

**MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18
PIONEER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 18, 2007**

IN ATTENDANCE: Jan Swenson, President

Vollie Sanders	Betty Sanders	Gary Greb	Pat Jeukens
Dave Hemmer	Barb Hemmer	David Massman	Joe Swenson
Gloria Berger	Sally Bolster	Mavis Hjulberg	Mary Ann Neuman
Kathy Hanson	LuAnn Chambliss	Sue Reiling	

Meeting was called to order and everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Jan welcomed everyone to the meeting and dispensed with introductions as there was no one new to the group.

Direct Awards Program

We were shown a slide presentation on the Direct Award program. It was coordinated by Jan with the teleconference from Linda Moreno, in Denver, and LuAnn using power point to change slides. The presentation covered how to use our program code to make referrals on Qwest products that will result in a commission check, for revenue earned, to the Chapter. A feature of the program is coming soon, called "Print on Demand". This feature will allow us to print handouts or ads to pass out at functions, meetings and events to make our members and the public aware of ways this will help to support the Pioneers. A member or individual would log in to the website www.qwestdirectawards.com or call 1-866-968-2261 and using our program code 176561 and Jan's home zip code 55443 and leave referral information. We will have the ability to track referrals and check on their status. LuAnn has the power point slide presentation if anyone missed this or wants a copy emailed.

Website: www.qwestdirectawards.com

Phone referrals: 1-866-968-2261

Support for program, including the website, promotional training and tracking: 1-888-285-8533

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Approval of minutes from December Executive Board Meeting – Vollie Sanders made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Kathy Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

Upon further review, later in the meeting, it was discovered that the minutes did need to be amended. **A motion** to amend the New Business portion of the December 2006 minutes was made by Dave Massman and seconded by Pat Jeukens to read: Carol and Al Barthel make a pre-request for a donation of \$1,000 from the Chapter for the MS Tram to be divided amongst the riders. Motion to amend minutes carried.

Treasurer's Report

LuAnn passed out copies of reports for December, January and February. Dave Massman made a **motion** to approve the treasurer's reports as submitted. MaryAnn Neuman seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Reports

Awards: Recognition was awarded in Anaheim, CA. In the Project Excellence category, Arrowhead received an award for their Union Gospel Children's Holiday Party and the Metro Council was recognized for Birthday in a Bag. Minnesota Chapter 18 received a Community Impact award for outstanding achievement in overall Pioneer participation and our EZ Help/911 project received a Telecom Challenge award. Jan has information on the specific date applications for the Telecom Challenge awards need to be submitted by.

Calendars: Many thanks to all who sold, and also purchased, the 2007 Caring and Sharing Calendars. There were 1281 calendars sold. That is 29 less than what was sold for 2006. Councils that improved their sales were Central, Lakes, Metro and Western Plains.

The following is a breakdown of the 2007 Pioneer raffle expenses by type:

\$24,950	Prize fund
1,487	License and printing
4,000	4-\$1,000 scholarships for Post Secondary Education
8,042.88	Paid back to selling councils for Community Service projects

We guaranteed \$5 per calendar sold to go back to each selling council for Community Service Projects, the same as previous years. The Chapter also approved to give back any extra funds above expenses to each selling council for community service projects. This year, 2007, and extra \$1,643 was divided among all selling councils which equated to an extra \$1.2835 per calendar. There is 12 cents additional income into the perpetual funding for scholarships.

If you have not returned your unsold calendars please do so. They should be returned to the Chapter office or me. The next drawing will be April 20, 2007, 4:00 PM at 6540 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN.

Mavis Hjulberg, Chair
Calendar Committee
Detailed spreadsheet was also submitted.

Mavis reported the license fee will be the same amount for 2008. The process for the drawing was discussed and it was reiterated that all eligible entries are thrown back into the barrel at the beginning of each month's drawing. LuAnn will be working with Mavis this year instead of Jan. The question was raised about sending December checks out to give winners their prize to use for the holidays and everyone agreed that the procedure that is in place was working fine and should not change at this time. There was also discussion about where the revenue goes for calendar sales and Mavis said that our license states that all revenue will be directed to our designated funds.

Camporee:

2007 First Quarter Report Telephone Pioneer Family Campers 10,000 Lakes Minnesota Club

The club continues to work on the planning and organization of all aspects of the International Camporee which the Minnesota Club is hosting this August at the Winnebago Rally Grounds in Forest City, Iowa.

International Rally Wagonmaster, Dave Hemmer, is coordinating this event. He has made every effort to bring in members from surrounding states.

I and my partner, Roger, attended the MN Talent Showcase to select a final entertainment act for the Rally. Acts are lined up.

Our spring 2007 Campout, May 18-20, will be in Isle, Minnesota at the South Isle Family Campground. Bill and Isabel Hofer are the Campout hosts.

TPFC MN Club will again support the MS TRAM as rest stop volunteers.

Submitted by: Kathy Hanson, Wagonmaster

Dave Hemmer reports the International Camporee committee has mailed 6,000 flyers requesting pre-registration. Volunteers will be needed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, to assemble ditty bags, placing signs and decorating, before the Rally that begins on Tuesday. A bus tour to the Mall of America is being arranged for Monday, August 20th and Dave will be looking for volunteers to serve as tour guide on each bus. There will also be a tour to the John Deere factory. Dave suggested the best accommodations would be at Diamond Jo's Casino located on the Minnesota Iowa border, which is about 30 miles from the Rally grounds. Information about accommodations is on the website. Dave encouraged volunteers and campers to send in their registrations as soon as they can. There was also a request for 300 bags in a couple sizes. LuAnn was able to provide some Qwest bags.

Community Service: Betty and I have not had much activity so far this year on a statewide basis. We have worked on some local projects. Hopefully we can help the Council Presidents if they run into road blocks on statewide community service projects or any local issues where they may need help. It is our feeling the council and local presidents should be in charge of these, with our support.

Vollie & Betty Sanders
Community Service Co-Chairs

Cookbooks/C Basement/Scholarships//Goodbye Central, Hello World: March 10, 2007 Reports by Paula Trapp

Cookbook Report

I still do my weekly mailings downtown. As far as the cookbooks at St. Paul and Trivia if there is any. I had been in touch with Karen Mickelson and emailed LuAnn Chambliss and Jan Swenson that an employee needs to do a MAC order for cookbook and Trivia delivery from St. Paul to C Basement. There would have to be a contact and I could be such with my having expressed my schedule. These cookbooks are at least 47 pounds a box and from inventory Dallas did a number of years ago there are 23 cases of yellow, 189 cases of blue, and 240 cases of red. There are 65 cases of Trivia but I do not know what the campers took.

C Basement

On February 10th (sorry I forgot who all helped) we did some cleaning in C Basement. We now have three cages of electrical junk as we all did one in February and I had done one earlier and another one since. Again through Karen and emailing LuAnn and Jan:

1) The three cages in the hallway of "C" basement need to have an employee go online and do a desktop for pickup. These cages are old junk stuff. 2) The furniture outside our cage Karen needs the Pioneer RC code and she will place a pickup order. I have gone to C basement and stuck a sign on things. Karen probably doesn't know that this is junk furniture and junk so she might change her pickup/delivery place. What is basically down there with the Pioneer post it on it is, 3 file cabinets, 2 shelving units, 1 desk end, 1 utility cabinet, 5 operator chairs and boxes of junk. There is a pile of junk inclusive of everything except the 4 wall units.

Scholarship report

I have received two applications so far. The judges for 2007 are: Jan Pomeroy with the Anoka School education, Ross Huseby with Byerly's, LuAnn Chambliss with Qwest Communications, MaryAnn Newman and Paula Trapp, retired Qwest Communications. A 2007 scholarship application form was also submitted

Goodbye Central Hello World books

So sorry I still have not mailed the books to Lakes, Hiawathaland and Western Plains. They are all wrapped up, just need to address and have time to get to the mail room.

E-Z Help: 1st QUARTER 2007 CHAPTER REPORT EZ HELP 911 CELL PHONES FOR SENIORS
80 CELL PHONES GIVEN TO CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
100 CELL PHONES GIVEN TO THE ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
40 GIVEN TO THE CITY OF BLAINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The cell phone project was awarded the "Telecom Challenge" award at the General Assembly in Anaheim, CA in February.

560 unusable cell phones were donated to the New Hope Community Church in Cambridge, MN for their fund raising efforts.

Phones for Life Project - No new information has been supplied by Denver on the progress of the "Phones for Life" project. At present, no cell phones are being sent to them, and none are being received from them. Project basically on hold indefinitely.

Eric Stein, a tech in Woodbury wants to start collecting cells phones at his work location at 50 St. Cloud

Submitted by: Gary Greb

Electronic Map Committee: 07 CHAPER 1ST QUARTER REPORT

There has been no activity on this project in the past quarter.

Submitted by: Co-chair Kathy Hanson

Life Member Report: LIFE MEMBER REP REPORT March 16, 2007

The Life Member Reps have not done any traveling during the winter but did attend the Metro Council meetings and the Metro Life Member Club meetings. We would appreciate getting schedules of your meetings so we can plan our trips for the spring. Neither one of us has a computer so would appreciate it if you would send us a copy of your schedule.

Sally Bolster
Mavis Hjulberg

Management Liaison: no report

Membership: With a new database coming, LuAnn and Jan discussed changes that will be in effect. Jan will be pulling rosters from the old database for each council and club with extra attention to members who are retired from companies other than Qwest. Members who have maintained dual membership with us and their original sponsoring company will need to make a formal request to be on the Qwest roster as they will be identified by their SSN and eligible to be on only one roster.

MS Tram: MS Bike Tours report – March 16, 2007 **"Qwest for the Cure" MS TRAM** July 22 – 27

This year the TRAM will start in Walker, MN and travel to Park Rapids. 2 nights will be spent in Park Rapids. The Tour will then head to Wadena, Fergus Falls, and ends in Alexandria. This should be a really nice area and I am looking forward to camping and following the TRAM.

Minnesota Chapter and The 10,000 Lakes Family Campers will again manage the operation of Rest Stop #3 on each day of the TRAM. So far I have 8 couples and 3 singles signed up to work. 6 of the couples will be working all week. These numbers do not include

LuAnn C. and the Sanders because I could not remember if they had advised me yet this year of their intentions. (However I suspect they did and I forgot)

Carol and Al Barthel proposed at the December Chapter meeting for donation from the Chapter of \$1,000

Barthel's visited Arrowhead council and requested donations toward Arrowhead Pioneer and Qwest for the Cure team rider Russ Urevig. The Barthel's plan to attend each Council's meeting to solicit pledges for the riders. If the Council has a team rider their pledge would go to their rider. Other wise the pledge can be designated to a rider or divided up between all the team riders.

So far we have about \$245 dollars pledged Carol has solicited the Little Falls Legion and VFW

Submitted by Dave Hemmer, and Carol & Al Barthel MS-Bike Tour Co-Chairpersons

Dave Hemmer reported that he is hoping to get volunteers from Lakes as they are closest to the event. Contact Al and Carol for more information on the riding team and Dave for more on the rest stop. Rest stop locations are not known until about 2 weeks prior to the event. What we can estimate is that Rest Stop 3 will be located 2/3rd the distance from the start point each day of the tram. Volunteers will be needed from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM daily, with the possibility that they will not be needed on Friday. Gary mentioned that there has been some discussion with John Stanoch about obtaining Qwest jerseys for the riders. He is working with Al on this topic.

Participation: Hours for December 2006 are 11,622. Our total hours for the state are 67,841. I know we can do much better than this. So let us all try and turn in our hours for our projects. Thanks.

We had until mid February to enter hours for 2006. Then they extended it to the end of February. I can't start inputting hours for 2007 until March 15th. I have lots of hours to do once I can start working on the program. They were having some problems. When people were putting hours in for 2007, they were going in for 2006. I am combining coverage on Participation Hours and the TRAM when visiting councils. Al and I went to Arrowhead Council and the Life Member Luncheon in Duluth on February 21st. I did meet Nancy Eilfson, who sends me the hours from Arrowhead Council. She picked Al and me up at a gas station/ small repair place for cars, because our tire was losing air. She does a really good job at getting hours and it was really nice to put a face with a name. I have been emailing her for about a year so it was really nice to meet her.

Carol Barthel

Power up to Read: Jan reports that Donna Ness will chair this project and that she has information to send to Donna. This project rolls out in August; it is designed for 2nd thru 4th grades and will have elements with online access, on paper and disc. This project is a one on one with students.

Project Connect: Joe Swenson reports that this project seems to be going better where the Pioneers already have an established relationship.

Webmaster: Dave Hemmer reported hits are up, especially on the calendar winners and the obits. He also discussed the importance of introducing the website address at every opportunity by including on all printed items including business cards and emails. As we all thanked Dave for his efforts, he thanked everyone for their submissions with the reminder that he is not the storyteller only the person that launches data. Dave also mentioned that we have moved up in the ranks of Qwest groups visited via the Qwestpioneers.org site using www.qwestpioneers.org/minnesota

A Web Site Report spreadsheet was submitted.

Council/Club Reports

Arrowhead: Gloria Berger

Arrowhead Council Report

After having made over 150 Hug A Bears for the Union Gospel Mission Children's party that had a showing of about 25 children, we have used up all of the Hug A Bears as some were sent to Iraq, Don Fennessy gave out hug a bears to the Highway Patrol, Duluth Police Department, Lake County Sheriff, Two Harbors Police Department, and St. Louis County Sheriff to use up the rest of the Bears. We are talking about getting together again & making more. We were pleased with the number of people interested in helping the sewing group put them together at home & on their breaks. Nancy was instrumental at keeping the interest up with the life members. We have discussed possibly making quilts for babies with AIDS & local shelters.

Carol and Al Barthel gave us details about the MS Tram (The Ride a Round Minnesota) which will be July 22-27 beginning in Alexandria. The Pioneers will have Rest Stop 3. Any help or donations to the MS Society will be appreciated. Russ Urevig will be riding in the MS 150 as well as the MS TRAM. We will have a Bake Sale and Luncheon on Wednesday, April 4, to help raise funds to support Russ with 1 or 2 lunches planned later to raise money.

We are in the middle of our March Food Drive to benefit area food shelves. There have been 2 lunches already this month with the Pioneer lunch honing in on St Patrick's Day with Irish stew and 2 other lunches later in the month. We have about 50 items that we are raffling off & have an in office competition to raise money with the winners getting a pizza lunch. Some are baking & bringing it in on unannounced days & sending word out to the office & cookies are going like hot cakes. This is our largest volunteer effort during the year, which last year raised over \$6,000. Anyone interested in buying raffle tickets can contact Gloria Berger.

We have been collecting hygiene products, egg cartons, reusable bags, winter outer wear, eye glasses, cell phones, Campbell soup labels & box tops for education as well as pop can tops.

The Life member meeting last month brought in members that hadn't been there before.

We would like to have updated lists of both current & life member Pioneers.

Central – Carol Barthel

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND HARLEY FORSYTHE LIFE MEMBER

We had a Life Member Breakfast in Jan at Perkins. About 15 people attended. In Feb we had a Valentines Party at Whitney Senior Center and about 25 attended. We had a stuffing party (Hug-A-Bears) at Bob and Rita Klassens. There were about 12 of us and we stuffed 108 bears. Also coming up is the luncheon in Little Falls April 10.

The Association has requested councils to have a budget in place and go back 3 years. We already had our budget in place but we did go over it. Carol and Al sent out 30 letters with self addressed stamped envelopes and a registration form to eligible Qwest employees who might be interested in becoming Pioneers. We haven't heard back from any of the eligible candidates.

We are also gearing up for the MS TRAM ride. Dave Hemmer has the rest stop 3 under control. We are still recruiting members for our team. Our cell phone project is still going on but, some phones may not work as of Feb 2008, so they all have to be rechecked. The St Cloud group is compiling a list of the ones that are good to go. We are also planning our spring fling to be held Thur., April 26th at the East Side VFW in St Cloud. Flyers will be coming out.

In Jan and Feb we had 1,103 hours reported.

Submitted by Carol Barthel Central Council President

Harley Forsythe Life Member Club included in Central Council report above

Hiawathaland – Jack Wilson Hiawathaland Board of Directors Meeting January 24th, 2007

This was our annual board of directors meeting to determine the meeting dates for the remainder of the year and obtain authorization for upcoming events. It was also determined that all merchandise being sold would be inventoried, including cookbooks.

Meeting dates will be March 28th, June 15th, September 21st, and December 14th.

A preset limit of \$750.00 each was established for the picnic and membership luncheon. The deposit on the park for the picnic will come out of the \$750.00 allotment.

It was also decided that Jack Wilson would come up with a budget for the upcoming year.

Jack Wilson
President, Hiawathaland Council

Lakes – Lois Thelen no report

Metro Council – Pat Jeukens Metro News-Holiday Luncheon we had 77 people both Minneapolis and St. Paul Life members and active members. Bel Aire singers did a great job as always. We raised \$560.00 for Children's Home Society. We gave away 10 - \$10 gift cards to Cub and Rainbow Foods + 18 - \$10 gift cards for Target and Wal-Mart. Some gift cards went to JDRF walk in January at the MOA.

We are looking for fundraising ideas. We are still working on Birthday in a Bag that did win a regional award.

Beep Easter Egg Hunt is April 7th at the State Capitol. We are looking for ways to raise money to help support the eggs. Metro council will be involved with the MS Tram

Metro Life Member Club – Mary Ann Neuman Metro Life Member – Chapter Report

First Quarter 2007 --- December 15, 2006 to March 16, 2007

MEETING/EVENTS

The Metro Life Members held:

- A regular business luncheon meeting on January 24th – Community service Collection: Birthday Bags (28) were donated to NEAR Food Shelf (MaryAnn asked to have the award to show her members)
- A Valentine Luncheon on February 28th (55 attending): Special entertainment by Bob Clark.
- Will hold a business luncheon meeting on March 28th – community Service Collection: Easter baskets, Stuffing, Goodies and Candy/Eggs.

DONATIONS

At the January 2007 meeting we voted to donate \$250.00 to Operation Share for postage. Recently MaryAnn made a delivery from the bakers who donated 3 grocery bags of coffee cans filled with cookies.

VOLUNTEER HOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Metro Life Members Pioneers reported the following volunteer hours:

December 2006	2573
January 2007	714
February 2007	1011

Projects and Pioneer activities we participated in included: the Pioneer Store, Operation Share, Arc of Minnesota Rose Sale, Children's Home Society, National Kidney Foundation-World Kidney Day, Hug a Bears

FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming activities include: Luncheon meetings in April and May, our Spring Casino Excursion to Turtle Lake on May 2nd and a trip to the Old Log Theater to see "Leaving Iowa" on June 20th.

Western Plains – Charlie Hecht

We don't have anything new to report. There were no meetings across the winter month.

Regards, Jodie Crowell

Old Business

Discussion to address amending last quarters minutes, see minutes above, and lead to **a motion** from Dave Massman to donate **\$1,000** to be divided amongst the riders for the Qwest MS Tram team. Sally Bolster seconded. Motion carried.

Betty Sanders reminds us that she is still able to print business cards and for those interested to send her their information.

New Business

Transition to Dallas Accounting Center – Jan reports that this will happen between April 1st and May 1st. To help clarify the situation, Jan read an email she received from Joe Hersey, Arizona Chapter #66, who has already transitioned into the Dallas Center. She read:

"Jan, The move to Dallas is some ways is complex and other ways simple. The biggest problem is change. A lot of folks do not like to change their ways and this is a big one for the treasurers. Most of the time you can fax the TPA-2's to them and they will cut and mail the necessary checks with in one business day. Each unit in your chapter will keep their own bank account in their home bank. The bank statements will need to be mailed by the bank to Dallas each month. I have kept online access to my accounts, so I am aware of the activity in it.

Lists of the chapter/unit officers as well those members that can approve expenses will need to be sent to Texas also. I have been used to balancing my accounts and having a report for my chapter e-board on the first Saturday of the month. With Texas, you will be a least one month in arrears.

This process will generate a lot of frustration but I think that this is a Bell System Standard.

During the first part of January we inventory the store with the forms that they have provided. So far in list the sale price of each item and a total of all sheets. (2nd year). I have not received any questions on my inventory yet. Since I am writing a lot of checks to vendors and wholesale houses, I have kept the checks for this account and send all receipts and bank statements to Texas a month in arrears. No comment from Texas yet. A lot of communications is one way, into Texas and not a lot out.

Be sure that you keep a copy of EVERYTHING that you send them. This should help with any future problems. If you have any more questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Joe Hersey

Arizona Chapter #66"

Jan also shared some financial percentages that will be in effect in the coming years.

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	
55%	60%	65%	Charitable to non profit
30%	25%	20%	Membership/meetings
15%	15%	15%	General reserve funds

The size of the General Reserve Fund will be limited in 2007 to 4 times the annual budget, in 2008 the amount changes to 3 ½ times the annual budget and in 2009 it will change to 3 times the annual budget.

Treasurers will be scheduled for training in April or May for an effective date of June 1st. The question was raised as to why this was happening and the answer is that centralized independent auditing is required for a 501c3 organization. The Calendar winners will be done by Dallas. Jan to get inventory forms as soon as possible. LuAnn suggest that the stores may be closing.

New Pioneer Credit Card Jan reported that the MBNA/Bank America card will no longer generate a financial benefit to the Pioneers. There will be a new partnership with US Bank. Jan showed us a flyer containing some of the new and existing partners with Qwest Pioneers. The Pioneer website will show all current and new partners. LuAnn mentioned that these Pioneer Partners would be available to address Pioneers at meetings or events. Jan will pass out information on applications for the new card as soon as she gets it.

Readers for Life Jan reports that we are awaiting more from Crystal Adams at the Region level and that Minnesota is one of the first 4 states targeted for implementation of this project. Schools criteria are still being formulated. Funding is coming from the Qwest foundation.

Beep Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 7th, the state capitol is the site, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. LuAnn reports that she has lots of volunteers, but little show of interest from the 3 organizations she sent flyers to, on the recommendation from the Minnesota Society of the Blind. She has contacted them again and requested they resend the information. LuAnn mentioned that as a side line to the egg hunt, tours of the capitol will be conducted. She said that John will be there along with other Spirit people, as well as tents and tables and media coverage is being handled by John's office. Gary suggested that we contact media to get more interested families to participate. **A motion** was made by Mary Ann Neuman for up to **\$250.00** to cover miscellaneous expenses for the egg hunt. Pat Jeukens seconded. Motion carried. LuAnn asked that we be open to amend this motion in the future if more funds are needed. LuAnn also asked that if anyone is interested in volunteering, to send her an email. Pat Jeukens is making up jelly bean carrots to sell as a fund raiser to defray the cost for the eggs. Per Jan, we will be getting \$100 in Qwest hats for volunteers.

Anoka Historical Society Celebration of 150 years Gary Greb made **a motion** that we donate **\$500** to offset expenses for the celebration with a second by Vollie Sanders. Motion carried.

American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial LuAnn discussed this project that was introduced by actor Gary Sinese at the General Assembly in Anaheim, CA. Kathy Hanson made **a motion** that we donate **\$250.00** to this memorial. Gary Greb seconded. Motion carried. A pamphlet was also submitted.

Vollie Sanders made **a motion** to adjourn. Dave Massman seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Handouts included: a copy of the 2007 Minnesota Chapter 18 Qwest Pioneer Officers & Executive Board (updated 2/10/07); a flyer on National Beep Ball Association World Series; Direct Awards information; 2007 Qwest Pioneer Contact List (Chapter contacts, Region Support & region office)

Respectfully Submitted: Sue Reiling, Minnesota Chapter 18, Secretary