

REGULAR GOVERNORS COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 27-28, 2002

HOLIDAY INN, WILLMAR, MN

Council Chairman Loken called the meeting to order with all 13 District Governors present. They began with the Canadian Pledge, the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Motion #5 by DG Meyer, second by DG Stadnyk

To approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion #6 by DG Struck, second by DG Robinson

To approve the May 2002 Council Meeting minutes. Carried.

There were no items arising from the May meeting. There was discussion of the International Understanding Award. We need a clarification of the required criteria.

Executive Secretary Holst explained the new format for the directories. As soon as they are ready he will arrange a meeting with each Governor to deliver them.

LCIF grants were reviewed by district.

Motion #7 by DG Parsons, second by DG Johnson

To appoint Executive Secretary Holst as protocol chair. Carried.

There was discussion of the Geographic Area Assistance Fund. Secretary Holst gave approximations of the amounts available to each district.

Various items were referred to the Governors Committees.

Arrangements for the Leader Dog visit were reviewed. The Governors of 5M3 and 11 are not going.

Executive Secretary Holst took orders from each Governor for Multiple pins. Cost per pin is \$1.19.

Motion #8 by DG Parsons, second by DG Clymer

To set the Multiple pin selling price to the Districts at \$1.50. Motion was defeated.

Motion #9 by DG Robinson, second by DG Mullen

To set the Multiple pin selling price to the Districts at \$1.25. Motion carried.

The Service Activities Committee was asked to begin thinking of a pin for Detroit.

There was discussion of lessons learned at the International Convention. The flags need to be replaced and the flag poles are too heavy. This matter was referred to the Headquarters and Finance Committee.

The bond has increased to \$6.00 per club. Secretary Holst will send out the X-Cel spreadsheet for dues billings to each Governor. Billings will be sent as soon as the final figures are received from Lions Clubs International.

Motion #10 by DG Parsons, second by DG Ferleman

To appoint DG Johnson as Tail-twister. Carried.

Convention Committee Chair PDG Steve Hovanes reported on behalf of the upcoming Convention in St. Cloud. It will be held at the Kelly Inn Civic Center April 25-27, 2003. The budget was also reviewed (See item #1).

LEHP Committee Chair PDG Johanson reported at this time (See item #2).

Hearing Foundation Chair John Blackmore reported (See item #3).

Eye Bank Chair PDG Ken Steies reported (See item #4). He urged the Governors to speak of the Helen Keller Award within their districts. \$430,000 is still owed on the Macular Degeneration Center. He spoke of the Lions Day at the Twins. He asked for participation at the State Fair Booth.

PID Ben Ward reported on behalf of the USA/Canada Forum. It will be held September 19-21. So far there are 2,000 registered and 30 of the 40 booth spaces are sold. LaDonna Gatlin is the featured speaker.

ID Thorfinnson spoke of the 2002 International Convention. 49,000 were Japanese. There were 3800 credentialed delegates and 3000 voted. The amendment to put the dues into the bylaws rather than the Constitution was defeated. All other amendments passed.

The Governors were urged to advertise for a band in Denver in their newsletters.

There was no Political Liaison report.

PDG Curt Norenberg reported as District Representative for Leader Dog (See item #5). He told the Governors to line up their mid winter speakers while at Leader Dog.

The Youth Outreach, Leo, Peace Poster and Quest report was given by PDG's Mintenko and Dingmann (See item #6). They asked the Governors to support the Young Ambassador and Youth Leadership Service Awards. The \$500 prize was referred to Headquarters and Finance.

The Membership and Retention report was given by Chair PDG Swanson (See item #7). He told the Governors that he would like to see a two percent increase in membership this year. This would give us more than 25,000 members.

Youth Exchange Chair Darwin Mathwig reported at this time (See item #8). He told the Governors that the YE program has its own copy machine but it does not work. This matter was referred to the Headquarters and Finance Committee. The Governors should have received a blue Youth Exchange manual from last year's Governor. They would like to include Israel and Palestine in the Youth Exchange program.

The Leadership Development report (See item #9) was given by Co-Chair PDG Robert Vokes. He asked that the Policy Manual be changed so that the Leadership Chair is not the immediate Past Council Chair. This matter was referred to the Legal Committee. The Leadership Development budget was referred to Headquarters and Finance.

A written report was submitted for Hearing Dog (See item #10)

MD5M Diabetes Chair PDG Dubats reported at this time (See item #11). He outlined the mission statement and guiding principles of the Diabetes Committee. Donations to Diabetes are up.

Governor Plath suggested that the Legal Committee update the Policy Manual regarding Long Range Planning.

PDG Robert Vokes reported on behalf of LCIF (See item #12). Their budget was referred to the Headquarters and Finance Committee.

Multiple District 5M Public Relations Chair Bert Nelson reported at this time (See item #13).

DG Robinson gave the Canadian reports.

PCC Maynard Rucks and PDG Robert Vokes reported briefly on the Task Force for the MD5M Executive Secretary/Treasurer position. This matter was referred to Headquarters and Finance. Legal Counsel Wayne Swanson noted that constitutional changes may be necessary regarding the Executive Secretary position. He also stated that re-districting may require further attention.

Various matters were referred to the Governors Committees.

Sunday

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Motion #11 by DG Johnson, second by DG Lindquist

To approve all Committee reports. Carried.

Headquarters and Finance Committee report was given by Chair DG Mullen. They discussed the broken copy machine and the need for it.

Motion #12 by DG Mullen, second by DG Struck

That the Youth Exchange Committee evaluate the need and various methods to make copies and report back to the Governors Council. Carried.

The Committee recommends that Secretary Holst get quotes on new American, Canadian (Ontario and Manitoba) flags and different flag poles and report back to the Council of Governors. The Committee further recommends that DG Plath get quotes on a new "Hands Across the Border" logo banner with a collapsing pole across the top. She should look at material types, changing the layout of printing on the current banner and consider a length of 15-20 feet.

Motion #13 by DG Mullen, second by DG Struck

To make the following changes to the 5M budget: drop the \$1500 International gift from the budget, change the International Convention miscellaneous from \$1000 to \$500 and allocate up to \$4000 of the cash reserves to cover the costs incurred to train the new Executive Secretary. Carried.

Motion #14 by DG Mullen, second by DG Smith

That the task force report be forwarded to the Governors Council with two minor changes: the interim committee is to be composed of six members, changing the sitting District Governor from 1 to 2 and changing the evaluation committee to 6 members, adding the Council Treasurer. Carried.

Motion #15 by DG Parsons, second by DG Stadnyk

To approve up to \$1500 for use by the Task Force. Carried.

Motion #16 by DG Struck, second by DG Robinson

To approve the preliminary budget. Carried.

Headquarters and Finance recommends that Youth Exchange go back to the individual districts to raise the \$500 for the Ambassador Award.

Motion #17 by DG Mullen, second by DG Lindquist

To accept the Headquarters and Finance Committee report. Carried.

The Legal Committee report was given by Chair DG Smith.

Motion #18 by DG Smith, second by DG Stadnyk

That the Policy Manual be changed as follows: In Chapter 7(B)(1)e Remove the words "Immediate Past Council Chair" and replace with "MD5M Leadership Chair". This change would give the MD5M Leadership Chair responsibility for the curriculum and the organization and presentation of the Governor Elect school. In Chapter 10(J)1 remove the words "Immediate Past Council Chair" and replace with "MD5M Leadership Chair:.". This change gives the MD5M Leadership Chair the responsibility of chairing the District Governor Elect school. The first line of Appendix 9.0(1) be omitted and replaced with the following sentence: "Be responsible for the MD5M Governor Elect Training Seminar and all curriculum of the Governor Elect Seminar. Carried.

The Legal Committee directs all Governors of MD5M to review the MD5M Policy Manual prior to the next scheduled Council meeting. All Governors are asked to submit, in writing, any suggested changes to the manual. These written suggestions should be submitted to the Legal Committee prior to the next meeting in October. The Legal Committee further recommends that when the MD5M Policy Manual is updated, the date of revision be posted on the front cover in order to ensure easy reference to the most current edition of the Policy Manual. The Legal Committee referred the matter of the Executive Secretary position to the Headquarters and Finance Committee.

Motion #19 by DG Smith, second by DG Johnson

To approve the Legal Committee report. Carried.

The District Organization Committee has no report as no business was done.

The Service Activities Committee report was given by Chair DG Clymer. The Committee suggests the use of an old automobile and snowman theme for the pin for Detroit.

Motion #20 by DG Clymer, second by DG Struck

To solicit color pin designs from any interested designer using the theme of a prominent snowman and an old automobile. The design is to be presented at the October Council meeting. Carried.

Service Activities also discussed the proposed Leo Mini Forum to be held in St Paul for MN and Wisconsin.

Motion #21 by DG Clymer, second by DG Struck

That a task force be set up to evaluate the feasibility of holding a Leo Mini Forum. Carried.

Motion #22 by DG Clymer, second by DG Struck

To ask Executive Secretary Holst to solicit information to set up a successful All State/AllStar Band for 5M. This band would attend and compete at International Conventions. Secretary Holst will write to Michigan and Mississippi to get as much information as possible. Carried.

Motion #23 by DG Clymer, second by DG Lindquist

To accept the Service Activities Committee report. Carried.

The Convention Committee report was given by Chair DG Meyer. The Committee makes the following

recommendations: District Governors need to poll their cabinets as to their desire to have a district meeting and bring that information to the October Council Meeting. The Host Committee will be asked to rebate breakfast money from the hospitality books to those districts that have the breakfast. The District Governors are to go to their respective cabinets for feed back on what seminars to hold and report back at the October Council Meeting. DG Meyer will work with the host committee to determine availability of rooms that might limit options. The district Governors are to promote the District Hospitality rooms. DG Plath will contact the Litchfield band, the Buffalo band and possibly the Alexandria band to see if they are interested. If they express an interest, their tapes will be reviewed and the Convention Committee will make a recommendation to the Council. If they are not interested, then advertising through newsletters is an option.

Motion #24 by DG Meyer, second by DG Johnson

To accept the Convention Committee report. Carried.

Motion #25 by DG Robinson, second by DG Struck

To have DG Parsons to serve on the interim committee. Carried.

Motion #26 by DG Plath, second by DG Meyer

To have DG Mullen serve on the interim committee. Carried.

Motion #27 by DG Struck, second by DG Stadnyk

To have a non Lion (as suggested by ID Thorfinnson) serve on the interim committee. Carried.

Motion #28 by DG Struck, second by DG Meyer

To have DG Smith serve on the evaluation committee. Carried.

Motion #29 by DG Smith, second by DG Plath

To appoint Governor Mullen as Chair of the Task Force of the Mini Forum for Leo Committee. Carried.

Pin orders were placed by the Governors. There was considerable discussion of the number that should be ordered. The Governors do not want to have to give the pins away.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin A. Holst

Executive Secretary

The following items are available at the District Office upon request.

Item # 1 St. Cloud Convention Budget

- 2 LEHP Committee report
- 3 Hearing Foundation report
- 4 Eye Bank report
- 5 Leader Dog
- 6 Youth Outreach, Leo, Peace Poster, Quest report
- 7 Membership Committee report
- 8 Youth Exchange report
- 9 Leadership Development report
- 10 Hearing Dog report
- 11 Diabetes Committee report
- 12 LCIF report
- 13 Public relations report