



# Minutes

**Fourth Council of Governors Meeting  
May 31, 2024  
Double Tree – Lawrence, Ks**

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ID Hans Neidhardt (2024-2026)

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Deb Weaverling (2021-2023)  
Bill Phillipi (2015-2017)  
Ann Smarsh (2009-2011)  
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**We Serve**

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

### Minutes of the Fourth Council of Governors Meeting May 30, 2024 - Double Tree, Lawrence

**Council Chair Lori Horton** called the Council Meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Don Keihl was absent but the other members were present. 17A ADG Margy Sundstrom and 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Acting District Governor District A Margy Sundstrom** lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DG Pam Bilyeu** 17N gave the invocation.

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

**CC Lori Horton** introduced the International Family present and invited them to make comments: IP Patti Hill, PID Deb Weaverling, PID Bill Phillipi and PID Ed McCormick.

**CC Lori Horton** introduced all the Vice District Governors.

**CC Lori Horton** asked the Governors to accept DGE – 17K Diana Baumann to join the Governors at the table to represent District K.

**Council Acton: Pam Bilyeu moved that DGE Lou Morgan be allowed to replace Don Keihl for District K. ADG Margy Sundstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed 2 - 0**

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

**Council Action: 17K - 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Diana Baumann** moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 17A –ADG Margy Sundstrom Seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Parliamentarian PDG Governor Michael Sundstrom** read the following report. The State Council meeting or State Convention Business meeting shall be held in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International and MD-17 of the State of Kansas. Robert's Rules of Order, as amended, shall be observed throughout this meeting.

If any Lion in attendance, wants to address the State Council they must be recognized by the Council Chairperson first.

Upon recognition by the Council Chairperson, you need to 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.

**CC Lori Horton** asked for a motion to approve the minutes on the 3rd State Council Meeting of 2023-2024 in Junction City, Ks, on January 20, 2024.

**Council Action:** 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu made the motion to approve the minutes as presented.  
17K – DGE 17K Diana Baumann seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

**Treasurer Report** – PCC Hans Neidhardt presented the Treasurer's Report

**KANSAS LIONS STATE COUNCIL**

**May 14, 2024**

<b><u>BALANCE SHEET</u></b>		
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
	<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>
Legacy Bank (Checking)	62,441.72	92,468.36
Marysville Comm Foundation (\$15K Invested)	13,362.10	15,050.48
Legacy Bank (CD 84214-Admin)	63,804.91	65,379.14
Legacy Bank (CD 83777-KI)	36,413.30	37,618.30
Legacy Bank (CD 83776-Band)	33,936.27	35,059.29
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>209,958.30</b>	<b>245,575.57</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND ACCOUNT BALANCES</u></b>		
Accounts Payable (Payroll Withholdings)	-	-
State/International Band Committee Account	36,814.07	68,761.63
Administrative Fund	71,607.80	78,549.18
Administrative Equipment Fund	3,509.96	4,239.50
International Convention Fund	33,000.83	36,935.33
Kansas - International Fund	38,474.57	36,212.14
GLT & GMT & GST	6,677.41	5,176.67
Mid-Winter Rally Fund	9,024.83	8,566.79
State Convention Fund	8,475.59	4,696.09
Yellow Dot Program Fund	2,373.24	2,438.24
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>209,958.30</b>	<b>245,575.57</b>

<b><u>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND ACCOUNT BALANCES</u></b>					
<b>FUND ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>BALANCE June 30, 2023</b>	<b>DUES RECEIPTS</b>	<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>BALANCE December 31, 2023</b>
Administrative	71,607.80	58,674.37	6,209.84	57,942.83	78,549.18
Administrative Equipment	3,509.96	1,029.38	-	299.84	4,239.50
International Convention	33,000.83	1,647.00	2,387.50	100.00	36,935.33
Kansas - International	38,474.57	2,470.50	1,205.00	5,937.93	36,212.14
GLT-GMT-GST-GET (Grant \$\$)	6,677.41	2,058.75	1,153.75	4,713.24	5,176.67
Mid-Winter Rally	9,024.83	1,647.00	6,316.00	8,421.04	8,566.79
State Convention	8,475.59	2,470.50	-	6,250.00	4,696.09
Yellow Dot Program	2,373.24		65.00		2,438.24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>173,144.23</b>	<b>69,997.50</b>	<b>17,337.09</b>	<b>83,664.88</b>	<b>176,813.94</b>



<b>ADMINISTRATIVE FUND COMMITTEES - EXPENSE ANALYSIS</b>				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE FUND COMMITTEES</b>	<b>2023-2024 ACTUAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2023-2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>% OF BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ OVER/UNDER BUDGET</b>
Audit		201.60	0.0%	201.60
Budget and Finance		468.16	0.0%	468.16
Constitution and By-Laws & Parliamentary		448.00	0.0%	448.00
Enviromental	94.08	997.60	9.4%	903.52
Global Extention Team		616.00	0.0%	616.00
Global Leadership Team		514.64	0.0%	514.64
Global Membership Team	79.52	420.00	18.9%	340.48
Global Service Team	286.66	504.00	56.9%	217.34
Historical	481.14	996.00	48.3%	514.86
International Convention		168.00	0.0%	168.00
K-I		364.00	0.0%	364.00
LCIF		1,324.40	0.0%	1,324.40
LEHP	214.78	1,078.00	19.9%	863.22
Long Range Planning		-	#DIV/0!	-
Mid-Winter Rally	42.00	-	#DIV/0!	(42.00)
Communications and Marketing	99.12	1,204.00	8.2%	1,104.88
State & International Band		560.00	0.0%	560.00
State Convention		308.00	0.0%	308.00
Information Technology		1,430.24	0.0%	1,430.24
State Office Committee		164.08	0.0%	164.08
State Council	22,667.93	34,425.00	65.8%	11,757.07
State Office	33,977.60	41,100.00	82.7%	7,122.40
<b>Administrative Fund Expense Totals</b>	<b>57,942.83</b>	<b>87,291.72</b>	<b>66.4%</b>	<b>29,348.89</b>
<b>FUND ACCOUNTS - EXPENSE ANALYSIS</b>				
<b>FUND ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>2023-2024 ACTUAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2023-2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>% OF BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ OVER/UNDER BUDGET</b>
Administrative Fund	57,942.83	87,291.72	66.4%	29,348.89
Administrative Equipment Fund	299.84	2,500.00	12.0%	2,200.16
International Convention Fund	100.00	5,500.00	1.8%	5,400.00
Kansas - International Fund	5,937.93	8,500.00	69.9%	2,562.07
GET (\$89.45)/GLT (\$2820.40)/GMT (\$1671.39)/GST (\$132.00)	4,713.24	5,500.00	85.7%	786.76
Mid-Winter Rally Fund (through (MD 17)	8,421.04	9,000.00	93.6%	578.96
State Convention Fund (Includes \$1500 to 2023)	6,250.00	6,000.00	104.2%	(250.00)
Yellow Dot Program	-	100.00	0.0%	100.00
<b>Fund Accounts Expense Totals</b>	<b>83,664.88</b>	<b>124,391.72</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	<b>40,726.84</b>

<b>FUND ACCOUNTS - INCOME ANALYSIS</b>				
<b>FUND ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>2023-2024 ACTUAL INCOME</b>	<b>2023-2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>% OF BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ OVER/UNDER BUDGET</b>
Administrative Fund	64,884.21	60,500.00	107.2%	(4,384.21)
Administrative Equipment Fund	1,029.38	1,000.00	102.9%	(29.38)
International Convention Fund	4,034.50	4,500.00	89.7%	465.50
Kansas - International Fund	3,675.50	2,800.00	131.3%	(875.50)
GLT/GMT/GST (LCI: GMT \$1001.57 & GLT \$152.18)	3,212.50	5,000.00	64.3%	1,787.50
Mid-Winter Rally Fund	7,963.00	9,100.00	87.5%	1,137.00
State Convention Fund	2,470.50	2,400.00	102.9%	(70.50)
Yellow Dot Program	65.00	-	#DIV/0!	(65.00)
<b>Fund Accounts Income Totals</b>	<b>87,334.59</b>	<b>85,300.00</b>	<b>102.4%</b>	<b>(2,034.59)</b>

The information in this report is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted, State Treasurer Hans Neidhardt, 05/31/2024

**Council Action – District N DG Pam Bilyeu I move to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.  
District K 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lou Morgan, I second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

### District Governor Reports

**CC Lori Horton** asked each District Governor to present their District Governor Report and where they are at with their goals.

**District K – DGE Don Keihl– No Report-** LCI is way late in updating reports.

I have two clubs that tell me they have sent their next year's officer reports. As of today, I have not seen their new officers on the next year officer report. If this continues, none of us shall be able to provide an accurate report for MD-17 directory from our districts.

The new portal allows us to see each club in our district. However, we are not allowed to view club reports. Thus, we do not have access to individual member records to find president, secretary, and/or treasurer titles. In District K, that means 64 clubs. I'm sure District A and District N have many clubs than District K.

**District A – ADG Margy Sundstrom –** Number of Clubs: 72 (still shows in system) Net Gain/Loss: -49

Status Quo Clubs: 2 Cancel Clubs: 1 Problem Clubs: Abilene  
(Lancaster and Wetmore)

Bonner Springs has closed. Tescott, Abilene, and Wetmore are discussing it.

Goals: I have an unusual situation, where I can say that I am gearing up for 2024-25 and will work hard to get the clubs that are thinking about closing up and going again. Also, working on a cyber club for Douglas County.

Health of the District: I want to change "my numbers" around for next year.

**District N – DG Pam Bilyeu -** Club Count: 68 Lion Member Count: 1403 Net  
Gain/Loss: -42/-2.99%

DG Visits: 33 VDG Visits: 33 - 2 Unable to visit due to clubs non responsive

District 17-N Calendar:

GAT TRAINING	JUNE 8	EMPORIA
4 <sup>th</sup> District Cabinet Meeting	JUNE 29	NEWTON

District 17-N Goals:

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

Charter two new Lions clubs with 20 new Lions each. Conversations have been occurring with the new Augusta Community Club who has 14 individuals who are prospective members, the process for chartering will be completed when the 4 other members have signed up. Andover has a few who are interested and a location for club meetings has been identified. Community members are interested in having a Lions Club in their city.

New virtual club, KLB (Kansas Lions Band), pending approval by LCI as branch club, of the Towanda Lions Club until 20 members when they can charter as a club. Have 10 members with another member who is transferring to this club and 1 associate member. Members actively volunteer/support the Kansas Lions Band

Lyndon Lions have started the process to begin a Leos Club at the Lyndon Middle School/High School members with the advisors in place. Recruitment for members will restart in August 2024.

Osage City Lions approved to sponsor and support Osage City Elementary School starting a CUB Club in August 2024. The principle Dena Grey and an Osage City Lion member will serve as the coordinator.

District Membership challenge to encourage clubs to actively seek new members is still in progress until the end of this Lion year participation recognitions being handed out at the 4<sup>th</sup> District meeting on June 29.

Have had 132 new Lions join District 17 N with a loss of 174 Lions, 27 due to death and the other 147 for various reasons.

Leadership Development: - 100% Zone Chairs complete training- 90% have completed

23 Incoming Club Officers attended a District ZOOM Club Officer training on May 5<sup>th</sup> that included LI Portal, Club President, Club Secretary, and Club Treasurer. Training was recorded and will be made available to clubs via Facebook page and District/State websites with a submittal in place for verification on completing the training.

Tracking online training continues to be a challenge. 50% of the clubs will offer new member orientation in clubs. Training was presented on club orientation at the 1<sup>st</sup> District Gathering/Cabinet meeting in August with 40 attending

6 Lions completed Guiding Lions training presented by IPID Deb Weaverling, MD 17 GLT and will receive their certificates at the next District Meeting.

A comprehensive GAT Training will be available on June 8 in Emporia with ID Marie Cuning and IPID Deb Weaverling and GAT team members to support Mission 1.5 Challenge.

DG monthly roundtable with Zone Chairs – last meeting was on April 30 via ZOOM.

Service: by June 30, 2024 - 90% of the District 17-N clubs will report service on My Lion – currently 50% have reported.

District wide + outreach to victims of the apartment fire in Chanute KS. \$8000 was received by the Kansas Lions Foundation to help rebuild their lives from the loss they suffered.

Food drive at the District 17N Convention to provided 411 non-perishables to the food pantries in the communities of Lyndon Lions and Ottawa Lions hosts of the convention.

Diabetes awareness was presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Gathering/Cabinet meeting in Towanda by Lion Ferne Evans with special speakers Haley and Ella Bjornberg from Shreveport LA, via Zoom to share juvenile Diabetes journey. District Fund set up for juvenile scholarships to attend Diabetes Camp.

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

“Bag of Bucks” incentive to collect donations during club visits has resulted in 74% of clubs making donations or 50/68 clubs. Current LCIF donations are \$21,124.00.

District Environmental Challenge –Fall Environmental Challenge participants were displayed at the District Convention and the “People’s Choice Award” was awarded to Wichita Downtown Lions for their recycling of eyeglass cases into first aids kits and personal care kits. Deadline for Spring Environmental Challenge was on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The spring “People’s Choice Award” will be awarded at the District Gathering/Cabinet meeting.

District 17-N Newsletter – Clubs are sharing in the newsletter and on Facebook, posting photos of service and activities.

District Convention – Convention co-chairs, Lion Barb Schattak, Lyndon Lions and Lion Teri Howard, Ottawa Lions with ID Marie Cuning from Arizona as our Guest Speaker with PCC Lion Rosemarie Gabriel. Attendees were treated to Fun, Food and Fellowship at the Friday NiGHY gathering at Fusion Alley/Prime Time Grille where they enjoyed Pizza and games including a Cornhole competition and bowling. Prizes of St. Patrick’s Day Themed hats were given to the top and lowest scoring bowlers and the Cornhole winners. The Bottle House was the venue for the Convention with a Silent Auction for the Sight Screeners fund, and Exhibitors. District elections were held with the following results: DGE - Shari Neidhardt, Towanda Lions, 1VDGE - Clark Lindstrom, Wichita Downtown Lions, and 2VDGE Melanie Snider, Baxter Springs Lions. KLBK Directors for 2024-2026 PDG Stuart Tolle, Moundridge, PCC Harry Stockwell, Wichita Downtown; KLF Directors 2024-2027 Lion Don Sefers, Winfield; KLSF: Directors 2024-2027 PDG Richard Caldwell, Bel Aire, and Lion Don Sefers, Winfield.

District Peace Poster and Environmental Photo Contests received their awards and the Environmental Challenge participants received their recognitions with Lions voting on their favorite project for the People’s Choice Award, which was won by the Wichita Downtown Club for recycling eyeglass cases. BBQ Lunch was provided by Smoked Creations.

2023-2024 Club Excellence Awards were distributed as well as the District Excellence Award to CC Lori Horton. IPID Deb Weaverling and PID Bill Phillipi presented PDG Bernard Lee with the Ambassador of

Goodwill Award for his 20+ years of service recycling eyeglasses for MD17. Total cost of the convention was \$3901.15 with 83 Lions and guests attending and 4 Lions attending via Zoom.

Condition of District 17N Lions is stable, growing and performing services around the global causes of Lions. Respectfully submitted, Pam Bilyeu District Governor 17-N

**Kansas Lions Band Foundation provide the following report of their meeting.**

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

**Kansas Lions Band Foundation Directors Meeting- State Convention**

The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their third directors meeting, Friday May 31, 2024.

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

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

During the meeting International President Patti Hill requested to make a few comments at the meeting. She requested that the foundation send a report yearly to International as to accomplishments. She also presented President Willie with one of her banners.

**State Office report:**

Lori reported that the broken window in the meeting room had been replaced. The air conditioner for the kitchen is not working, but nothing will be done at this time unless someone wants to do it on their own.

**State & International band report:**

Shari reported there are 159 students. Everything is going well at the camp.

**Old business:**

1. Bobby passed out the new pins.
2. Tickets had been printed and mailed to the directors. Sold tickets and money is being turned into Bill for the drawing.
3. There will be a QR code in the program at the concert to allow contributions to be submitted that way.

**New business:**

1. If acceptable there will be a quilt made and raffled for the benefit of the band foundation. It was accepted by the foundation.

***NOTE: The pig/beef bundle project netted approx. \$1,715.***

***Freewill at the concert is \$751.***

The officer election was held after the council meeting and officers will remain as: PDG William Tolle, President; PDG John Lee; Secretary and PDG Bill Stenfors; Treasurer

Winners for the raffle: ½ hog Sandy Williamson, Augusta; beef bundle Sunshine Letsinger, Hiawatha; ½ hog Kathi Stenfors, Manhattan

**Kansas Lions Foundation**

Peace Poster Coordinator for MD17 - PDG Richard Caldwell

The three contestants for the Kansas MD17 Peace Poster Contest were announced and honored at the Noon Luncheon at the Mid-Winter Rally in Junction City on Saturday 20. The theme of the posters for the 2023-2024 Lion year is "Dare to Dream". Darian Kearney represented District 17K from the Stafford Lions. Darian, whose parent is Heather Zehr, is an eighth grader of the Stafford Middle School. Elsee Martin, whose parents are Blake and Tifanie Marten, represented District 17A from the Waterville Lions. Elsee is a seventh grader from

the Valley Heights Middle School. Brock Apel, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Apel, represented



1<sup>st</sup>. Place



2nd Place



3<sup>rd</sup>. Place

Distich 17N from Augusta Lions. Brock is sixth grader from Augusta Middle School.

A panel of three judges ranged from a photographer, business professional and middle school teacher were used. Judged

as 1st place was the poster by Darian Kearney. Elsee Martin's work was judged 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Brock Apel's work was judged the position of 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All three posters were great, making judging difficult. These three students should be recognized for stepping up to participate. They will be future leaders who will change the world.

#### **Kansas Lions Foundation provide the following report of their meeting.**

#### **Kansas Lions Foundation Minutes Doubletree, Lawrence Kansas, May 30, 2024**

President PCC Diane Hentges called the meeting to order at 9:06am. Attending were President PCC Diane Hentges (17-A); Secretary PDG Kathie Bell, Treasurer PCC Helen LeBlanc (17-N), Assistant Treasurer PDG Dan Funke, and Directors PCC David Hentges (17-A), PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N) and Lion Ron Weaverling (17-A). There was a quorum.

PID Anne Smarsh, who was a guest, and husband PDG Tom are again members of the Kansas Lions International Family as they have moved back to the State.

PID Bill Phillipi brought special guest International President Patti Hill. IP Hill requested the Foundation send a report to Lions Clubs International. She wants to know what Foundations are active and who they are serving. IP Hill presented her President's Friendship banner to PCC Hentges.

Dan Funke moved the agenda be approved and Richard Caldwell seconded. The motion carried.

The minutes from the last meeting had been distributed. Helen LeBlanc moved the minutes be approved and Dan Funke seconded. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Helen LeBlanc. The assets and liabilities both were \$85,978.67. Dan Funke moved the report be approved and Richard Caldwell seconded. The motion carried. It was noted that the KLF needs more fundraising.

PCC Harry Stockwell reported via text message for the Youth Exchange: "...our year is closing with 4 exchange students coming from Japan this August. All have been placed in 17-N. Finland did not come this year because of the protesting and violence. Hopefully next year's exchange. Now is the time for MD-17 Lions to think about hosting a student. I will be in contact with various countries. I can take requests if you want to host a student from any country. Let's make this an even better year. It takes you to have a successful exchange." He also gave an oral report.

Dan Funke stated that the ALERT program is going well. There is need for a new truck driver. As it costs \$3,500 per year for just State tags and insurance per truck and trailer, and ALERT has never needed more than one truck/trailer at a time, Dan Funke questions the need for two trucks. Any money from a sale would go into the disaster relief fund. Ron Weaverling suggested a new cyber-Club could take on the responsibility of maintaining a truck/trailer. The board tabled this subject until the August meeting. Richard Caldwell moved a committee be formed of the District Governors and ALERT Chairs. Helen LeBlanc seconded the motion which carried.

KLF brochures are finished. Diane Hentges gave a special thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect for her assistance and to Richard Caldwell for putting together a trifold.

PDG Jerry Loney will hold a QUEST meeting via Zoom in June.

David Hentges stated as head of the nominating committee all current officers have agreed to continue serving in their present roles. Helen LeBlanc moved the slate of President Diane Hentges, Vice President Lion Cheryl Kerns, Secretary Kathie Bell, Treasurer Helen LeBlanc and Assistant Treasurer Dan Funke be accepted, and Richard Caldwell seconded. The slate was elected.

Ideas for fundraising included selling first aid kits for cars, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Richard Caldwell will also look into what hosting a golf tournament entails.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53am.

PDG Kathie Bell, Secretary

**Kansas Lions Sight Foundation provide the following report of their meeting**

**Kansas Lions Sight Foundation – PID Gene Vogel, President** - I now call to order the annual meeting of the KLSF at the annual Multiple District 17 Convention.

The first order of business was to approve amendments to the By-Laws of the Foundation.

The By-Laws can be amended by 2/3 rds vote of members in attendance.

The amendments proposed by the board of directors and printed in the District Newsletters prior to the meeting.

The proposed amendments clarify the requirements for Board of Directors members, Officers and some duties thereof. Also defines voting privileges of officers serving.

Also, changes the notification of amendments to the District Newsletter deleting Kansas Lions News as that is no longer published. And requires the annual report to be filed with the minutes of the Kansas Lions annual convention. Lastly an amendment to state: Proxy voting is not allowed.

Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the proposed amendments.

Second. Discussion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay.

Seeing no nays is there a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Second?

All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Seeing no nays the amendments are hereby adopted and the By-Laws will be changed to include the proposed amendments.

Currently the investments accounts is 1,349,763.22. The income from these investments pays for the projects of the foundation.

KU Eye Center	\$15,600.00	Cataract Project
Eye Glass Project	\$4,000.00	Project Expense
Audio Reader	\$20,000.00	Annual Donation
KanLovKids	\$10,000.00	Annual Donation
Braille Guide	\$2,000.00	Annual Donation
Kansas State Fair	\$10,000.00	Project Expense
Administrative Exp	\$5,000.00	Fee's and Expenses
Estimated Expense	\$66,600.00	

The Solar Eclipse Glasses project profited approximately \$37,000. Over 40,000 solar glasses were dispensed and over \$40,000 collected. The balance of the glasses that were not sold will be donated to South America where there will be a solar eclipse.

A personal thank you to Dr. Bill Witt of Manhattan and Dr. Kendall Krug of Hays for their support of this project. The Board has voted to establish a Kansas Optometric Association scholarship in each of these two doctors for their help in this project.

This is my final report to the Kansas Lions. The past few years have been difficult to say the least to me. I find my attitude has become increasingly worse and therefore I am stepping away from my Lions involvement.

The good news is there is a new President for the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

PID Deb Weaverling has agreed to take over as president.

I will now turn the meeting over to PID Deb for comments and adjournment of the meeting

Deb Weaverling Adjourned the meeting.

Other Written Reports that were turned in.

### **Report of Lions Clubs International Foundation by Rick Dodson**

Here is the status of the goals set by the State LCIF team (as of 29 May 24)

- Continue to pursue historical efforts to raise LCIF funds oriented on past successes and Increased funds by achieving:
  - a. MD goal of \$112,455 (assigned by LCIF). Currently \$88,260 (78%).
  - b. Club participation goal of 66%. (Currently 52%)
  - c. Individual participation of 7%. (Currently 12.8%)
  - d. Focus on clubs that do not historically give. (Analysis and templated letters provided to LCIF District coordinators.)
  - e. Focus on MJF/PMJF in clubs to influence other members. (Analysis and templated letters provided to LCIF District coordinators.)
  - f. Encourage donation recognition with Presidential LCIF supporters (Some pins received and available for \$50 and \$100 donors. Gold pins will have to be requested when donations of \$200 or greater are made.
- District donation breakout:
  - a. District 17-K - \$10,955. 34% club participation.
  - b. District 17-A - \$54,905. 49% club participation.
  - c. District 17-N - \$20,400. 74% club participation.

Kudos to the District 17-N District Governor Team for their energetic collection of LCIF donations at every club visited.

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

MD 17 LCIF Coordinator Team for 2023-2024: PDG Rick Dodson (MD), PCC Randy St. Auburn and PDG Kathie Bell (7-1K), PID Deb Weaverling and Lion Caroline Arter (17-A), and PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N). PCC Bobby Duvall will be assuming Co-coordinator duties next year replacing Lion Caroline.

Coordinators will be attending the annual LCIF Strategy Session in San Antonio in August.

**State office report:** CC Lori reported that work on the fence is completed except for the stain/sealer, and the broken window has been fixed for around \$650.00. The kitchen air conditioner has stopped working. The external fan is not running. State Secretary Dan has informed me that the only time he uses it is for Governor training and he can cool that area off using the main air conditioner in the office area. At this time, he requesting that it does not need to be fixed unless someone wants to look at it for free.

### **International Convention in Australia - Submitted by Council Chair Lori Horton**

is down to 6 confirmed attendees. The delegation is registered to march in the parade of nations and a banner with an easy carry pole has been delivered to them at state convention. Since there are so few marching, I eliminated a handout and had custom embroidered scarves made as a unifying piece of color and a souvenir of sorts for them! Those items were also delivered at state convention so they can be packed and carried easily.

### **Membership Report - PDG Richard Caldwell - MD 17 GMT Chair**

I was going through the latest April Club Health Report from Lions International. I was concentrating that club had the highest percentage of membership for the months of October, November, and December. The Longford Lions Club had the highest percentage growth at 40% during these three months. They will receive the Lions road sign to be placed in their city or given to another club of their choosing.

According to the latest membership report from My Lion Portal, membership statewide has taken a hit in all three Districts for the Lions year. Beginning with, Multiple District 17 (Kansas) there are 4,013 so far this fiscal year with 464 dropped, 204 added with a net growth of -160 members. Comparing to last year, this figures out to be a drop of 745 members.

District 17K has 1,183 members this year, During this third quarter, there were 14 clubs reporting a loss, 12 clubs gaining, and 41 Clubs without any changes and two clubs cancelled All this resulted this fiscal year is 137 members dropped with 75 added resulting with a -63 net growth. Comparing from last year, there was a drop of 89.

District 17A has 1,435 members this year. Their metric membership numbers this year are 154 dropped, 106 added resulting in -48 net growth. For this quarter 14 Clubs lost members with 12 Clubs gaining members, and two clubs were cancelled. Lastly, 45 Clubs had no changes. Comparing numbers from last year, there was a drop of 100 members.

District 17N membership numbers are 1,395. The District added 123 members but lost 173 resulting in -50 net growth. In these last three quarters, 15 Clubs lost members while 10 Clubs gained members, and 42 clubs with no change. Compared to last year membership count, there was a drop of 66.

There could be many “reasons” of this downturn in numbers. Some “reasons” could include the change in membership dues, the cleaning out of inactive members by some clubs, lack of some type of recruitment program, lack of a membership retention program, membership burn-out, attrition, lack of communication between clubs, and districts. Mindset is the biggest problem.

This trend is not good if the Districts in MD17 want to provide service to the communities they support. If MD17 wants to follow Mission 1.5 to acquire new clubs, mindsets need to be considered as it attempts to lure communities into joining the Lions family.

**Old Business** – No old business was presented

**New Business** – None

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM by the Council Chair