



Minutes

**Second Council of Governors Meeting
October 19, 2024
McPherson United Methodist Church, McPherson**

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

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Hans Neidhardt (2023-2025)

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

Deb Weaverling (2021-2023)
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Ed McCormick (2000-2002)
Gene Vogel (1997-1999)
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Blaine Rush (1978-1980)
Chester Francis (1973-1975)
Cluade DeVorss (1957-1959)
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"WE SERVE"

Minutes of the Second Council of Governors Meeting for October 19, 2024 McPherson, KS

Council Chair Pam Bilyeu called the Council Meeting to order at 2:15 PM. Two members of the Council of Governors were present. 17K – DG Diana Baumann and 17A – DG Margy Sundstrom. DG Shari Neidhardt was absent.

CC Pam Bilyeu welcomed everyone to the meeting

DG Margy Sundstrom led the participants in the Flag Salute.

DG Diana Baumann gave the invocation.

CC Pam Bilyeu - Council of Governors, I would ask for your consideration and vote for 1st Vice DG Clark Lindstrom of District 17N to represent and vote in this State Cabinet Meeting in place of 17 N DG Shari Neidhardt who is travelling with her husband ID Hans Neidhardt.

Margy Sundstrom DG 17A – I move to allow 1st Vice District Governor Clark Lindstrom be selected to represent District N.

Diana Bauman DG 17K – I second the motion.

CC Pam Bilyeu called for the vote. Motion passed 2-0.

CC Pam Bilyeu - 1st Vice District Governor Clark, would you please take a seat at the Council of Governors Table.

CC Pam Bilyeu - Introductions/Remarks Past International Family

CC Pam Bilyeu - Introduction of 1st Vice District Governors 2024-2025.

CC Pam Bilyeu - Introduction of 2nd Vice District Governors 2024-2025.

CC Pam Bilyeu – asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Clark Lindstrom 1st Vice DG 17N – I move for the adoption of the Kansas Lions State Council Agenda

Diana Baumann DG 17K – I second the motion.

CC Pam Bilyeu – The vote was 3-0. Motion passed.

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

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

CC Pam Bilyeu – Is there a motion to Approve of the last Council Meeting Minutes?

Margy Sundstrom DG 17A – I move to approve the minutes of the 1st State Council Meeting

Clark Lindstrom 1VDG 17N – I second the motion.

CC Pam Bilyeu – Called for the vote. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's Report – PCC Hans Neidhardt – PCC Hans was not able to make the meeting because he is doing his duty as ID. An e-mail was sent out to all cabinet members prior to his departure. As CC I have received no communications regarding changes at this time. So, can I request a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report at this time

Diana Baumann DG 17 K – I move to approve the Treasurers report.

Margy Sundstrom DG 17 A – I second the motion

CC Pam Bilyeu –Motion: Passed 3-0

District Governor Reports

District Governor – K: Diana Baumann

Membership is down 10 this month. The good news is that October is 5 members more than September plus there are new members in some of our smallest clubs! The Membership Contest starts this month and so far Lucas is in the lead with 5 new members. Some of the members of the

new Lions club are meeting in November to discuss a game plan to get up to our 20 members to be able to charter soon.

Our LCIF donations are similar to last year but I just received word that one of our smaller clubs is giving \$1,000 to LCIF and another is donating \$500. Both donations are a direct result of a visit by a VDG and a Zone Chair who were talking about LCIF. Great job team!

2VDG and GLT Lou Morgan is working on advanced training for all interested the second Saturday of November. PID Deb and Lion Ron will be speaking as well as others. It is going to be a great day, and all are welcome no matter your district. A flyer will be going out as soon as Lou has all his trainers lined up. We will then conduct Guiding Lion Training to try to double the number of Guiding Lions in our district.

Service Reporting is very low so far this year. Part of the training in November will include Portal training and trainees will be asked to bring a laptop so they can complete service reporting that day.

We have cancer bags to give to children going through treatment. We will be working with county cancer councils to have on hand to give to the families going through this. We plan to distribute them throughout our district.

The last month was spent working with Lane County Lions. They had a treasurer that got them into a little bit of trouble with bills that were never paid, and the money was spent elsewhere. We almost lost the club but have worked with them to get over the bumps and continue on as Lions.

We are struggling with finding a newsletter editor. This editor is simply too busy to get these out as timely as they should be.

We look forward to a month of positive growth coming soon!

District Governor A – DG Margy Sundstrom

Number of Clubs: 70

Net Gain/Loss: -2 (as of 10/18)

Total membership 1,403 Added 37 Dropped 39

Status Quo Clubs: 0 Cancel Clubs: Wetmore

Problem Clubs: Continue to work with Abilene and other small rural clubs.

Dates to remember:

1. Cabinet meeting Saturday October 26 at the First Christian Church, 1880 SW Gage Blvd in Topeka. We will celebrate Halloween with prizes for costumes and have a contest for clubs or individuals collecting loose change in a jar and decorating the jar. The collected funds will be donated to our District Reading and Action program.

2. District Convention March 7 and 8 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Topeka. Details to follow.

Official Visits to Date: I continue to visit clubs, along with Zone 2 chair, Mike Sundstrom. He is an outstanding driver!

Goals: Continue to work on membership and new clubs/branches. Lion Eric Tweedy is working on a branch through the Eudora Club and PDG Terry Weldin is hard at it in the Holton area working on a county club sponsored through the Sabetha Club.

Health of the District: Slowly improving. I have a great cabinet and committees that are promoting Lions in all ways possible.

District Governor N – Shari Neihardt

Club Count: 68

Lions Member: 1388

Net gain/Loss : +2

DG Visit: 10

District 17-N Calendar:

2 nd District Cabinet Meeting	October 26, 2024	Lyndon
3 rd District Cabinet Meeting	January 25, 2025	Zoom
District 17-N Convention	February 28-March 1, 2025	Bel Aire
4 th District Cabinet Meeting	June 28, 2025	

LCIF donations \$5,340.00

We have a couple clubs that we may lose some Lions, but are working on keeping them.

Other than that, we are in good shape.

Still working on the new clubs in Augusta and Andover

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

Budget and Finance – PDG David Hentges – No Budget and Finance Committee meeting was held.

Constitution, Bylaws, and SOP's – Mike Sundstrom: The committee received an SOP to review from the State Publications Committee. We will review and have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Environmental – Ron Weaverling was not able to attend. PID Deb Weaverling ran the meeting in his absence.

The following was discussed:

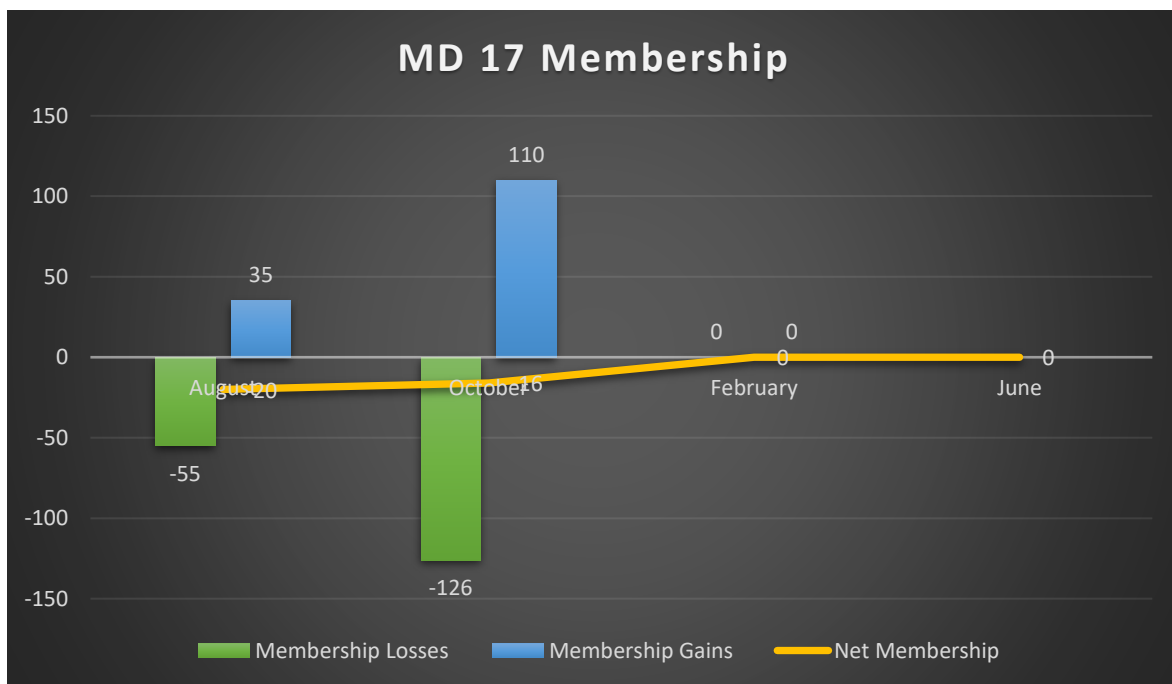
1. Photo Contest
 - A. Entry Form – fillable PDF supplied by Chris
 - B. Category selection is a must
 - C. Deadline the same – District Chair must receive by Jan 1
 - D. Digital only
 - E. Voting will be on the state website Jan to May; winners announced at state convention
 - F. Other concerns?Suggested project: calendar of winning photos
2. Collect eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, ink jet cartridges
3. Earth Day – April 22, 2025
 - A. Ron would like every club to participate
 - a. Select activity
 - b. Publicize it

- c. Report to LCI and Ron
- B. Ideas
 - a. Highway cleanup
 - b. Citywide cleanup
 - c. Plant trees or shrubs
 - d. Workday for elderly/disabled: plant garden, clean yard, haul off limbs
 - e. Repurpose items for the public

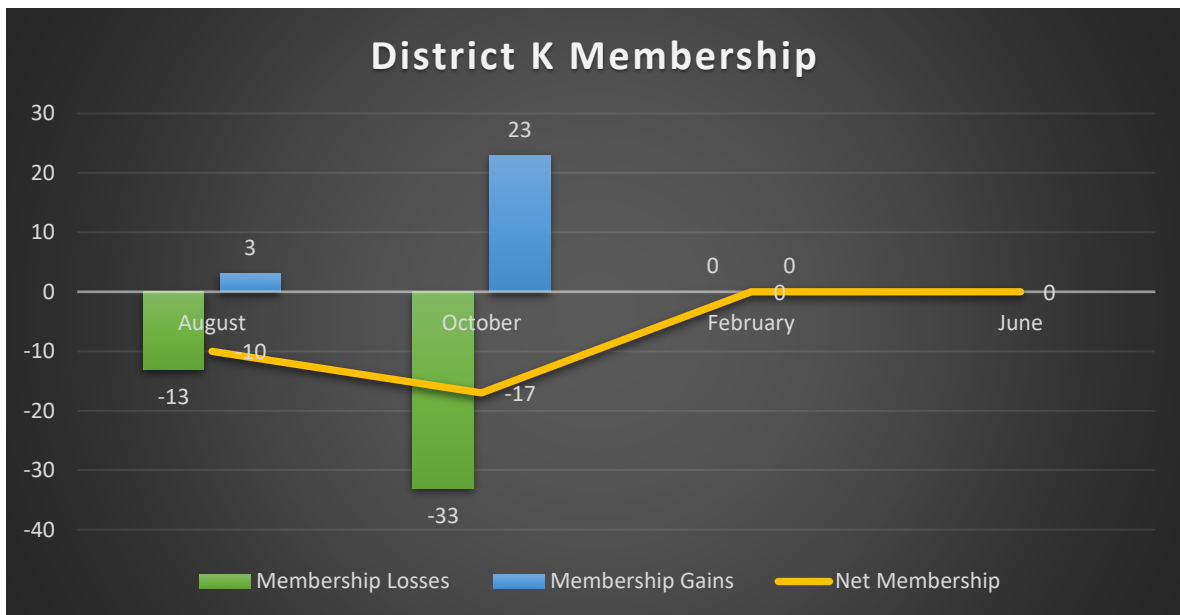
GLT, GMT, GST, GET Programs

GLT – PID Bill Phillipi and Deb Weaverling, Chairpersons – 2nd Vice and 1st Vice Governors and Governors were present. A great deal of discussion was centered around goals and objectives. All state GAT were invited to attend.

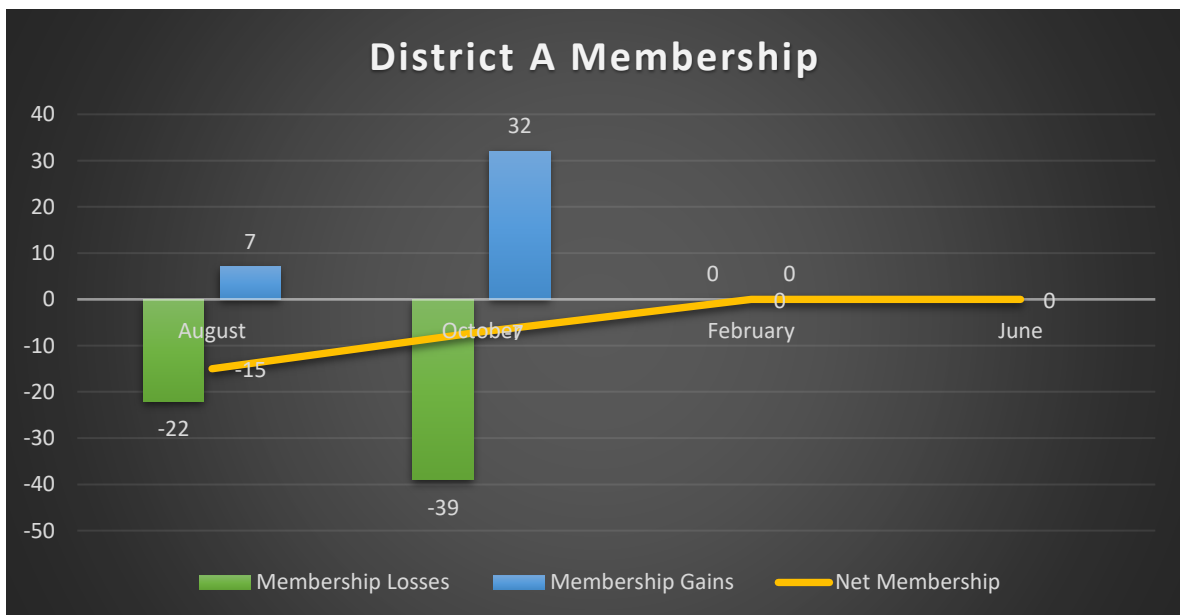
GMT – Eric Stimple: Numbers as of October 12, 2024



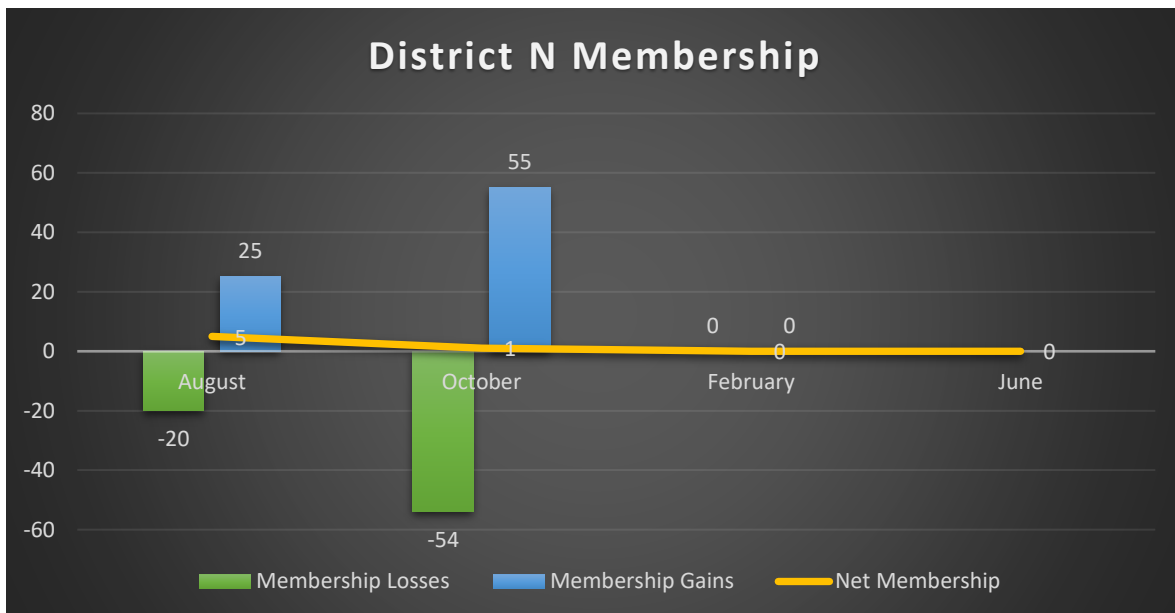
17K Membership Numbers



17A Membership Numbers



17N Membership Numbers



MD 17 Membership: A Strong Start to the Lion Year!

Kansas MD 17 has seen a promising start to the Lion year in terms of membership growth and club activity, despite the state currently being at a net loss of 16 members. This early success is a positive indicator of the efforts being made to bolster membership and engage clubs across the state.

District 17K

District 17K is starting to see club activities as Lions return from their summer break. The district leadership team has been proactive in reaching out to clubs with which they have specific concerns, ensuring that necessary support is provided to address any challenges. This hands-on approach will be instrumental in keeping clubs active and engaged as the new Lion year unfolds.

In addition to these efforts, District 17K is identifying prospective clubs that they aim to charter within the year. The establishment of these new clubs will further strengthen the district's presence and expand its ability to serve communities effectively.

District 17A

District 17A is also seeing positive developments, with progress on two potential new clubs. One significant project is the restart of the Holton Lions Club, spearheaded by Past District Governor (PDG) Terry Weldin. His leadership and dedication will be pivotal in reviving this club and bringing it back into active service.

Additionally, District 17A is working on establishing an LGBTQIA+/Ally cyber club, further reflecting the district's commitment to inclusivity and adapting to the needs of modern communities. These efforts demonstrate the district's forward-thinking approach in engaging diverse groups and building strong, service-oriented clubs.

To further assist with challenges that may arise in current clubs, the Zone Chair "Go Kits" were distributed to 17A zone chairs. These kits are designed to provide zone chairs with the tools and resources needed to address issues within their respective clubs effectively, ensuring smoother operations and better support for members.

District 17N

At the time of this report, no updates were available from District 17N regarding membership or club activity. However, continued monitoring and support from the MD 17 leadership team are anticipated as the year progresses.

Conclusion

Kansas MD 17 is off to a strong start this Lion year. While there are challenges to overcome, such as the current statewide membership loss of 16, the proactive efforts in MD 17 provide optimism. With ongoing efforts to support existing clubs and charter new ones, MD 17 is on track for a productive year. The commitment to strengthening membership and revitalizing clubs will continue to play a critical role in this.

GST: Tom Baumann, Chair – Everyone is encouraged to bring socks and pack food snack to Mid-Winter Rally for the Service Project. We will have two service programs going at the same time. More will be sent out with the information that goes out with Mid-Winter Rally information.

GET: PCC Harry Stockwell, Chair: – No written report submitted

Historical Committee – No written report submitted

International Convention 2023 – PCC Lori Horton talked about the convention being moved to Orlando, Florida. Preparations are being made for a great trip. Information to come out at Mid-Winter Rally.

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

Present were PID Ed McCormick, District Chair Lion Vickie Phillipi, ID Hans Neidhardt, PID Bill Phillipi, 1st VDG Shari Neidhardt. No binding action was taken.

Lions LCIF Programs – PDG Rick Dodson, Chair: The following are the end of year status of the MD LCIF Team goals set for 2023-2024:

- a. MD Club Participation goal of 66%. (Ended at 58%)
 - b. MD Individual Participation of 7%. (Ended at 2.8%)
 - c. Focused on clubs that do not historically give. (Analysis and templated letters were provided to LCIF District coordinators to assist in this effort.
 - d. Focused on MJF/PMJF in clubs to influence other members. (Analysis and templated letters were provided to LCIF District coordinators.)
 - e. Encouraged donation recognition with Presidential LCIF supporters (Some pins were received and available for \$50 (Bronze), \$100 (Silver), and \$200 (Gold) donors)
2. District donation breakout as of end of 2023-2024:
 - a. District 17-K - \$16,130. 39% club participation.

- b. District 17-A - \$70,175. 52% club participation.
- c. District 17-N - \$29,493. 82% club participation.
- 3. The following are the MD LCIF Team goals set for 2024-2025:
 - a. MD Club Participation goal of 75%.
 - b. MD Individual Participation of 4%.
 - c. Again, focus on clubs that do not historically give.
 - d. Again, focus on MJF/PMJF in clubs to influence other members to donate.
 - e. Encourage donation recognition with LCIF Presidential Supporters for single donations: \$50 (Bronze), \$100 (Silver), and \$200 (Gold).
- 4. The accompanying spreadsheet has donation data highlighted in yellow as of 17 Oct 24. I know this data is not up to date. The staff was recently about 2 months behind in processing donations. I'll provide you updates between council Meetings as data is updated. If you have a critical need for some specific data, we can ask the LCIF staff for you.
- 5. We're still working on Action Plan items for this year. The highlight will be a 1 ½ hour speed learning class on LCIF at the State Convention.
- 6. Our Coordinator Team can update you on their respective district action plans.

MD 17 LCIF Coordinator Team for 2024-2025: PDG Rick Dodson (MD), PCC Randy St. Auburn and PDG Kathie Bell (17-K), PID Deb Weaverling and PCC Bobby Duvall (17-A), and PDG Richard Caldwell and CC Pam Bilyeu (17-N).

Lions Helth Programs Lion Vern Failor - LCI President Fabricio Oliveira slogan "Make your Mark" rings a bell with me and as you read his bio that slogan makes a lot of sense. Think about your Lions Club has it made its mark in your community? If not why not? What have you done to help your Lions Club in your community "Make its Mark"? Listed below are the causes that LCI believes will help your club "Make its Mark" in your community. Work on scheduling a program or project for each of them this year and see how your mark in the community improves.

For more information on all of these causes go to the Lions Portal and lookup each cause then use the suggestions and provide a program or project on each of them. The program or project does not need to be extensive. Just use the suggestions from LCI to start your planning then look in your local community for the program, you will be surprised as to the material that your community has to offer.

We continue to write articles for the District Newsletters on the Global Causes in the hope that they will help the clubs with programs

Here is the LCI Event Calendar for Lions year 2024/25.

October	Vision Awareness Month	February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
November	Diabetes Awareness Month Nov. 13 th Diabetes Awareness Day	March 23	Diabetes Alert Day
December	No Cause Listed	April	Environmental Awareness Month

January Hunger Awareness

May

Strengthen Membership Month

LCI has lots of information on all of the subjects listed above, just go to the Lions Portal and look for it.

Thanks for reviving the quarterly MD Newsletter. It will be a great help in communicating with the Lions members.

We are working with each Sub-district to help in getting scholarships setup for Diabetes Camp. Please contact me if you need help.

The Lions Health Program Team **DOES NOT** have VSP certificates available at this time . On October 10 I contacted LCIF and the program is still on hold and they are not sure when or if the program will return. In the meantime each Lions Club needs to find help in their own community.

Dist K 1 st DG Lou Morgan	louismorgan39@yahoo.com	620 352 0569
Dist. A Lion Vern Failor	vlfailor@gmail.com	785 272 6102
Dist N PDG Don Cunningham	cunning98@yahoo.com	620 423 7449

Long Range Planning – Chairperson PCC Randy Sr, Aubyn – No report submitted.

Mid-Winter Rally – PID Bill Phillipi, Chair: Mid-Winter Rally will be held January 17-20, 2025 in Junction City at Courtyard by Marriott. The Speaker will be ID Judge Anthony Paradiso from New York . Several great presentations are scheduled that will be good for all Lions to hear about.

Public Relations – Becky Funke, Chair – No Meeting

State Convention 2025 – Linda McCormick: Chair: The next State Convention will be in Wichita, May 29 – May 21, 2025 **Past International President Doug Alexander is planning to be our Special Guest.** The band will be at Friends University. We will stay in Wichita at the Double Tree at the Airport.

State & International Band report:

The information paperwork has been mailed to all directors, clubs and students eligible to return. The KMEA booth in 2024 was discussed. The band will be at Friends University this year with the cost remaining at \$250.

Kansas Lions Foundation – President PCC Diane Hentges – Attending: Diane Hentges, Helen LeBlanc, David Hentges, Richard Caldwell, Ron Weaverling, PCC Pam Bilyeu, DG Diana Baumann, DG Margie Sunstrom, Eric Tweedy, Jerry Looney, VDG Roger Yost, Carleen Rajala, Pricilla Hunt, VDG Clark Lindstrom, Harry Stockwell, Steve Langley, Jim Hunenergarde, Donna Maskus, Kasey Grauerholz and David Lundquest.

The agenda for the meeting was moved to be accepted by Pricilla Hunt and was seconded by David Hentges. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August were accepted as sent by the Secretary. The motion to accept was made by Helen LeBlanc and a second was made by Richard Caldwell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was sent in the email with the link to the zoom meeting. A motion was made by Pricilla Hunt and second as made by Helen LeBlanc. Motion carried. It was suggested that report should be posted on the KLF website.

Lion Eric Tweedy from The Eudora Club gave a presentation on the QR code and how donations would be processed. KLF would like to put a QR code on the reprint of the brochure. This would allow for donations to be made. Some suggestions were made for the form the pops up when you click on the QR code. It was also suggested that the KLF logo be incorporated on the form. Lion Eric will follow up on the suggestions.

The Alert Trailer Committee met and provided the group the expenses generated by each truck and trailer. Truck 1 is currently housed Hays. It is in a sheltered location. Truck 2 is housed in Wichita at the State Office and not in a sheltered location. The trailers are not sheltered at either location. The committee provided information on the care and maintenance of the of the vehicles. Details can be found on the actual committee report. Dan Funke requested approval to purchase tire covers for the trailers since they are parked out in the weather. The board approved the purchase of tire covers for both trailers, not to exceed \$250.00. There was concern about having both vehicles licensed in Wichita when one trailer and vehicle is in Hays. DG Diana Baumann will check about the feasibility of licensing in Hays.

Diane Hentges proposed we proceed with a fundraiser to sell First Aid Kits. The kits would cost \$5.00 and we could sell them for \$10. There were a few concerns: What is the shelf life of the items in the kit? Can the kit be personalized with a Lions Logo. Diane will research those questions. Richard Caldwell moved to purchase 100 kits and David Hentges seconded the motion. The goal is to have the kits ready to sell at Mid-Winter Rally.

Kansas Lions Band Foundation: PDG Willie Tolle, President - The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their second directors meeting, Saturday October 19, 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.

State office report:

Pam reported that the front step is going to be resealed by Dan & Clark. The fence still needs a sealer application and should be done in the next couple of weeks.

State & International band report:

It was reported that the band will be at Friends University with the cost being held to \$250 again.

Old business:

1. No report about the quilt raffle as Hans and Shari were out of town.
2. Mid-Winter Rally preparations are proceeding.
3. Bobby will proceed with design of the new pin since the college location has been decided.

4. The pig/beef bundle raffle will be held again as the processor and producer have agreed to donate again and a beef bundle will also be donated. A thank you will be mailed to each donor from last year.

New Business:

1. There was a discussion about a written agreement between the council and the Band Foundation concerning the council paying the insurance and the maintenance of the State Office. An agreement will be drafted by the council for approval at Mid-Winter Rally.

Kansas Sight Foundation

Officers: Deb Weaverling, President; Jim Huenergarde, First Vice President; Terry Weldin, Secretary; Andy Hoedl, Treasurer.

Welcome

Pledge – Ginny Caldwell Prayer – Dr. Steven Cauble Roll Call – Terry Weldin

All Officers were present. Directors: Sylvia Reinhardt, Jim Huenergarde, Elwyn Maneth, Victor “Vic” Martin, Vern Failor, Mike Sundstrom, Deb Weaverling, Don Sefers, Richard Caldwell, Dr. Steven Cauble, Gene Allen, Ginny Caldwell were present. Absent were Directors Darold Grauerholz, David Davis, Eric Strimple, Richard Webster, Don Cunningham. Arriving late was Director Rick Dodson. 12 Directors were present constituting a quorum to do business.

Adoption of Agenda Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Don Sefers and seconded by Vern Failor. Agenda adopted by voice vote.

Approval of the Minutes dated August 10, 2024 Richard Caldwell asked for a correction to the previous board meeting minutes regarding eyeglasses storage unit to replace Rick Dodson with Richard Caldwell on the motion to acquire a larger storage unit for used eyeglasses. Motion to approve minutes as corrected made by Richard Caldwell and seconded by Vern Failor. Then approved by voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report – Andy Hoedl written Report emailed to all Officers and Directors

Ameriprise Financial Funds – Jim Huenergarde: Written Report

Committee Reports:

SOPs Update – Rick Dodson was absent attending another meeting but will share later. PDG Rick stated that last year we approved the updated Constitution and Bylaws. We also had a request to look at the state level SOP’s. He had sent out an older version but he had found a newer version of SOP’s for KLSF and he feels that we can change them very easily right now and make some changes. The existing show offices as a Chairman, Vice Chairman and so on. Rick Dodson recommended that we change the officers to a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer which are what we have now. Rick Dodson made another suggestion that we do away with the paragraph that dealt with Sight Week. Secretary Terry Weldin spoke up and stated that we had started Sight Week recently and that there are some clubs that are still doing Sight Week activities in October. At different times we have asked the Governor of Kansas to declare a week in October as Kansas Lions Sight week and have a proclamation made by the Governor of Kansas and printed in the newspaper. Rick asked if the portion of

that where it gives examples of where the funds go is valid. Discussion occurred that indicated that those funds do go to the Sight Week line item on the financial report. We are providing cataract surgeries at KU. So that will be kept as a part of the SOP's.

So a change will be to change the names of the officers to match what they are in the Bylaws. Sylvia Reinhardt had a change to the name of the eye bank to Saving Sight in Kansas City. Rick Dodson stated the last change would be to eliminate the paragraph on the mobile screening unit. Rick Dodson is making a motion asking to approve these changes to the KLSF SOP'S. Lion Vern Failor seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.

**Kansas Sight First – Terry Weldin: No Report at the meeting this report is added on 10-31-2024
KLSF Child Vision Screening Report**

District 17 K In the six months to six years category

204 screened 31 referrals

District 17 A

**0 to 7yrs 1267 ref 161 7 -- 18 yrs 9061 ref 365
Adults 61 ref 13 total hours served 283**

District 17 N

0-6 626 screened with 162 referrals

Saving Sight – Sylvia Reinhart provided the following written report. Pres. Deb asked Lion Sylvia to read the first paragraph of her report for the audience at the meeting.

Mark Doyen Used Eyeglass Collection/Status of Storage Unit(s) – Mike Sundstrom; The existing storage unit in Topeka was reorganized by volunteers so that the larger storage unit is not needed at this time. Pres. Deb spoke about saving loose lenses and sending them to the Lawrence Lions Club for being recycled into saleable items. State Sec. Dan spoke up from the audience and stated that there is a five gallon bucket full of loose lenses at the state office and he has them here if anyone can take them to the Lawrence Lions Club he would appreciate it. Pres. Deb stated that Bobby Duvall had a pickup truck. Bobby stated that he could do that. Pres. Deb encouraged all Lions Clubs to look for ways to use the eyeglass cases in their communities. Mike Sundstrom presented this written report. This is a quick summary of what is going on with the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation used eyeglass recycling facility:

- We have been in contact with Missouri and with Indiana (waiting on response). We will be going to Missouri on the 1st and 2nd of November to discuss further used eyeglasses.**
- We have put on hold the larger storage facility for now.**
- The foundation needs your help. I am requesting a workday at the Topeka facility to inventory what is in the facility and help distribute what products we can to free up space.**
- We need to inventory what is at the State Office and clean up to maximize space.**
- We have an overabundance of broken glasses and pieces of eyeglasses. Probably have about twenty-one boxes of these pieces that are taking up a lot of room in the storage facility. We need to come up with a viable solution for the broken / pieces and right now**

these boxes are taking up valuable space, so we are just going to have to throw these away to make room for what we want to keep.

- Half of our storage facility is filled with flat boxes that we give to the prisons to put the completed glasses in. These really need to be stored closer to the prisons who use them. We also have several big bundles of the collection boxes (the white boxes to put out to collect the used eyeglasses in) we will continue to strive to minimize the quantity in the storage facility. These boxes serve no purpose to be kept in storage. I am requesting everyone on the Site Foundation to take four collection boxes to hand out. Please hand out to your Zone Chairs for distribution.
- There are also some unknown types of screeners that are in suitcases (not spot) in the storage facility and I am unsure if they are working and in calibration? (I have found out these are Titmus V3 screeners which we have ten of and not in calibration)

Wanting to have a work day on October 26 in the afternoon to get the parts of glasses and junk thrown away. Pres. Deb stated that she had a very nice note from a Pilipino Club in Missouri complimenting the eyeglasses that they had received from KLSF to go on a mission trip out of the USA.

State Fair – Vern Failor provided this written report:

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

October 19, 2024

Kansas State Fair Final Report 2024

As Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveria says “Everywhere we serve, every time

we give we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share”. With this in mind, the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) made a mark in many lives with its Health Screening Booth at the Kansas State Fair.

Here are the statistics for the project in 2024. We saw 2555 different people with Blood Pressure

1252 plus 262 referrals, Blood Sugar 1185 plus 198 referrals, Visual Acuity 355 plus 54 referrals, Field of Vision 387 plus 10 referrals, SPOT children’s vision 509 plus 54 referrals. We estimate the 130 Nursing students and their instructors volunteered 677 hours and the 120 Lions

members volunteered 929 hours plus the yearlong planning of 400 hours. Thank you Lions!

THANKS goes to all of the nursing schools who provided the nurses and instructors. They were;

Cloud County Community College, Kansas Wesleyan College, Hutchinson Community College-

McPherson Campus and Bethel College. KLSF could not provide this community service without all of these volunteers. A Special thanks goes to Lion Jackie O'Neal for scheduling all of the Lions volunteers and to Lion Dr. Steve Cauble for his expert advice and to PCC Randy St

Aubyn for his daily support and transportation efforts.

The KLSF "made its mark" on the KSF community this year as it found several individuals with

life changing results. Like the 7 month old baby with Astigmatism, she had no way to say I do not see well, or the child with several vision conditions, or the adults with high or low blood sugar. One adult said "I wondered why I did not feel good and do not have much energy", he had low blood sugar.

All of the nursing schools and many of the Lions have already said they want to return next year.

So as the project coordinator THANK YOU to all of you for your volunteering efforts. You have made a mark in many lives this year.

KLSF Director/Project Coordinator

Lion Vern shared some positive feedback that took place at the state fair booth during the project during 2024. The Kansas State Fair will be held September 9 thru 14 of 2025. All the nursing schools want to be there and he is working on their schedules for dates and times. All of the members of the committees that support the state fair project are committed to be there. Lion Vern told the Board of Directors that a Lion Volunteer came to him and stated that if Lion Vern could chair the committee for two more years that he would take over the Chair of the State Fair Committee for KLSF. Lion Vern stated that he has been looking for a person take over and he has found one. There are some changes that we can make. There are some improvements that we can make. If we want to look them over later after the meeting we can go over them. I have them in my report. Lion Sylvia spoke about an incident that illustrated to her why the state fair project is so important. VDG Louis Morgan asked if he could come back again next year. Lion Vern said yes you can come back again.

Old Business:

Resolution of Bank/Debit Card – Pres Deb and Andy Hoedl this has already been accomplished.

Knight of Sight Pin – Lion Terry Weldin stated that he had accepted the challenge of distributing the Knight of Sight Pins. Sec. Terry will work with KLSF Treas. Andy and we will be back in the business of distributing pins soon. There was a question about the structure of the Knight of Sight Pin asked by a member of the audience. Until existing inventories are

exhausted we will be sending out that same pin. It does seem masculine looking but it could be Joan of Arc.

Request for Assistance Follow-Up - Lion Larry Zimmerman

Pres. Deb stated that she has been in contact with KANLOVKIDS and done some research into this situation. The problem was suspected to be in need of therapy. While this treatment can possibly be done but they cannot verify that will be successful. They will seek out more information before that they come back to us for assistance.

New Business:

Recognition

Recognition for some Lions who worked on the Eclipse Glasses Project. It was voted to provide some recognition for Dr. Kendall Krug and Dr. Bill Witt. A recognition for PID Gene Vogel for his service to the KLSF. All of these not to exceed \$220 each. Rick Dodson made a motion to complete the recognitions. Vern Failor seconded the motion. Motion approved by voice vote.

Scholarships - Dr. Steven Cauble

Dr. Steven Cauble has been communicating a couple of groups that would be available to help us screen possible candidates such as the Kansas Optometrist Association. They work with different groups that have the same concept in mind as we do. They start accepting application on January 1 and stop accepting at the 1st of May. Then at end of May or the 1st of June they announce who the recipients of the scholarships are and then the scholarship is paid to the school not to the recipient. The recipient is notified that they are being recognized as a recipient and the money is waiting for them at the school where they are enrolled. We have \$40,000 from the proceeds of the sale/donation of the Solar Eclipse glasses. Dr. Cauble recommended that we have 2 scholarships of \$2,000 each named for Dr. Kendall Krug and Dr. Bill Witt. Motion to that effect was made by Don Sefers and seconded by Vern Failor. Motion was approved by voice vote. 18:26 Dr. Cauble stated that he would like to have this scholarship program being next spring of 2025. Pres. Deb restated Dr. Cauble's recommendation and added that Lion Gene Vogel had recommended that this be done with the money from the eclipse glasses sales. She further stated that this scholarship be continued until all of the funds would be spent. The screening for the applicants would be done by KOA including the recommendations to who should receive the scholarships. She asked for a motion. That motion was made by Vern Failor and seconded by Sylvia Reinhardt. Pres. Deb asked for any questions and Vern Failor offered a comment that the money for these scholarships came from a donation by Dr. Witt who had received a scholarship from KLSF when we were presenting scholarships for optometrists in Kansas. He bought all of the eclipse glasses so they did not cost KLSF at all. Vern Failor stated that he was present when Dr. Witt was offered his money back and Dr. Witt said no. He stated that KLSF was there to help him get where he is today and he wanted to give back to KLSF. Motion was approved by voice vote. Pres. Deb stated to Dr. Cauble that he should get with Treasurer Andy Hoedl when needed. When those students receive those scholarships we would like to be informed so that information could be publicized in our newsletters. Terry weldin asked a question of the financial team if there was a way to invest those funds to be able to continue the scholarship

for a longer time and the team indicated that the current rates of return would not allow that to be possible.

Presentation by KanLovKids – Rachel Ghram

She introduced herself as the co-coordinator for KanLovKids for the Kansas School for the Blind and Mrs. Smith provides Low vision evaluations free to the families and last year 30 Low Vision clinics were held for students in 35 school districts in Kansas, 97 students were seen with 7 of those students were under 3 years of age and that number is going to go way up because of our new Zero to 3 program, 262 parents, teachers, nurses, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapists, etc. have joined us at these clinics. Clinic have been held in 10 different locations: Kansas City, Wichita, Pratt, Hays, Salina, Manhattan, Eudora, Lawrence, Dodge City, and virtually.

History and projected plans of KanLovKids;

From August 2006-May 2024 1928 clinic appointments were held.

September 2024 -8 students (4 LVCC at KSSB, 4 LVCC+ in Salina)

October 2024 – 2 LVCC at KSSB, 2 scheduled for LVCC in Wichita and 6 for ZLVCC+ in Wichita. At least 5 on Waiting lists for future appointments. This is growing like crazy. She expressed great appreciation for the support from KLSF.

Doctor fee have remained stable at \$150 per appointment until 2 doctors requested to increase to \$200 per appointment in the past two years. We need to recruit more doctors as needs are high and 2 primary providers are nearing retirement. We would like to increase all doctors to \$200 minimum per appointment. We currently have 2 ophthalmologists and 4 optometrists who work with the program.

KSSB funds all staff travel, the data base (not sure how much to go into this), and any doctor costs beyond the funds given by KLSF. Doctor fees for the 2024-25 school year are anticipated to be near \$20,000.

KSSB cannot receive donations directly, so funds are held and disbursed by the KC Blind All-Stars, the 501c3 Foundation that supports the school. KCBAS has a fundraising committee that is actively seeking additional funding support for KanLovKids and other organizations.

We would like to recognize KLSF for your ongoing years of dedication to the KanLovKids Program and the students it serves with a presentation at our Kansas Vision Symposium. This is to be held Friday, November 8, 2024 at the Drury Broadview in Wichita during the Opening Welcome and Keynote (8:30am).

Sylvia Reinhardt spoke up and stated that she and Randy St. Albryn were asked by Dr. Kendal Krug to attend this event. Sylvia will have to have an overnight stay in Wichita to be able to attend this event. Jim Huenergarde asked a question; if a Lion knew of a family that might benefit from the services of KanLovKids how would they tell them to contact KanLovKids? Rachel Ghram stated that she is a teacher for low vision special needs children and that it would be best to contact their local school district. There is a new program in Kansas that has 8 staff that travel all over Kansas as a part of a new Early Childhood Education program and they are getting them recognized. To address your question about mental health we have

so many resources and we can get them in touch someone to get them help with mental health resources because sometimes vision has a mental health component and sometimes it is brain based and not mental health based. Those are very different and we are up to date. We work very closely with several doctors here in Kansas. When there is a child that has multiple disabilities there is great likelihood that a child has a cortical disability. Rachel wants to say Thanks to the KLSF on a personal level as she was a low vision child herself and has low vision children and grandchildren. She stated that she has a corneal transplant. I have been touched by KLSF all of my life and I wanted to give back. President Deb asked if she was a Lion and Rachel stated that she was not. Rachel also indicated that she is interested in becoming a Lion. Statements were made that there were clubs who would like to assist her with becoming a Lions Club member soon.

Sec. Terry Weldin requested that she email him the information that she shared with us in her report. Rachel gave the information sheet to Terry and that information is in the minutes.

Please note that the Sight First Grant issued to KanLovKids required a continuing commitment from the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation to fund the project.

Welch Allyn RetinaVue 700 – CC Pam Bilyeu

Pres. Deb introduced Council Chair Pam Bilyeu to speak about a new instrument; the Welch Allyn RetinaVue 700. She stated that she is very impressed with this instrument that is used to test the vision especially diabetics for pre diabetic retinopathy. She felt that this is something that could easily be done at the state fair. They have been successful in treating this condition especially if they can catch it early enough to prevent the blindness from happening. This instrument needs professional input and analysis where it is concerned. She stated that we as Lions can do the testing out in the field. It is computer generated sent to a doctor who does the analysis of the testing then the report is sent to the individual who was tested for further consideration of what they should do. CC Pam stated that she did not know how many Lions were experiencing the reduction in the number of screenings that were are able to do because of the number of schools and other organization that are purchasing an using SPOT screeners. She stated that her whole county was now unavailable to her for vision screening. She stated that perhaps it is the adults that we need to be looking at serving. What can we do to serve the adults of Kansas? Some Districts have health fairs that we participate in perhaps that is a way we can go. CC Pam had some brochures that we available for the directors to look at and she passed them around with the directors sharing them. CC Pam stated that the cost is kind of pricey. I have Baxter pricing as that is the group that she is talking with about the instrument. She had a quote from a Lion from the Syracuse Hope Lions Club that is using this technology. They state that they are focused on preserving vision in the community through vision screening to detect vision disorders in children for more than 10 years. In 2022 they expanded their program to include screening people living with diabetes or diabetic retinopathy. They are assisting people who are blind. Seven members of the Syracuse Hope Lions Club are blind. The Secretary of this club reports that if they would have had this technology they could have prevented one of their members from becoming blind. That is how amazing this machine is! CC Pam state that she would like to give this foundation an opportunity to step forward with this program. She went on to state that the type of person who would benefit from this is the type of person that will not self-advocate and would likely suffer the loss of a toe to diabetes. She stated she did not know what we can do but she is

asking us to check into this as a possible way to help Lions of Kansas to do more service. It could be as much as \$11,000 for one of these machines. There are other suppliers and you may be able to find other prices. She stated that she was sharing this with the board and thanked us for our time. Pres. Deb thanked her for sharing.

Pres. Deb stated that we are the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and that at \$11,000 per district the foundation might be able to purchase 3 of these units? One for each of the districts and she believed that there would be a rebate of \$1500.00 for each of these units if they were to be purchased before March of 2025. Pres. Deb stated that she knows that is a lot of money but that she believed that KLSF has it. She asked Jim Huenergarde? She stated that we cannot be just sitting on it. Pres. Deb stated that was what CC Pam Bilyeu wanted us to do. She stated that we do a good job screening younger individuals but our SPOT screeners do not do a good job of screening adults. Pres. Deb asked that everyone be thinking/considering this course of action and she thought this would be a good course of action.

Claude Devorss Fellowship – Eric Strimple: No Report

Pres. Deb stated that we need to do more to promote the Claude Devoruss fellowships as directors of the foundation.

KLSF Shirts/Polo's –Pres. Deb expressed that she would like to see some shirts to designate the members of the board of directors. She gave as examples dress shirts similar to Jim Huenergarde and or Terry Weldin. She would like us to look good and be recognized as professional. If someone would like to take the lead on doing something about shirts.

Fundraiser Idea's – Pres. Deb brought up the idea of selling brooms or mops. If we are going to by RetinaVue 700 instruments we ae going to need to fundraise. I am thinking of a fundraiser from this broom company. They are always at the USA/Canada Forum. We all need to work at this

Sponsor a Stride's Walk for Diabetes's at 2025 State Convention. Pres. Deb skipped over this item on the agenda

Wear it Wednesday – Deb (Flyer) We all need to promote our brand. Give us more exposure on social media by taking selfies in our Lions Club gear.

KLSF Brochure – Pres. Deb stated that she is working on the new brochure and nearly has it done. Ron and I have been working on this but without a way to print them.

Candy Day is now Sight Day or Sight Week in October or whenever the club can get it done and promote that we are doing it.

Cairn Health, Inc. Pres. Deb tabled this item.

Announcements: Pres. Deb asked if there are any announcements.

Vern Failor asked a question about the status of the state fair project? Sec. Terry asked Vern to make a motion to do that. Vern Failor made a motion to continue the state fair project with a budget of \$10,000 because he needs to get busy planning. Dr. Steve Cauble seconded that motion. Pres. Deb stated that this is the time for discussion on that. She stated that she went to the state fair this year and she sees the need and hears the stories. She stated that she personally has a hard time spending \$10,000 as a service organization to have a place at the

state fair to provide this service at the state fair. I think that \$10,000 could be used to buy something like what Pam is suggesting or something else.

I get that this puts me on a bad list with Vern. Vern Failor stated that he would get over it. I think that we could make it better. I think that the almost \$1,000 we spend for cotton balls alcohol swabs, blah, blah, that we could have those donated by the local CVS pharmacy, Walmart, Walgreens.

An unidentified director mentioned that those could be donated. She encouraged directors that is their jobs to seek out those donations. We need to go out and solicit for those things. Then there is a \$1,000 dollars for other things. Pres. Deb stated that she thinks that we can all pay for our own parking. We are all volunteers. We spend \$400.00 on parking passes. Vern has not spent \$10,000 this year and has whittled the cost down to around \$8,200 but she thinks that we can whittle it down even further if we all work together. The directors can go to their local suppliers and get donations.

I do not know how you feel about parking or giving out passes. Pres. Deb continued to talk about the state fair project and the number of booth spaces we buy. We have 4 spaces that cost \$1,024 each. That is less than the 6 that we had when we had the mobile screening unit. The doctors that are there maybe we need all the space that we have but maybe we could get by with only three spaces. She expressed that she wants to do something to cut the costs.

There is a motion on the floor and a second to the motion to continue the Kansas State Fair project. She wants to call for the vote.

Vern Failor spoke wishing to add to his motion that he will have a list of items that could be donated at the next board of directors meeting if lions want to donate them. Pres. Deb and Vern had an exchange of statements related to expenses

The vote was called for and approved by voice vote. No opposition was expressed.

Pres. Deb asked if there was anything else and that we would have our meal next.

We are adjourned.

Next KLSF Meeting is January 17-18, 2025, Junction City KS. Mark your Calendar!

State office report: CC Pam Bilyeu reported that everything is in order. We are still waiting for the fence to be sealed. The office 1st floor has had the carpets cleaned and a spraying program for weeds every six weeks has be started during the summer.

Old Business - None

New Business - Chris Bauer informed the Council of Governors that he had designed a new state pin because of International moving the International Convention form Mexico to Florida. After discussions with the Governors it was decided that the state authorize Chris to seek bids and order 200 pins and to have them available at Mid-Winter Rally. No motion was made.

Adjournment – CC Pam Bilyeu: Is there a motion to adjourn?

Council Action: 17N Clark Lindstrom moved that we adjourn. 17N - Governor Diana Baumann second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.