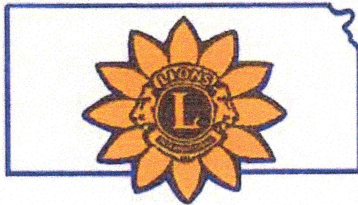




# **Minutes**

**Fourth Council of Governors Meeting  
May 30, 2025  
Doubletree by Hilton  
Wichita, KS**

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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  
Anne K. Smarsh, Colwich - 2010 - 2012  
Bill Phillipi, Marysville - 2015 - 2017  
Deb Weaverling, Basehor - 2021 - 2023  
Hans Neidhardt, Potwin - 2023 - 2025



# KANSAS LIONS

## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 17 OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL "WE SERVE"

### Minutes of the Fourth Council of Governors Meeting May 30, 2025

Call to Order ..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
Welcome Remarks ..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
Flag Salute ..... DG Shari Neidhardt  
Invocation ..... DG Diana Baumann  
Introduction of International Director..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
Introduction of Past International President ..... PIP Douglass Alexander  
Introduction/Remarks Past International Family..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
Past International Director, Deb Weaverling, Past International Director, Bill  
Phillipi, Past International Director, Anne Smarsh, Past International Director,  
Ed McCormick, and Past International Director Gene Vogel  
Introduction of Guests..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
Constitutional Area 1G LCIF Chair PCC Gemma Ferguson and PCC Melissa  
Washburn an endorsed candidate for International Director and her husband  
Lion Johnny from New Mexico.  
Constitutional Area 1G Global Action Team Leader..... IPCC Lori Langley  
Introduction of State Council..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
District Governor/ PCC Diana Baumann 17K, District Governor Margy  
Sundstrom, 17 A, District Governor Shari Neidhardt, 17N, State Secretary,  
PDG Dan Funke and State Treasurer ID Hans Neidhardt  
Introduction of District Governors Elect ..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
District K- Lou Morgan, District A-Irene Haws and District N-Clark Lindstrom  
Introduction of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors Elect..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
District K-Jeremy Skrdlant, District A-Roger Yost and District N-Melanie Snider  
Introduction of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors Elect ..... CC Pam Bilyeu  
District K-Linda Chessmore, District A-Cheryl Kerns, and District N- Barbara  
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#### Adoption of Agenda ..... CC Pam Bilyeu

Margy Sundstrom DG 17A-I move for the adoption of the Fourth  
Kansas Lions State Council Agenda Diana Baumann DG 17K- I  
second the motion. CC Pam-It has been moved and seconded to  
adopt the agenda for the fourth Kansas Lions State Council Meeting.  
Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor say  
Aye... Opposed Nay... Motion has 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 wants to address the State Council, they must be recognized by the Council Chairperson first. Upon recognition of the Council Chairperson, you proceed to the podium and use the microphone in presenting your comments. Comments are limited to three minutes or less. You will be alerted when 2-1/2 minutes has elapsed.

Approve Minutes –3<sup>rd</sup> State Council Meeting 2024 ..... CC Pam Bilyeu

**DG Diana Baumann DG 17K – I move to approve the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> State Council Meeting**

**DG Margy Sundstrom DG 17A**

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

Treasurer’s Report 2024 ..... ID Hans Neidhardt

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

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

### **District Governor K – Diana Baumann**

As we near the close of an incredible Lions year, I want to provide a full update on our district's progress, challenges, and—most importantly—our amazing Lions in action.

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### **Membership**

We are currently down **37 members** from the start of the year. However, there is strong forward momentum:

- A **new club in Hays** is nearly ready to charter, bringing in almost **20 new members**.
- In **Lyons, DGE Lou Morgan** and **PCC Randy St. Aubyn** are pursuing leads with individuals interested in forming a club.
- **WaKeeney** recently held a Membership Drive that brought in **10 new members**, five of whom are already entered.

With a district goal of **net +1** by year-end, we are pushing hard in these final weeks to get as close as possible. Thank you for your energy and dedication in this effort.

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### **Service Reporting**

Our **service reporting goal** is **75%** participation, but we are currently at **23%**. All **Zone Chairs** will be challenged to personally contact each of their clubs within the next two weeks to improve this number immediately. Accurate reporting reflects the true impact of our service—let’s get it done!

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### **Leadership Development**

This year has seen fantastic progress in leadership training:

- **100% of Zone Chairs and club officers** completed their training.
- **11 Guiding Lions** are now certified and active in our district after successful Guiding Lion Training sessions.

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### **LCIF and Club Giving**

LCIF donations currently total **\$16,000**, just **\$1,000 below last year’s figure**. Notably, many clubs chose to redirect funds to **tornado relief** within our own district—an act of selfless generosity.

We set a goal of a **5% increase in club giving**, and we are proud to say that goal has been **surpassed**. Thank you for continuing to show what it means to be Lions.

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### **Tornado Response – Lions in Action**

Two weeks ago, our district experienced an unprecedented storm event with **18 tornado touchdowns** in one night. Due to continued warnings, I could not immediately deploy the Alert Trailer, as threats remained for major population centers.

By morning, we learned that **Grinnell** and **Plevna** had suffered direct hits. Lions sprang into action:

- **PDG Tom Baumann** and **1VDGE Jeremy Skrdlant** delivered a trailer to **Grinnell** and assisted with cleanup and distributing supplies.
- At the same time, **DGE Lou Morgan** and **Lion Patty** headed to **Plevna** to provide support.
- Lions from **all three Kansas districts** joined in—offering labor, supplies, and monetary support to those who lost so much.

It was a **beautiful example of Lions teamwork**, heart, and dedication to service.

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### **District Convention Recap – “There’s No Place Like 17-K!”**

A huge **thank you** to everyone who joined us in **Liberal, Kansas** for our **District Convention**. We were blessed with a fantastic venue, amazing food, and even better Lions! A special thank you to the **Liberal Lions Club**, who went **above and beyond** to make the weekend memorable. They did SO much to take care of every detail—thank you! From the **pancake tossing contest** to skipping down the **Yellow Brick Road** with **Dorothy, Toto, the Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Wizard, and both witches**, we brought the *Wizard of Oz* to life in true Lions fashion. And yes—you should have seen **PDG Tom** as a **munchkin handing out lollipops**, and one creative Lion who came dressed as the **Yellow Brick Road** itself!

**ID Guy Hollander** and his wife **Carol** joined us and brought energy, wisdom, and plenty of fun to the event. We were also honored to be joined by **Miss Kansas 2024**, whose inspiring story touched everyone in attendance—what an incredible young woman.

In addition to the fun, we raised **over \$1,200** to provide **Cancer Bags for children** in our district bravely fighting for their lives.

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### Looking Ahead

This year, we began with uncertainty about who would step into leadership. Now, Lions across District 17-K are **stepping forward eagerly**, ready to lead and serve. It's been one of the most fulfilling transformations to witness—and it gives me full confidence in the future of our district.

**Great things are ahead for 17-K.** I'll be watching—and cheering you on all the way.

Thank you for your service, your heart, and your belief in what Lions can do.

### District Governor A – DG Margy Sundstrom

Date: January 19, 2025

Number of Clubs: 70 / 1,408 members

Net Gain/Loss: **+3**

Status Quo Clubs:

Cancel Clubs: 0

Problem Clubs: 2

Abilene and Olathe

LCIF report: 46% club participation and 2.5 member participation

**Dates to remember:** Cabinet Meeting January 25, 2025 in Topeka

District Convention March 7-8, 2025 at Hilton Garden Inn in Topeka

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

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

### District Governor N – DG Shari Neihardt

Club Count: 67

Lions Member: 1390

Net gain/Loss: **+14**

No problem or Status Quo Clubs

DG Visit: Have visited all my clubs

VDGs: Have made all club Visits

District 17-N Calendar:

4<sup>th</sup> District Cabinet Meeting

June 14, 2025

9:30 Regulation

150 Main, Benton, Ks

We had a great District Convention. We had 90 Lions and guest for the convention. ID Steve and Lion LeeAnn had a great time meet all the new Lions and guest. It was their first time in Kansas.

LCIF donations to date \$38,260 so far. With 100% of all clubs donating to LCIF

District 17N has added a new club in Augusta Kansas

We have sent Diabetes Camp information out to schools.

We now have new Leos Club, hosted by the Lyndon Lions Club.

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

**Budget and Finance – PDG David Hentges** – No Budget and Finance Committee Meeting, but those who there were impressed that we were below the anticipated expenditures and were high in income for the year.

**Environmental** ..... Ron Weaverling  
No written report, but winners were announced.

**GAT** ..... Pam Bilyeu  
GET Global Extension Team ..... Harry Stockwell  
Almost a Club in Augusta and we are working on a club for Andover.  
GLT Global Extension Team ..... Bill Phillipi and Deb Weaverling  
Training was held for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governors before the convention. We feel that are prepared for their term as Governors.  
GMT Global Membership Team ..... Eric Stimple  
No Report  
GST Global Service Team ..... Tom Baumann  
Two service opportunities for Lions to do at the convention. One being making 2,000 food packets for families overseas. The other was sorting glasses to send to Indiana.

**LCIF** ..... Rick Dodson  
Rick talked about the Speed Learning that was being set up and he hoped that everyone that attended enjoyed the presentation. The kiss the dead fish was a hit and raised a good sum of money. The state is ahead of its goal. and coordinators in each district are working hard to reach their stretch goal.

**State Publications and Marketing** ..... Lion Becky Funke  
Lions were reminded that articles for the state Newsletter are due in two weeks. We really want to get it out before International Convention.

**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 Band** ..... ID 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.

**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  
Seeing no new business is there a motion for adjournment?  
DG Diana Baumann DG 17K – I move adjourn the meeting  
DG Margy Sundstrom DG 17A - Second  
CC Pam Bilyeu – Is there any discussion? All in Favor say “I”, Opposed “Nay”. Motion: Passed

# **Business Meeting of the three foundations May 30, 2025**

## **Kansas Lions Band Foundation Directors Meeting**

### **State Convention**

**May 30, 2025, Wichita, KS**

The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their fourth directors' meeting, Saturday May 30, 2025

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

The Treasurer's report was given as submitted by Bill and reported by Willie and approved.

#### **State office report:**

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

#### **State & International Band Report:**

It was reported that there were 185 students participating this year. There will likely be an increase in the cost per student next year. The band will be housed at Hutchinson Community Jr College.

#### **Old business:**

1. The quilt raffle is progressing. There is a change in the drawing date to the first council meeting. Most of the tickets have been sold to out of state buyers and it could be delivered at the USA/Canada Forum.
2. Bobby presented the new pin and distributed them to sellers.
3. The pig/beef bundle raffle tickets were turned in and the drawing will be this weekend.

#### **New business:**

1. There was a suggestion for a 50/50 raffle at council meetings, but no decision was made.

Respectfully submitted,

***NOTE: Be thinking about items for the auction that will be held at the Fall Rally next year.***

***Winners of the pig/beef bundle raffle were: ½ hog to Topeka Sunflower Lions, ½ hog to Wayne Stander and the beef bundle to Bobby Duvall. The raffle raised \$1235.***

***The donations at the concert were \$1003.***

KLSF Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2025

Wichita, KS

Welcome was provided by Pres. Deb Weaverling. A special welcome was given to PIP Douglas Alexander from New York and visitors from New Mexico: PCC Melissa Washburn on the ballot for ID 2025- 2027 and Johnny and Gemma Ferguson. ID Hans Neidhardt was present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Caldwell. Invocation provided by Terry Weldin

Invocation provided by Sec. Terry Weldin

Pledge of Allegiance by Richard Caldwell

Roll Call: Officers Present; Pres. Deb Weaverling, Vice President Jim Huenergarde, Secretary Terry Weldin. Absent; Treas. Andy Hoedl. Directors Present; Deb Weaverling, Jim Huenergarde, Terry Weldin, Sylvia Reinhardt, Vern Failor, Rick Dodson, Mike Sundstrom, Don Sefers, Richard Caldwell, Lori Langley, Ginny Caldwell.

Directors absent Darold Grauerholtz, Elwyn Maneth, David Davis, Victor "Vic" Martin, Eric Strimple, Dr. Steven Cauble, Gene Allen

Dr. Steven Cauble and Gene Allen arrived in time for the election of the 2025-2016 officers

There are 12 directors in attendance. We do have a quorum.

Invocation provided by Sec. Terry Weldin

Pledge of Allegiance by Richard Caldwell.

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of January 18, 2025 minutes

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Andy is absent and will provide a written report for all officers and directors via email.

Pres. Deb stated that we are in good financial condition. See attached.



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Ameriprise Financial Funds: Vice President Jim we started April with \$1,377,048.18. We have had \$1,200 in donations. We have had -\$2,017.61 in expenses. We now have \$1,376,230.57. We have had a return of nearly 8% and the portfolio is doing well. Lion Jim asked if there were any questions. Pres. Deb thanked Lion Jim for his report. She stated that we do have money. See attached file.



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## Committee Reports

### Child Vision Screening

5 30 2025 KLSF KidSight/Child Vision Screening Report

District K

Screenings 519      40 referrals

District A

Screenings 3306      413 referrals

District N

Screenings 188      30 referrals

Totals      4103      483 referrals

**Saving Sight:** Lion Sylvia Reinhardt reported that during the first four months of the 2025 calendar year, Saving Sight has restored vision to 1,038 individuals through the gift of cornea donation and transplantation. Of those people, 742 were in the United States and 262 were from the state of Kansas. Pres. Deb thanked Lion Sylvia for her report and stated that Saving Sight is something that Lion Sylvia is very passionate about.

Lion Sylvia stated that she attended the KDEC Early Development Conference where information is available for Professionals and families with birth to 3 year old children with special needs.



KSLSF Report 2025-05-22.pdf

**Eyeglass Collection:** Lion Mike Sundstrom reported that we are thin at the Topeka location but he did a quick inventory at the State Office in Wichita and we have several thousand pair there right now. We are looking good. We have enough for our eyeglasses sorting project this weekend. Discussion took place regarding the availability of space. Mike indicated the 20,000 pairs of glasses were sent to Indiana recently and there is space in Topeka. Richard Caldwell asked a question about where to go with a trailer load of glasses that the Bel Aire club has and he wanted to know about mileage reimbursement rate for the transportation of glasses and that rate is \$.50 per mile. See written report below.

## KLSF Report Used Eyeglass program

### MD17 Eyeglass Collection Chair Michael Sundstrom

May is here and boy has it been cold and wet at the storage location this month.

We sent 20k pairs of glasses out to Indiana this spring. I need to source the big box flat bundles and the small flat box bundles we had. I now need to source these boxes and find the lead time to obtain them.

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

The District Governor has been great with the distribution of the eyeglass collection boxes during all her visits to the clubs. DG Margy has handed out 3 or 4 boxes at each club visit. I have asked the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG to also keep the eyeglass collection boxes while attending their visits around the district.

2025 is looking like a good year for KLSF.

Yours in Lionism,

Michael

Make you Mark with Service

Pres. Deb expressed that we need to be involved in sorting and other discussion involving eyeglasses sorting and processing. We need to be encouraging groups to get our glasses into the hands of people who can put those in the hands of those in need. Both Hutchinson and Winfield are reported to be processing glasses now.

#### State Fair Written Report

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation  
Kansas State Fair Report  
May 30, 2025

"Make your Mark" 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.

The fair dates are September 5 - 14, 2025. We will be offering 2 shifts per-day 9:30 am to 2 pm and 1:30 pm to 6 pm. **Lion Jackie O Neal** from the Bel Aire Lions Club is the register that maintains the Lions volunteer list. Several Lions have already signed up for their favorite spot so contact Jackie and get your spot. She can be contacted at 316 734 2176 or email at [glammother@yahoo.com](mailto:glammother@yahoo.com). **Please make an effort to help her.**

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

To get the Lions and nurses to volunteer, we will be providing a **Gate Pass** for each day they volunteer.

If your Lions Club comes in one car or van KLSF will provide a **parking pass** for that vehicle to park on the fairgrounds. **It cost you nothing to visit the fair, as Lions only serve 1 shift per day so that leaves ½ day to visit the fair.**

KLSF Director Lion Vern Failor is the general Chairman and organizer for the event and will be there each day to assist. Lion Vern can be reached at 785 231 3960 or email him at [ylfailor@gmail.com](mailto:ylfailor@gmail.com) For more information contact either one of us and we can find a place for you and your Lions club.

To make a donation please contact Lion Vern Failor to see what is needed at 785 231 3960 or email [ylfailor@gmail.com](mailto:ylfailor@gmail.com). We still need:

Gloves	S	400 count
	XL	900 count

Donations as of today are:	Cotton Balls		4450
	Gloves	L	1400
		M	1300
	Cash		\$150.00
	1 case band-aids		450 assorted

**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 15 listed.**

As the current IP says “MAKE YOUR MARK ” 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.

Respectfully

Lion Vern Failor  
Director District 17-A  
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

Lion Vern wants to gather information about where used eyeglasses are being collected particularly if your club is within 150 miles of the State Fair.

President Deb spoke about an Essilor program for FREE eyeglasses.

**Knight of Sight Pins:** Terry Weldin We have received \$800 for Knight of Sight Pins. We have over 150 Knight of Sight Pins in our inventory. One full bag labeled 100 and another bag half full. I estimate that we have

enough Knight of Sight Pins for the next 10 years at current rate of distribution. I will bring the partial bag of pins with me for anyone who wants donate \$100 and save us the price of postage

**Scholarship Update:** Dr. Cauble is not present and there is no report at this time. We intend to provide \$2,000 scholarships and this being managed by KOA through Dr. Cauble. The Eclipse Project was the source of the funds for this scholarship program. Dr. Krug and Dr. Witt donated the funds for the purchase of the glasses and all of the funds taken in for the glasses were profit (\$40,000).

## **Old Business**

**Welch Allyn Retinavue 700 Screener:** Pres. Deb opened the discussion regarding the possible purchase of these retina screener screeners. CC Pam Bilyeu came back from the USA/Canada Leadership Forum last year and shared information about this instrument and encourage KLSF to consider purchasing. Pres. Deb indicated that she had thought that one for each district might be needed. In conversations with Mary Ellen (School Health Representative) \$11,000 for the purchase of the device and another \$12,000 for the maintenance of the device. In conversations with Dr. Krug and Dr. Witt has recommended that we not purchase this equipment because of the large investment in the setup, lack of professional support that is needed and the long turn-around-time for the results that would result in long wait time for results. Almost \$30,000 for each instrument not counting the \$15.00 to pay the professional each time there would be a reading for the results.

Terry Weldin made a motion that we would table this proposed purchase of the Welch Allyn Retinavue 700 Screener to be considered again later on. Lion Vern Failor seconded the motion. Since considerable discussion has already taken place Pres. Deb asked for a vote on this motion. This motion was passed by voice vote with no opposition.

## **Attended Celebrate Access! Braille and Beyond, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Wichita KS**

Pres. Deb expressed that she and Ron had attended a wonderful event in Wichita on February 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. She and Ron went as volunteers to assist with the training of Blind or visually impaired individuals with lifelong skills like cooking, playing sports and putting things together. This was a very satisfying experience for her and Ron She stated that she hoped that more Lions might becoming involved next year with this conference. The individuals who were blind or visually impaired came with their family/care givers who take care of them to this conference to gain skills and training. This conference was provided by the Kansas State School for the Blind.

**KLSF Brochures.** Pres. Deb has printed and made available to all of the directors brochures for KLSF. She had more available.

**Fundraiser Ideas:** Pres. Deb stated that we are always looking for ways to raise funds. She mentioned the Knight of Sight Pins. She stated that we need to come up with some type of a fundraiser for our group. The vision that I have for the State of Kansas and the Foundation can move forward. I need to have some great ideas from our Director group or even from other Lions in the room that may have ideas.

**KLSF Polo's:** Pres. Deb has decided that she would like to have a polo for our foundation. Margy Sundstrom, when you give her something to do. She does it. She contacted the local vendor in Leavenworth KS . Mike Sundstrom was wearing a sample of the Polo shirt. Pres. Deb stated that Margy could assist directors with getting other shirts such as white or if other colors were wanted. Pres Deb express that she had heard that a Lion said that he has a lot more Polo's than he needs/wants. She went on to say that none of them say "Kansas Lions Sight Foundation" on them.

**New Business:** Dr. Krug has brought to our attention that there is a good price for an automated lensometer. Through V.P. Jim Huenergarde that he is recommending that we look into purchasing new automated lensometers. This is what they do at the prisons. She stated that we should have the device/instrument. She stated that she thinks we could buy 3 of these instruments. The information is seen below. V.P. Jim Huenergarde asked to speak and expressed that the device/instrument does it automatically and can printed out a label with the information about the read glasses without anything having to be hand written to record the reading it prints it out and any Lion could do it. Pres. Deb expressed that she thinks that this is the type of equipment that we as our foundation need to purchase if we are going to start sorting and processing the used eyeglasses.

Reichert LensChek Plus Digital Lensometer \$4,586 w/pd \$5,647 – automated lensometer for measuring eyeglass RX.

Sylvia Reinhardt using this instrument the eyeglasses will not be sterilized as they are in the prisons. All that would have to be done would be to put the eyeglasses in a laundry bag in a dishwasher without any soap and run it. Then you would read them then put them in boxes. Pres. Deb stated that we have the boxes to do this with. She wants to bring a motion to the floor. We could purchase one for each district. Then each district could have their own sorting party. In Missouri they take glasses and they put them in a special bag and throw them in a dishwasher on HOT. Then they process them with the lensometers but she does not know if it is the same instrument as Dr. Krug is recommending to be purchased. VP Jim stated that the automated lensometers even read bifocal glasses and gives the prescription for both. Pres. Deb stated that she believes that it is a great idea that we could start sorting in all of the districts. This is what is being suggested for purchase and the price. Reichert LensChek Plus Digital Lensometer \$4,586 w/pd \$5,647 – automated lensometer for measuring eyeglass RX.

Sec. Terry stated that we need a motion to proceed. Sylvia Reinhardt stated that this would have to be a major commitment to keep this going and could not be just a one day kind of project. She asked if we could partner with Rotary. Pres. Deb expressed that she like the idea of a partnership with Rotary. Vern Failor expressed that there is a lot more work to this than just reading the lenses and he does not think that people are giving enough thought to that. In the prisons they read the lens, sanitize them, they box them and alphabetize them. All of that. They put them in protective sleeves and that takes a lot of time. Those prison people have the time and they are willing to take the time because it is community service. Vern asks do we have the time to do that? Pres. Deb stated that we do. I think we do. I think we can make the time. Vern states that we need to understand that it is not just the reading of the lenses prescription. Pres. Deb stated that it is her understanding that the prison in western Kansas or southern Kansas on do them when the weather is not good for working outside. Which is winter. Lion Scott Helmke stated that he felt that we could get the word out in Wichita and get people from area clubs maybe on three people at a time to come to work on a project like this at the state office. Pres. Deb thinks that this is a great idea not only for current Lions but to get new Lions. Invite your friends. Invite your neighbors to a sorting party and you may get new Lions from this activity. A Lion Diana from Hays (not identified by me) spoke that it would be good for us in Hays that Dr. Krug could come and train us on how to use the equipment and want to do this as soon as possible. Mike Sundstrom stated that you have to have a facility with a dishwasher, room to store glasses waiting to be read and room to store glasses after they have been processed. He emphasized that there is a lot of infrastructure that has to be in place before the first glasses could be processed with this situation. Mike stated that these automated machines are better and he indicated that he did not believe that the prison sorting procedure does not have this type of Lensometer. They have the older version of the machine and you have to look through the machine and write down the reading that comes from the machine. The automated units would be a lot faster and more accurate.

Sylvia Reinhardt stated that she does not know what the feasibilities are but she does not think that the penal facility in Norton has been approached about being part of KLSF Eyeglasses processing. She indicated that if we

would contact them they might be more interested in being a part of this process. Pres. Deb indicated that her preference would be for the Lions to do it.

Terry Weldin made a motion that the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation purchase three of the Reichert LensChek Plus Digital Lensometer \$4,586 w/pd \$5,647 – automated lensometers for measuring eyeglass RX. One for each District and the location of the instrument to be determined by the current District Governor of each District when the Lensometers are to be delivered. So that the current District Governor always knows where it is to be found. Seconded by Don Sefers.

Discussion on the motion started by Margy Sundstrom asking a question about if the Automated Lensometers were as mobile to be moved from place to place? She is thinking that they might need to be recalibrated if they were moved. VP Jim stated that he believed that they could be moved without a need to be recalibrated. He stated that they only weight 10 pounds and they are mobile. Margy stated that was her only concern about this. Pres. Deb responded to a question from the back of the room asking about the discussion regarding having multiple sorting parties in different locations causing problems with the automated lensometer. The answer she stated was that would not a problem. 44:15 There was a question about if the price needed to be in the motion. Sec. Terry accepted that as a friendly amendment and Don Sefers accepted that as well. The motion was amended to include the price with printing device.

Pres. Deb stated the motion made by Sec. Terry Weldin that the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation purchase three of the Reichert LensChek Plus Digital Lensometers \$4,586 w/pd \$5,647 – automated lensometers for measuring eyeglass RX. One for each District and the location of the instrument to be determined by the current District Governor of each District when the Lensometers are to be delivered. So that the current District Governor always knows where it is to be found. Seconded by Don Sefers. Mike Sundstrom raised the issue and asked the question if each district was going to purchase a dishwasher? Richard Caldwell stated that he was going to ask that question also. Pres. Deb expressed that she felt that each district could find an existing dishwasher to use for the sorting parties that are being discussed. She further stated that if you partner with a community center they might have a dishwasher that could be used as a part of a sorting party. Sec. Terry Weldin spoke that he felt that was more the responsibility of the district that was providing the screening than it would be of KLSF. Scott Helmke stated that he believe that there is a dishwasher at the state office in Wichita where sorting is already being done. Pres. Deb called for a vote and 11 members of the KLSF Board of Directors voted yes. Director Vern Failor voted no. The motion passed 11 to 1.

The next item on the agenda Pres. Deb said she had been contacted by Lions in the Wichita area and the Leavenworth area call her and asked questions about the cataract surgeries that are being done as a project of KLSF. Pres. Deb said he is under the impression that the monies we donate to University of Kansas Eye Center were used for cataract surgeries that we refer to them. She has been informed that is kind of that way but also not that way as well. 47:19The surgeries that they perform are not for any person that has any insurance of any kind. There is another system for that. If you have a request for this service do not try to answer any questions. We need to refer them to someone at the University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Club. The address is found in the current Leadership Directory. Pres. Deb stated that she has a Zoom meeting with Deb Kephart of KS University Eye Clinic in July. We have donated \$16,700.00 a year to do cataract surgeries. We she contacts them for a cataract surgery and she is told that there are no more surgeries available for the year. Pres. Deb stated that she does not like that answer. Pres. Deb asked if anyone had any questions. One question came up from Scott Helmke about where to set up for the eyeglasses sorting project. This was to be determined later but soon. Lion Jackie O'Neal announced that she will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor with her book for volunteers to sign up at the state fair booth. There was another question about how to find the contact information for the cataract surgery. Terry Weldin stated that information is in the MD 17 Leadership Directory under University of Kansas Eye Center Lions Club.

The election of officers for 2025-2026 will be after lunch.

#### Election of KLSF Officers for 2025 2026 Lions Year

Pres. Deb Weaverling called for a report of the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee provided a slate of officers.

President Deb Weaverling, Vice President Jim Huenergarde, Secretary Terry Weldin and Treasurer Andy Hoedl.

All of the Directors were present except for Andy Hoedl, Vic Martin, Darold Grauerholz, Elwyn Maneth and David Davis. 13 Directors were present for a quorum. Rick Dodson made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Terry Weldin seconded the motion. After brief discussion of saying we have good officers and no need to change this year. Voice vote was 13 in favor with no opposition.

### **KLF – Kansas Lions Foundation**

At 9:04am President PCC Diane Hentges called the meeting to order. Attending were PCC Diane Hentges (President); PDG Kathie Bell (Secretary), PCC Helen LeBlanc (Treasure); and Directors Lion Linda Falley (17-K), PCC Randy St. Aubyn (17-K); PDG David Hentges (17-A); Lion Ron Weaverling (17-A); PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N) and Lion Don Sefers (Director 17-N). Lion Cheryl Kerns (Vice President and Director 17-A) was absent. A quorum was present. Guest PIP Doug Alexander attended part of the meeting.

Don Sefers moved the agenda be accepted and Richard Caldwell seconded. The agenda was accepted.

The minutes from the Jan.18, 2025 meeting had been distributed. David Hentges moved they be approved, and DG Diana Baumann seconded the motion which carried.

Treasurer Helen LeBlanc gave the Treasurers report. There is money coming in from the sales of first kits. Randy St. Aubyn moved the Treasurers report be approved and Richard Caldwell seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Dan Funke gave the ALERT report. There were recently two communities in 17-K, Grinnell and Plevna, impacted by tornadoes. 17-K DG Diana Baumann gave excellent support. Though neither disaster met LCIF emergency grant thresholds, both ALERT trailers were used. Dan Funke announced he will no longer drive the truck for an ALERT trailer and gave the Foundation a year to find a new driver..

Costs have risen, especially for insurance, and donations to the ALERT program can be sent to Treasurer Helen LeBlanc. DG Diana Baumann stated she will apply for a Hanson Grant from Logan, Kansas for a new truck and trailer.

Helen LeBlanc reminded those attending that if someone buys five Pink Lions they will receive a Bill and Dorothy Wunder pin. She is low on Pink Lion pins and more need to be ordered. Ron Weaverling moved the wording on the pin be changed to "KLF Supporter." Kathie Bell seconded the motion which carried. Richard Caldwell moved the Foundation purchase 500 pins for \$875 and Kathie Bell seconded. The motion carried.

There was discussion about whether more first aid kits should be ordered or if other items such as fire blankets could be sold as a fund raiser. The subject was tabled.

PCC Harry Stockwell had texted the Youth Exchange report. "This has been an odd but unique year. We started with Japan, Finland, Spain, France and Thailand. Finland is not sending anyone. Japan asked how many to receive; haven't heard anything yet. Spain is sending one. France had one coming but cancelled due to youth camp, and Thailand is sending one. Don't know for sure when they will be traveling. Sent out notices for host families with no

response. If are exchanges are to be successful, we need participation in our programs. Maybe we should explore possibilities of a YE camp? Harry Stockwell PCC MD 17 YE chairman.”

Next item on the agenda was election of officers. The slate approved by the nominating committee was PCC Diane Hentges for President; Lion Cheryl Kerns for Vice President; PDG Kathie Bell for Secretary and PCC Helen LeBlanc for Treasurer. After some discussion, the presiding officer stated any Foundation member (Kansas Lion) could hold office and any Kansas Lion could vote for officers.

DGE Irene Haas nominated DG Margie Sundstrom for secretary and PID Deb Weaverling seconded. DGE Lou Morgan moved nomination cease with PCC Helen LeBlanc seconded the motion which passed. DG Margie Sundstrom was elected Secretary.

Ron Weaverling nominated DG Diana Baumann for President and DG Margie Sundstrom seconded. Lion Michael Sundstrom moved the nominations be ceased and PGE David Hentges seconded the motion which carried. DG Diana Baumann was elected President.

DGE Lou Morgan nominated PDG Tom Baumann for Treasurer and DG Margie Sundstrom seconded. Michael Sundstrom moved nominations cease and DGE Lou Morgan seconded the motion which carried. PDG Tom Baumann was elected Treasurer.

DGE Lou Morgan nominated Ron Weaverling for Vice President and PID Bill Phillipi seconded. Michael Sundstrom moved the nominations cease and DG Margy Sundstrom seconded the motion which carried. Ron Weaverling was elected Vice President.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14am. Kathie Bell, Secretary Kansas Lions Foundation

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