

MD5M GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MEETING
Willmar Conference Center
Willmar, MN
Friday May 18, 2007

Council Chairman Bert Nelson called the meeting to order with all District Governors present. The meeting began with the Pledge to the flags of Canada and the United States and an invocation.

Motion # 49 M/S/P DG Roger Poirier, 5M13 / DG Carroll Kukowski, 5M9 to approve the agenda of this meeting as amended and minutes of the March Council meeting.

No recommendation was made at this point to determine if self insurance by the Multiple was a good idea or not.

DG Mike Vos reported on the progress towards a Speak Off / Write Off. It is now OK with the Minnesota High School League to do a speaking competition. It was the recommendation of the committee that a writing competition is easier to administer and the Districts each do it on their own and not involve the Multiple at this time.

PCC Bill Bard presented a request for the Multiple to allow the sale of cook books to benefit the Diabetes program. The books would cost the Club \$17.00 each and sell for \$25.00. A minimum order of 20 books for \$340.00 is required. Each case would net the club \$160.00 plus an additional \$20.00 is donated to the Diabetes program by the book supplier.

PDG Al Fravert presented the idea of a Leo's Leadership Institute which would be scheduled for July 10 -13, 2008. Approximately 120 Leos would attend and the cost would be about \$104.00 per Leo. The proposal is to charge \$10.00 each for registration. To make the difference, a \$2,000 LCIF Grant would be applied for and each District to put in \$200.00 into the MD5M Leo fund for the next 2 years.

PID Ross Thorfinnson and PDG Debra Wasserman gave a status report on Campaign Sight First II. There is only 1 year and a couple of months left to accomplish our goals. The incoming District Governors were encouraged to have a conversation with the District Coordinators and find out which clubs and which groups in the District are Zero clubs. Help them to address the issue of getting out to those clubs.

PDG Debra thanked the seated Governors for all of the support and work that they did for Campaign Site First II.

Committee Reports

Convention Report – PCC Brian Sheehan We are currently at about 500 registrations. Instructions were given to the Governors for the Memorial Service and PCC Brian explained all of the other activities planned for the convention.

Membership Report – PCC Brian Sheehan The Governors Elect were each asked to email PCC Brian with the name of their Membership Chairperson.

2010 Convention Report – PDG Dale Johansen We have a proposal for the 2010 Multiple Convention hosted by the Elizabeth club. The convention will be held at the Shooting Star Convention Center in Mahanomen the last weekend in April.

Policy and Legal Report – PDG Wayne Swanson Proposals to be voted on at the Annual Business meeting were presented as well as discussion on incorporating each of the Districts.

Hearing and Service Dog – PCC Frank Loken PCC Frank encouraged all to attend the Heel and Wheel fund raiser walk on September 15th. There is food music and games, so get some teams together and come for a good time.

Canadian Foundation – DG Roger Poirier 5M13 is making an application to LCIF for the universal New Born Screening Program on behalf of the Manitoba Hearing Foundation.

Public Relations – DGE Allen Bailey “My report is in the book on page Q. Please read it.”

Technology – Lion Steve Wasserman The Governors were asked to consider a wider distribution of the Directory on a CD this year. The data base has capabilities that would be useful to the Districts and the Governors may wish to consider a wider distribution of the CD version of the directory. A survey is being sent to the VDGE's asking about their level of expertise in computer technology so that we can do proper training with that. Brail training material was provided for the Leadership Institute. Brail materials can be made available to anyone upon request. Due to increased security needs with the current WEB Site provider, a request was made for funds to move the WEB Site to a different server.

Political Liaison – DG Mike Vos PID Maynard Rucks asked that the Governors consider supporting the proposed redistribution of Directors.

Governors Committee Reports

Convention Committee – DG Darvin Raddatz

Motion #50 M/S/P DG Darvin Raddatz, 5M3 / DG Jack Krage, 5M1 That casual dress as was at Boston be our parade uniform in Chicago. This would be the blue snowman shirt, black shoes socks and belt, khaki pants and the MD5M hat with no pins.

Motion #51 M/S/P DG Darvin Raddatz, 5M3 / DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 To endorse the Lions Clubs International Director's decision to drop two on shore International Directors. CC Bert will send this letter of endorsement.

Motion #52 M/S/P DG Darvin Raddatz, 5M3 / DG Roger Poirier, 5M13 To accept the bid of the Elizabeth Lions to hold the MD5M Convention in Mahanomen on April 23 – 25, 2010 and bring this bid to the delegates of the convention for approval.

Motion #53 M/S/P DG Darvin Raddatz, 5M3 / DG Carroll Kukowski 5M9 To establish the office of MD5M Parade Consultant with the understanding that PCC Keith Johnson serve out the year in that capacity.

Motion #54 M/S/P DG Darvin Raddatz, 5M3 / DG Al Zimmerman, 5M7 To establish the office of MD5M Convention Promotional Consultant. This would be a 3 year appointment. The Districts should each also establish this position.

Headquarters and Finance Committee – CCE Bob Jechorek

Motion #55 M/S/P CCE Bob Jechorek , 5M5 / DG Doris Fertig, 5M11 To accept the financial report as presented.

Motion #56 M/S/P CCE Bob Jechorek, 5M5 / DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 To direct the Technology Chair to enter a 2 year contract for up to \$200.00 to change servers for the WEB site.

A Discussion on the Liberty Day issue and how books were paid for in the past was held and it was the recommendation of the Committee to delay a vote on this topic until there was more time to discuss with PDG Frank Loreno how these things had been handled in the past. CCE Bob Jechorek will follow up with PDG Frank and report to the July Council meeting.

Motion #57 M/S/P CCE Bob Jechorek, 5M5 / DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 To allow the Diabetes Chair to ask each of the Districts for a donation to the Diabetes budget and that the Chair also be allowed to ask each of the clubs for a donation.

Motion #58 M/S/P DG Doris Fertig, 5M11 / DG Jim Demaree, 5M4 To give the Peace Poster winner a Plaque and a \$100.00 savings bond which will be purchased by the Youth Outreach Chair or designee each year. This policy should be placed in the policy manual.

Motion #59 M/S/P DG Doris Fertig, 5M11 / DG Jack Krage, 5M1 To ask the Insurance and Legal representative to have a written response concerning the pro's and con's to being self insured. This should be completed prior to the July Council meeting.

Motion #60 M/S/P DG Doris Fertig, 5M11 / DG , DG Roger Poirier 5M13 To require by policy that the Committee Chairs submit a budget request for the following year not less than 10 days prior to the March Council meeting.

Service Activities Committee – Tom Sailstad

Motion #61 M/S/P DG Tom Sailstad, 5M10 / DG Jim Demaree, 5M4 To promote the Speak Off / Write Off as a District project at this time rather than a Multiple project. The Districts

should utilize the information available from 5M2 and 5M13 which are both very active in these projects.

Motion #62 M/S/P DG Tom Sailstad, 5M10 / DG Wally Sapp, 5M6 To approve the solicitation of the clubs and allow solicitation at the Multiple Convention for the sale of the Diabetes cook books.

Motion #63 M/S/P DG Tom Sailstad, 5M10 / DG Jack Krage, 5M1 To recommend that the Multiple and the Districts support the Leo Leadership Institute by encouraging the solicitation of the clubs for funding of the Leo Leadership Institute. It was felt that more funds could be raised in this manner than to simply assess each District \$200.00.

At this time there was a closed meeting that was held by the Governors and Council Chair only. In this meeting the Council discussed the performance review which was conducted by the review committee and decided to award Executive Secretary Bob Harms a \$2,500.00 performance bonus.

Motion # 64 M/S/P DG Jim Demaree, 5M4 / DG Robert Hoofnagle, 5M8 to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Bob Harms
MD5M Executive Secretary