Chair Shari Neidhart CC, 17N

Other Interested Lions were also present.

The minutes for the May 30, 2025, meeting and the Annual Meeting were distributed to the board via email. PCC Randy St. Aubyn moved to approve the minutes. Lion Daniel Martinez seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer PDG Bill Stenfors. PDG Bill's reported final numbers for the previous fiscal year were revenues \$13573.10, expenses \$14457.54, cash in the general fund was \$12534.24.

Uniform cleaning costs were \$5600 which is done every third year expense. One of the foundations CD matures soon and the treasurer asked for guidance about how to manage these funds. 1VDG Roger Yost moved to roll the expiring CD into a 13 month CD with a 4.025% interest rate. PCC Bobby Duvall seconded the motion. The directors approved that motion.

State Office Report: CC Shari reported that the hot water heater needs replaced. The fence was damaged and the person that drove into the fence will be paying for those repairs

Band Committee Report: The 2025 band performed with 185 students. Plans were moving forward for the 2026 band camp to be held at Hutchinson Community College. The Band Committee's annual request was for \$6100.

Lion Daniel Martnez moved to approve the band committees request. 2VDG Barb Schattak seconded the motion Motion was approved.

Old Business: Pig raffle: The pig raffle raised 1235.00. DG Lou Morgan moved to have Pig Raffle again this year with the drawing at the State Convention with the pig being available after the State Fair.

Quilt Raffle: The Quilt will be drawn for later today.

Auction: President Tolle Reported that we would need to locate a different auctioneer since the one we have used in the past is not available during the Fall Rally.

New Business: Pin : PCC Bobby Duvall is working on the new pin design for this year continuing with the buffalo figure.

Fundraing: Reminder to look for new fundraiser ideas

Adjourn: DG Lou Morgan moved to adjourn and PCC Randy St. Aubyn Seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Kansas Lions Foundation

The KLF meeting was called to order at 12:59 on Saturday, August 02, 2025 at the Wingate by Wyndham in Wichita, Kansas. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 12:45 but was delayed by the PDG meeting going over.

Roll was taken by Secretary IPDG Margy Sundstrom. All directors were in attendance except for 2nd VDG Cheryl Kerns. Because there is a new slate of officers, each officer introduced themselves and told about their experience to benefit the KLF. The officers for 2025-26 are President, Diana Baumann; Vice-President Ron Weaverling; Secretary Margy Sundstrom; and treasurer, Tom Baumann.

President Diana Baumann handed out the Lions Code of Ethics and talked about why it is important for our Foundation to adhere to them. She reminded all that we should work respectfully and collaboratively.

The current Constitution and Bylaws was discussed. Because there are portions missing and are not current, a committee was formed to update them. The committee consists of PDG Chris Bauer, PDG Steve Langley, and Lion Ron Weaverling.

PCC Helen LeBlanc took the floor without being recognized by the President. She talked about the current Constitution and Bylaws, had copies, and read from them. She questioned Article D (page 4). PID Ann Smarsh attempted to explain how the decision was made at the recent Zoom meeting. This was in protest of the previous officers not adhering to the officers that were elected at the annual meeting at the 2025 State Convention.

President Diana Baumann explained that all functions of the KLF should be open and transparent to all members and Lions attending the meeting to be aware of all proceedings.

PCC Helen LeBlanc then discussed the treasurer's report explaining that all incoming donations etc are shown on the report. The pink Lions sold are listed under the youth projects. There is only one left. Lion Ron Weaverling questioned about the order being put on hold until a new one is designed. PC Helen LeBlanc explained that a new batch has been ordered, but does not know when they will be delivered. PDG Steve Langley made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, PCC Randy St Aubyn seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PDG Chris Bauer asked about who has the list of those that have been presented with the Bill Wunder Award. PCC Helen LeBlanc stated she has the list and can provide the list to PDG Chris to use in the history book he is working on.

Funds still showing on the treasurer's report from the former District O can now be moved to the Admin Fund. PDG Steve Langley moved to make that transfer, seconded by PCC Randy St Aubyn, the motion carried.

IPID Hans Neidhardt explained why his name and the name of the District Governors with him were on the Constitution and Bylaws. As DG's they were asked to sign off on them.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. PCC Randy St Aubyn made the motion to accept the minutes (both sets, from the regular meeting and the later Zoom meeting). PCC Helen LeBlanc seconded the motion; PDG Steve Langley abstained since he just received a copy at this meeting. All other Directors voted and the motion carried.

President Diana Baumann asked for ideas for fundraisers. She also talked about using Foundations in your home area to provide funds for KLF. She explained about the Hanson Foundation. She will be applying for a grant to cover the Alert trucks, oil changes, etc. Kathie Bell mentioned a Foundation in the Dodge City area that she can look into. PDG Steve Langley talked about the LCIF Impact Grants through the Districts. Lion Mike Sundstrom suggested we can also apply for those grants through the Multiple District. PID Ann Smarsh stated several opportunities through the LCIF grants.

PCC Helen LeBlanc inserted more information regarding the KLF bank accounts. She asked if PDG Tom Baumann would leave it as is. PDG Tom Baumann explained that he had just received the paperwork at this function and needs time to study everything and see what options he has. KLF will need to purchase a program for the treasurer to use as we are currently using the State office program.

ALERT TRAILER – PDG Dan Funke spoke about the Alert trucks, trailers, etc. At their meeting earlier today, they proposed to ask for the drivers to be able to pay up to \$5000 for supplies for the trucks, including an additional \$500.00 for servicing the trucks. PDG Steve Langley made this motion, seconded by PCC Helen LeBlanc, and the motion carried.

Currently 2nd VDG Cheryl Kerns, PCC Helen LeBlanc, PDG Tom Baumann, and PDG Dan Funke have debit cards. 2ndVDG Cheryl Kerns has a card to make purchases and pay for convention for the Leo's PCC Diana Baumann will talk with 2nd VDG Cheryl Kerns to see if she wishes to continue to have this card.

Discussion was held as to who will need the cards now. PCC Randy St Aubyn made a motion to have debit cards for PDG Tom Baumann, PDG Dan Funke, and Lion Ron Weaverling. PDG Steve Langley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Lion Ron Weaverling will check on the current (and update if necessary) as to who appoints the Leo Chair, Peace Poster Chair, and Youth Exchange chair. He will report back at the next meeting. He will also confirm if there is a nominating committee listed and can all Kansas Lions vote or just the Directors. The Constitution and Bylaws committee will discuss if only KLF members be elected as officers or if any Lion can be elected.

PEACE POSTER – PDG Richard Caldwell spoke about the Peace Poster and how/when the posters are voted on. With the change of the Mid Winter Rally to a fall event, the winners will be recognized at the Zoom meeting and then presented at the State Convention. He will email all involved with how it will be handled. He will, also, put articles in newsletters.

LEO'S – PCC DeAnne Heersche plans to contact all Leo Clubs to invite them to the fall rally event in Lindsborg in October. They will plan an overnight stay with events just for the Leo's plus attend the fall event.

The meeting closed at 1:57pm.

LIONS QUEST REPORT
Kansas Lions 1st Quarter Council Meeting
August 2nd 2025

Hello KLF Lion board members! Lions Quest Kansas is always up and running, moving forward. We are still constantly working to help educate our children about service learning and community outreach volunteerism throughout Kansas.

Here is the news from our Education Program Specialist at LCI Lions Quest Division, Nicole Matia: *"Greetings, PDG Jerry! Always nice to hear from you. There isn't too much to report in the way of Lions Quest news - The 6th Edition of the Skills for Action (SFC) curriculum from grades 9-12 is presently under development and will hopefully be released in the 2025-26 Lions Year. All the best, **Nicole Matia, M.Div.** Education Program Specialist // Lions Quest"*

Here is the Lions Quest news from our Kansas Lions Quest Trainer, PCC DeAnne Heersche: *"Hi, Jerry. I'm so sorry that this has taken me a few days. I am at a convention and have been very busy. As Nicole said, not much is happening right now. Lions Quest is still being presented around the world and in the United States. I just returned from Memphis, where I presented to an alternative middle school. I have also been asked to present to a school in south Chicago. That one has been postponed to an unknown date. I will be heading to Oklahoma to present to preservice teacher (students still in college who are studying to be teachers - most are doing their student teaching at the time of the training). I have been doing this training for several years along with an international trainer who also presents in Spanish-speaking countries. The consultants finished two regional Lions Quest presentations to generate interest in the program last spring. That project has generated a few Lions Quest requests, one of which is the south Chicago event. I will continue to serve as a trainer for Lions Quest, even though I have decided to retire from the Service Center this next summer or the following January, depending on whether or not I need to train my replacement. DeAnne Heersche - Lions Quest"*

Please note: I will continue to talk about Lions Quest with everyone, and I would like each and every KLF director, board member and others to do the same. Assist me in this endeavor. Thank You! I stand ready, willing and able to give a program about Lions Quest. Any Lions club that requests a program about Lions Quest will receive one. All you have to do is ask, so 'Just Ask!', and I, **or one of my District Lions Quest Chairs**, will give a program about Lions Quest at your club meeting. Just ask your District Lions Quest Chair first. Again, Thank You for your continued effort in this venture!

Lions throughout this great State of Kansas: Please mention Lions Quest in your club meetings, your zone meetings and district cabinet meetings. Get the word out that Lions Quest is the greatest educational, skills training program for all children, pre- kindergarten through the 12th grade, throughout this nation and the world!

Thank You, KLF Lions and all Kansas Lions! Lions QUEST - "**Q**uality, **U**nique, **E**ducational **S**kills **T**raining programs for our children, Pre K - 12th grades, throughout our Nation and the World!"

Kansas Lions Quest slogan: SEEK - "**S**upport, **E**ncourage and **E**nable our **K**ids!"

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

Welcome & Opening Remarks were made by Pres. Deb Weaverling. She appreciated everyone being here and thanked all for the kindness that they share with the members of their communities. Pres. Deb made a statement that she has decided to go with a nondenominational prayer for the invocation. Pres. Deb "We thank you for bringing us together today. May this meeting be a success leading to positive outcomes and progress in our work. Bless our time together and grant us the ability to work in harmony. Amen"

Roll Call: All Officers Present; Pres. Deb Weaverling, Vice President Jim Huenergarde, Secretary Terry Weldin, Treas. Andy Hoedl. Directors Present; Deb Weaverling, Jim Huenergarde, Terry Weldin, Vern Failor, Rick Dodson, Mike Sundstrom, Don Sefers, Richard Caldwell, Lori Langley, Ginny Caldwell, Dr. Steven Cauble, Gene Allen, Eric Strimple via zoom, Victor "Vic" Martin via zoom, David Davis via zoom Directors absent Darold Grauerholtz, Elwyn Maneth, Sylvia Reinhardt.

Pres. Deb. We have 15 directors present to make a quorum to do business.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Gene Allen.

Invocation was given by Pres. Deb Weaverling

Adoption of the agenda Motion to accept the expanded agenda was made by Terry Weldin with a second by Don Sefers. Agenda was adopted by voice vote

Mission Moment: Pres Deb expressed that the mission of the foundation is to provide vision services to those who need our services. She expressed that she wants to expand that more and she knows that she cannot do everything all at once. Baby steps, one at a time. That is what she wants to focus on today moving forward to make our foundation better.

Financial Report: Treasurer Andy Hoedl sent to me financial statements for end of year 2024 2025 and end of July 2025 statements both are attached.

KLSF Investments as of 7/30/25

Prepared and Submitted by Jim Huenergarde, VP, Finance Chair

ENDOWMENT	\$1,008,448	1 Yr 10.11%
CDM FELLOWS	241,587	1 Yr 16.92%
MEMORIAL.....	233,628	1 Yr 10.58%
TOTAL---\$1,483,663	YTD-----7.49%	5 YEAR-----6.68%

This set of figures below is correct for the Month of July.

Starting Balance	\$1,470,392
Net Contributions	5,750
Increase in Value	13,271
Ending Balance.....	\$1,483,663

From Ameriprise

“We would lean toward being more bullish than bearish on U.S. stocks through year-end, but not outside of a balanced portfolio based on risk given the environment. However, that view is contingent on positive corporate profitability and economic growth this year, avoiding worst-case tariff scenarios, and investors remaining willing to ‘buy the dip’, seeing potential short-term dislocations as a longer-term opportunity to invest.”

Considerable discussion on that VP Jim’s showing the negative number was only for one month. The year total was positive. Directors indicated that the abbreviated version of the Ameriprise financial report was preferred.

There was a question about the negative number meaning that we spent more money in one month than we brought in in contributions. Pres. Deb expanded and explain that all of the contributions that we make during the year to KSSB, KANLOVKIDS, Audio Reader and other partners that we have in the service of Kansan’s. Some months we spend more that we bring in but overall, we are operating with adequate income to meet our obligations.

Sec. Terry asked a question about the request from KANLOVKIDS during 2024-2025 that was for an increase of funds. Pres. Deb. Answered his question that the donation for KANLOVKIDS was increased by \$10,000 to \$20,000 to assist with the expenses for reimbursing KANLOVKIDS for the expenses and the Eye Doctors for the services they provide. Sec. Terry stated that he looked forward to getting a budget request from KANLOVKIDS for this year.

Treas. Andy stated that we took in that one month \$1000 and we spent for the Automated Lensometer over \$7,000 and that gives the negative balance but overall for the year we were positive. See the inserted PDF Files at the front of this section

Gene Allen made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report sent out on July 2. That motion was seconded by Mike Sundstrom. Motion was approved by voice Vote.

Program Updates
State Fair Report

Vern Failor expressed that there were a few more Lions needed to assist at the state fair booth. Pres. Deb volunteered her family. Vern expressed that half of the Directors of KLSF were volunteering at the fair. He also expressed his appreciation of Jackie O'Neal of the BelAire Lions Club for her assistance. Thank you Lion Jackie! See written report below.

“LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD” How does a Lion do this? Well come to the Kansas State Fair and find out. All Kansas Lions are invited to join the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation KLSF at the Kansas State Fair KSF and help with the Health Screenings Booth. It takes 5 to 7 Lions plus 5 to 7 Nursing students and their instructor per shift to make the screening booth function easily and efficiently.

I wish to thank Lion Jackie O'Neal for getting all of the Lions Volunteers. She is a great help to me in organizing all of the Lions volunteers.

We still need: 3 Lion Volunteers for Sat. Sept 12 at 9:30 am.

To still volunteer please contact Lion Jackie O'Neal at 316 734 2176 or email glammother@yahoo.com. For other information please contact Lion Vern Failor at 785 231 3960 or email at vfailor@gmail.com.

We have the nursing students and their instructors already to help us again this year 2025.

Gate passes will be mailed in the next 2 weeks to one Lions member in your club.

Donations of material are:	2900 gloves that is 1450 pairs	used 3500 in 2024
	4400 Cotton balls	used 4800 in 2024
	1 case of band aids 450 assorted	
	\$150.00 in cash	
	6 Chairs FREE We do not need to rent them	Save \$112.50

We have purchased 7 folding tables at a cost of 298.45. We were renting 3 tables at a cost of **\$48.45** and I was supplying the other 4 tables FREE.

We are doing something new this year. We are asked **“Where can we recycle glasses and how are they used?”** We will have a large sign up about Recycling Glasses and are developing lists of where each Lions Club has collection boxes. Email these list to me in MS WORD, with your Lions clubs contact information and I will put them in the format that we want. **As of today we have 26 Clubs on that list.**

IP A.P. Singh says **“LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD”** a Lion can do this one person at a time by volunteering to operate the Health Screenings Booth at the Kansas State Fair September 5 –14, 2025.

We hope to see all of you there in September.

Used Eyeglasses Report- Automated Lensometers

Mike Sundstrom stated that the used eyeglasses committee is doing well. Mike Sundstrom asked VP Jim to explain about the operation in Salina. With progress being made on the effort to provide glasses for Volunteer Optometrists in Service to Humanity (VOSH) for their mission trips. The recent zoom meeting approved the increase in price for the Automated Lensometer to be used in Salina at a storage facility there provided by VOSH.

Rick Dodson asked if there would be an opportunity for Lions to be trained on how to use the equipment. Jim stated that there would be that opportunity when the equipment is set up. Gene Allen asked if there is to be a washing station set up in the processing area? The area to process the glasses in Salina is not quite ready but the Automated Lensometer has been purchased. Supplies are needed to be purchased for the processing of used eyeglasses (the small boxes). Deb Weaverling explained to the audience that the automated Lensometers are being purchased by KLSF and that they are easier to use since the readings on the glasses are printed on a label to identify the glasses rather than a person having to write down the data as it is done at the correctional facilities currently.

Pres. Deb wants Lions to participate in the preparation of the glasses in addition to the processing of glasses being done at the correctional facilities. We are continuing to supply eyeglasses to the correctional facilities and

sending finished glasses to the storage place in Salina. The Used Eyeglasses Committee is working their way through this new process.

The motion to purchase 3 of the Automated Lensometers has resulted in the purchase of one by KLSF and we are working on grants from LCIF to make the purchase of the other 2 to be placed under the control of the appropriate district governors.

Deb Weaverling told about how she had been to KC, MO and participated in a Lions staffed used eyeglasses sorting/grading "party" where they used volunteers to process the glasses. She stated that they would be having another soon and that if any of the Directors wanted to go see how it works. Their location is really close to the KS/MO border in Red Bridge. Pres. Deb said that she could forward the email she received from PDG Nick Heath. Deb stated that she spent 4 hours there and was very impressed with their operation. They will be doing this again in August.

This is what we intend to do in Salina with the effort of Jim Huenergarde with his leadership. Deb asked for questions. Scott Helmke spoke about the Winfield Correctional Facility has two new people working the eyeglasses since the previous person was removing high value sunglasses from the sorting and selling them.

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in Wichita to Salina and Scott agreed. The VOSH Executive Director Jane Barth is very helpful than they are doing a good job and he states that they maybe rejecting more glasses than they should because they are dirty.

Discussion continued with Scott sharing the number of finished and unsorted glasses that he had. Deb asked Jim if Scott should take those to Salina. Jim responded that if Scott would contact him to make arrangements to take them to Salina that could be accomplished. Scott stated that had been done and then Mike Sundstrom clarified that Scott needed to take the glasses currently.

Deb Weaverling stated that if we know any groups wanting glasses to take on mission trips we need to offer them to get them to where they can be used to help people. Gene Allen asked if we are wanting to keep some glasses in Wichita. Terry Weldin spoke saying that we need to keep the Hutchinson and Winfield correction facilities supplied with glasses so that they can keep functioning. Gene Allen asked if the sorted 3,000 pairs that he has in his trailer need to go to Salina or to the state office building?

The state office facility is full and Gary O'Neal wants to know where the glasses that he has now and in the near future need to go. Mike Sundstrom stated that we need to keep Winfield and Hutchinson going so the other glasses from Gene Allen and Gary O'Neal need to go to Salina. The storage facility in Topeka will serve as an overflow to be able to send glasses to State Office or Salina which ever can use them.

Gary O'Neal asked if we send 15,000 glasses to Salina? How long is it going to be before they get read? Terry Weldin stated that there is no lensometer in Salina currently to be used. Scott Helmke stated that he can provide the glasses for Winfield and Hutchinson to keep them working without any problem. Terry Weldin asserted that the concern should be to maintain the supply to existing processing. Information was shared about the Automated Lensometer that is ordered by KLSF and the other two (along with a washing stations) to be financed through LCIF grants.

Deb asked in there were any more questions? Deb directed Scott to send the finished glasses to Salina. Leave the others in their current location.

Saving Sight-No Report

KidSight/Child Vision Screening-No Report because no screenings were reported to him for 2025 2026.

Knight of Sight Pins-Pins available for \$100. Terry Weldin stated that he did not have the Knight of Sight Pins available for purchase today. Mike Sundstrom indicated that he had wanted to get one but he will do that later. Deb Weaverling stated that the Knight of Sight Pins are one of our fundraising efforts and they are \$100 and to see Terry Weldin to make that donation and receive a Knight of Sight Pin.

Scholarship

Dr. Steve Cauble stated that he had a group of Optometrists volunteer with KOA and we have honored two students. Both of them are from Kansas, one who lives in Glendale, Arizona where he is taking his classes. He is Junior taking classes over the summertime doing his clinic. We would like to present the scholarships. One goes to the University of Missouri in St. Louis. Deb Weaverling asked if there were any questions?

Deb went on to refresh the memory of the crowd in the room about the funds raised by the Eclipse Glasses project. During the time of PID Gene Vogel the board voted to establish a scholarship program to use those funds for Optometrist students in the amounts of \$2000.00 each for two students. Deb asked Dr. Steve to share the information with Treasurer Andy Hoedl so the scholarships would be paid. She suggested that we send a nice card to the student. There was a question regarding if the scholarship was for a single year and not to be repeated for the same student asked by Rick Dodson? The answer was yes for just one year.

Audio Reader

There was no report from Audio Reader Representatives. They were contacted but no representative was able to attend. Deb Weaverling expressed that if any Lions Club has not had a presentation by Audio Reader that you should have a representative provide a FREE program for your club about all of the services that are available from Audio Reader with emphasis that all of the services that Audio Reader provides.

KLSF provides money for them every year and we want those services that they provide to be known to benefit all Kansas citizens as possible. Rick Dodson suggested that we find a Saturday when a tour of the Audio Reader facility could be scheduled for Lions. He remembered that when he first joined Lions there was such a tour. Deb expressed that she loved that idea.

We would want to include everyone who would want to attend and the KLSF Directors. Mike Sundstrom stated that they are always looking for volunteers. Always looking for people to read the written word. Deb stated that they are very particular about the readers that they need. Deb restated that is something that we should do. Let us set that up.

By-Laws to adjust to Fewer State Council Meetings

Rick Dodson stated that there were no comments about a need to redo the bylaws they were updated in 2024. He asked if there are any concerns, if not. No action is required because the current bylaws allow for what is being done with the Board meetings of Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. Since only 3 meetings are required during a year. Rick Dodson agrees to send out the Bylaws to the new directors. Deb stressed the importance of the bylaws to our foundation. She stated that she had a compliment paid to her about our bylaws being really up to date. She thanked Rick Dodson.

Cataract Surgeries

At the last meeting there were a lot of questions about what the University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Club does with the \$15,700 that we give to them every year. Deb stated that she did not have all the answers so we had a Zoom meeting with Deb Gephart and Abby Strickland (both Lions Members) on the 11th of July, 2025.

During this Zoom call information was shared with all who attended and Referral form was sent out to all directors. Please use the referral form and make no statements about services other than if they have ANY insurance coverage they are not eligible. University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Club provides two cataract surgeries a month and they are not limited to providing this service only to Lions this is a service to everyone who qualifies.

Deb will send out this information through the next statewide Lions publication that is available to all Lions. She stated that today in August they are already booked up through the end of the calendar year. Deb asked if there were any questions? Richard Caldwell asked if they could do more than one eye at one time. Scot Helmke stated that his wife is going to have both eyes done next Thursday at the same time. Deb held up a copy of a referral form that was sent out to all the directors after the zoom meeting in July of 2025.

Terry Weldin asked if the form needed to be sent in by the Lions Club or could the individual person send the form in on their own. Vern Failor pointed out that the form has a portion to identify which Lions Club was making the referral. He continued to explain that he had reached out to Deb Gephart and that she responded that they referred other services (like glasses and eye examinations) to some other party so they could concentrate on only surgeries. A question came from the audience. Stating that Medicare and Medicaid are considered a kind of insurance and so we are looking at all individuals that qualify for the cataract surgeries are under 62 or 65 years of age. Yes.

KanLovKids

Deb stated that we do not have anything from Ana Cyr and she knows that she has plans on working with the visually impaired in Wichita and also in the Kansas City area with Kansas State School for the Blind in the Kansas City area.

Marketing & Communication:

Deb stated that she thinks that we need a Marketing and Communication Committee made up of some of the 18 directors from the foundation. Does anyone have Marketing experience on the Foundation? Mike Sundstrom nominated Eric Strimple. On Zoom Eric gave a vigorous NO response. He spoke and stated that he has no marketing experience. No volunteers were found.

Strategic Planning:

Deb asked what are our goals for moving forward for this next year? We have the Automated Lensometers coming in. We are going to do training on using those. We will be sorting and grading glasses as Lions all over the state in the East, West and South. Working on LCIF Grans for the additional Automated Lensometers, washing stations and additional equipment.

Any other things in 2026? Vern Failor asked if we are going back to the Kansas State Fair in 2026. Deb responded that it was up to Vern to decide that. He said yes. Mike Sundstrom asked if we need to put the finished box and sticker supplies into the grant request to LCIF? Deb asked Mike how much those expenses are. He had no answer. Treasurer Andy Hoedl stated that he would look up that information. Deb stated that she would gladly include them in the grant request.

Open Forum

Deb stated that we are going to talk about whatever you want to talk about but she had one thing first. At the last meeting I ordered KLSF Polo shirts for all of the directors that wanted shirts. Deb wants KLSF to buy shirts for all the officers and directors. Vern Failor made a motion to pay for matching polo shirts (as Deb was wearing today) for all the Officers and Directors of KLSF. Mike Sundstrom seconded the motion. Rick Dodson raised the point of when a motion pertains to spending money it should state how much money is to be spent. Rick Dodson made a motion to add an amendment to the motion to pay for each shirt not more than \$45.00 per shirt. Terry Weldin seconded the amendment to the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote to purchase the shirts, Send your requested shirt size and how you want your name to Sec. Terry Weldin as soon as possible.

Action Items & Next Steps

The Welch Allyn Retinavue 700 Screener was brought up for review by Deb Weaverling that PCC Pan Bilyeu had brought to our consideration . Terry Weldin made a motion to table the Welch Allyn Retinavue 700 Screener until a later time for discussion. Don Sefers seconded that motion to table Welch Allyn Retinavue 700 Screener until a later time.

Adjournment

Don Sefers made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Steven Cauble. We are adjourned

Appendix

A.....Budget

B.....Rules and Entry Forum for Environmental Photos

BUDGET SUMMARY

Lions Fiscal Year 2025-2026

FUND DESCRIPTION	EXPENSES LAST YEAR	CURRENT REQUEST	EXPENSES APPROVED	PROJECTED INCOME	2024-2025 CARRYOVER	2025-2026 SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
Administrative - detail below	66,019.96	74,443.05	74,443.05	58,150.00	66,850.28	50,557.23
3a State Office Bldg/Equip	3,045.62	6,500.00	6,500.00	950.00	12,675.86	7,125.86
4a International Convention	25,511.01	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,120.00	13,338.89	13,958.89
5a K-I	225.79	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,480.00	39,686.29	41,166.29
6a GET & GLT & GMT & GST	1,612.37	6,200.00	6,200.00	1,900.00	15,295.51	10,995.51
7a Mid-Winter/Fall Rally	11,044.87	6,350.00	6,350.00	8,020.00	6,487.12	8,157.12
8a State Convention	17,746.03	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,280.00	6,732.60	4,012.60
9a Yellow Dot Program	-	-	-	-	2,438.24	2,438.24
TOTALS	125,205.65	102,993.05	102,993.05	77,900.00	163,504.79	138,411.74

SUMMARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES				
	NAME	EXPENSES LAST YEAR	CURRENT REQUEST	EXPENSES APPROVED
1	Audit	-	574.00	574.00
2	Budget & Finance	-	536.20	536.20
3	Communications, Marketing, PR	-	378.00	378.00
4	Constitution & By-Laws	-	1,052.80	1,052.80
5	Environmental	376.24	894.00	894.00
6	Global Action Team (GAT)	-	-	-
7	Global Extension Team (GET)	-	723.80	723.80
8	Global Leadership Team (GLT)	-	943.60	943.60
9	Global Membership Team (GMT)	110.42	327.60	327.60
10	Global Service Team (GST)	-	532.00	532.00
11	Historical	185.36	-	-
12	Information Technology	-	252.00	252.00
13	International Convention	-	-	-
14	K - I	-	628.60	628.60
15	LCIF	62.72	252.00	252.00
16	LEHP	79.20	662.25	662.25
17	Long Range Planning	-	364.00	364.00
18	Mid-Winter/Fall Rally	-	98.00	98.00
19	State Convention	-	86.80	86.80
20	State and International Band	-	848.40	848.40
21	State Office Committee	-	84.00	84.00
	Fund Transfer & Misc	5,680.00		
1a	State Council	25,738.79	30,305.00	30,305.00
2a	State Office	33,787.23	34,900.00	34,900.00
	TOTAL	66,019.96	74,443.05	74,443.05

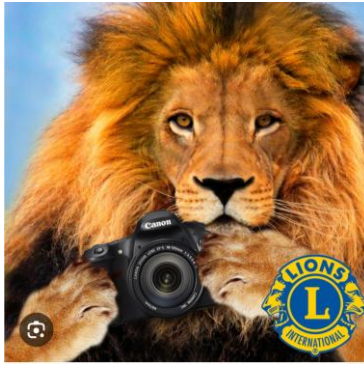
NOTES:

Expenses approved 102,993.05

Projected income 77,900.00

Proj "current" surplus (deficit) (25,093.05)

"Current" expenses paid from "current" revenues



MD-17 KANSAS LION OR LEO 2025-2026 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

LION/LEO NAME: _____

CLUB: _____

EMAIL: _____

DISTRICT: _____

PLEASE SPECIFY PHOTO CATEGORY:

_____ ANIMAL LIFE _____ PLANT LIFE _____ WEATHER PHENOMENON

_____ URBAN OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE (No people can be shown in picture)

_____ ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE PROJECT (People/Lions/Leos can be in photo)

1. All photos must be taken in Kansas and be your original work, i.e. taken by you.
2. Please submit this form with each category entry.
3. All submitted contest photos become the property of Kansas Lions.
4. MD 17 Kansas Lions reserve the right to disqualify entries that do not meet the contest criteria or that may be considered inappropriate.

DEADLINES FOR CONTEST

1. Submit/email the digital photos and entry form to your respective district environmental chairperson before **February 1, 2026**. District K: Louise Greenberg, gberg@ruraltel.net, District A: PDG Terry Weldin, terryweldin@gmail.com, or District N: Kathy Pratt, kpratt558@gmail.com
2. Each district will select their contest winners in each category and then submit them to the MD 17 Environmental co-chairs by **April 20, 2026**.
3. MD 17 Lions will vote to select the final winners during a period of April 25 through May 15 by either paper ballot or by electronic means. Paper ballots will be sent out by email from the State Office.
4. To increase participation, a Lion may only win in one category.
5. Don't forget to enter photos of Lions doing service in the community.
6. Winners will be recognized and awarded at the MD 17 State Convention May, 2026. By submitting photos, the **photographer gives the Kansas Lion MD 17 permission to use the photos in any publications, social media, websites, displays and other places without payment or other consideration**. Additionally, by submitting a photo that includes human subjects, the photographer is indicating that they have obtained full permission from those subjects for the photograph to be used in department medium as well.
7. We ask that all photo submissions are **not digitally manipulated or enhanced**. Photos that have been altered will be disqualified. Photos that have been edited using Instagram filters will not be accepted. Normal cropping, color correction, etc. are acceptable. **Please remove watermarks/trademarks before entering.**