

MINUTES OF THE 12-11-2009 CHAPTER MEETING
OF
MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18 QWEST PIONEERS
Minneapolis, 2800 Wayzata MINNESOTA

In Attendance: Roger Hanson Kathy Hanson Harry Osborn LaVaughn Osborn Jan Swenson LuAnn Chambliss Al Barthel Carol Barthel Dave Hemmer Barb Hemmer Pat Jeukens Lee Poirier Ruby Wilson Harry opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Secretary's minutes LuAnn made motion to accept. Carol sec. Approved by all Treasurer's report Al handed out for all. Dave made motion to accept. Jan seconded. Approved by all.
Awards - 2 awards have been submitted by Kathy.
Calendar As of December 11, 2009 643 calendars have been sold. Jan 15, 2010 is dead line for calendars to be turned in for 1st drawing.

Community Service, Vacant

Cookbooks/Scholarships Scholarship: The form for the 4-\$1000.00 scholarships has been sent to Dave Hemmer for the website. I have also submitted some copies to LuAnn for the meeting. I have not acquired the judges yet. I should have their names by the next meeting.

Cookbook Report: Sales from the chapter office did slow down (but are still there) this year and I suppose that is due to economy. The sales in general for the cookbooks are great as I have sent many cases out to the different councils. The price to charge is \$10.00 plus tax. Make sure you are using the correct tax. The chapter office for instance has the state, city, Metro transit, and Hennepin county tax. The cookbook sales have been a steady fundraiser for us pioneers and by no means should it end. If someone wishes not to sell cookbooks that would be their choice. There have been many reprints and requests for a new volume. A rough inventory of what the chapter has at this time: Volume 1= 2,700, volume 2 = 600, volume 3 = 5,600, volume 4 5,800.

The chapter has roughly 200 trivia games if someone is looking for a giveaway.

Report by Paula Trapp

EZ Help 911 Gary gave report to Pat. She will send to me.

The Family Campers:

Wagon Master Report December 10, 2009

We had a great Fall Campout the August 20, 21, 22, 23 at South Isle Family Campground.

The members continue meeting in the fall and winter season. We met in October, Denny and Annette Houg hosted the first Pioneer luncheon, October 17th, at Perkins in the Pines (Sauk Rapids).

Dallas and Lorna Leier hosted the luncheon, Saturday, November 14th, at Mandarin Buffet Coon Rapids, MN. We had a Dinner meeting the evening of Dec 10, 2009 at TGI Fridays on Highway 394. Lenny George made the reservations.

Our tentative schedule for 2010 Campouts:

The Spring- Campout, near Sauk Center, will be hosted by Zig and Marge Carlson.

Zig reported this campground will be different. The fee will be reasonable. The camping fee will be by donation.

The Fall Campout will be hosted by Bob and Ginny Boom at St. Croix Haven near Hinckley.

The annual Mystery Trip has no volunteers to be hosts at this time. The Trip is always scheduled for the 3rd week end in September. Host to be determined later.

We have signed up a new member and have sent her a welcome letter.

Bill Lovegren

Wagon Master

Life Member Rep: This duty should be included in the Council Presidents duties. The Council president will make an effort to visit Life Member Meetings during the year.

Management Liaison; John Stanoch and Andy Schriener came during lunch. John shared some of the activities going on with the company. John is proud of Pioneers for their help with Readers for Life. He talked about company involvement with Twins. Qwest employees went the extra mile giving to United Way. Pioneers helped with 5,000 back packs for schools.

Sad thing Qwest has laid off several employees. Things are starting to look up for the company. Thank you John and Andy, for making an appearance at our meeting.

Membership Committee: We had 45 new members in 2009. Minnesota is doing great in recruiting new members. It was discussed about each council having their own membership committee was a good idea but still need to report to chapter. It was also discussed about if council pays membership recruitment expenses. If it is membership recruitment it is a chapter expense and voucher can be turned into chapter.

MS TRAM – Chapter report Dec 11, 2009 – MS TRAM Co Chair Dave Hemmer – Famous Rest Stop #3

Rest Stop #3

I am asking the Chapter to again make the MS TRAM and Rest Stop #3 an official project with Chapter support.

The 2010 Star Tribune TRAM Ride will be held July 25 to 30 and will take cyclists on one large loop through the beautiful Central Lakes region of Minnesota. Start, stop and finish sites are:

- Sunday, July 25 (check-in) — **Alexandria, Minn.**
- Monday, July 26 — **Little Falls, Minn.**
- Tuesday, July 27 — **Pequot Lakes, Minn.**
- Wednesday, July 28 — **Wadena, Minn.**
- Thursday, July 29 — **Fergus Falls, Minn.**
- Friday, July 30 — Cyclists ride down the Central Lakes Trail to the finish in **Alexandria, Minn.**

Wheel Deals – on a Qwest for a Cure

We will have a Riding team this year Kathy Hanson will volunteer to be Team Captain. It is expected that we could field a team of 8 riders. Roger Hanson will volunteer to be Co-Chair for the Chapter We hope to see you in July 2010.

For volunteer information contact Dave Hemmer 320-253-8400

Submitted by Dave Hemmer & Roger Hanson Co-Chairs

Dave Hemmer made motion to have MS TRAM and Rest Stop # 3 an official project with chapter support. LuAnn sec. Motions was approved.

Kathy Hanson also submitted following report:

I have volunteered to captain a Qwest ride team in the 2010 MS TRAM if the Chapter 18 executive board will again approve the Qwest ride team and Rest Stop 3 as a Qwest Pioneer project.

It looks like there could be 8 riders in 2010.

Fundraisers will be discussed and scheduled. If anyone has any contact to help the team receive matching funds, that information will be welcomed and explored.

I would like to have Qwest support the fundraising with a donation, as that is the most impactful thing for the MS Society. However I will also request support in the purchasing of team jerseys, as that gives visibility to Qwest Corporation.

Submitted by Kathy Hanson

Participation Chair: My report will be short. From Jan 1, 2009 till Dec 9, 2009 we have 52,739.50 hours. Please do send me your hours as soon as possible if you can. We are way down this year.

Submitted by Carol Barthel

Power Up to Read/Readers For Life: Jan, Pat, Carol and Al along with 3 other employees gave books to a school at Brainerd. They are also looking at schools for next year. They purchased \$7,200.00 worth of books from Scholastic Books in Brooklyn Park. Report by Jan Swenson

During meeting we put labels in books that had been purchased so they are ready to go.

Project Connect: no report

Dave Hemmer made motion to remove Project Connect as one of Chapter projects. Pat sec. Motion approved.

Web Master -

Let's start promoting the web site via the Qwestpioneers.org

site using www.qwestpioneers.org/minnesota

Site total 5105 Page hits as of 12/11/09

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Chapter Board, Council Officers, and Pioneer members may post meetings, events, projects, or other items on the Chapter Web Site by contacting Dave Hemmer.

Overall web site hits are showing a downward trend

Just Pictures, Current news & Calendar winners are all getting hits.

22 go green membership info updates were submitted via the web page

I think we can get a boost in web site use if we all promote its use at our various meetings and projects. And keep the web site in everyone's mind by including the web address in all our emails and correspondence.

Keep lots of local and current information posted on the web.

Remember the preferred URL to list on your emails, letterhead, business cards, & flyers is www.qwestpioneers.org/minnesota

Submitted by Dave Hemmer, Webmaster

Council/Club Reports:

Arrowhead: 4th quarter 2009

We asked our members to do an audit on their time contributed in 2009. So reported in Oct and Nov. we had 1616 hours. This included:

- Life Member luncheon 178
- Pioneer meetings
- Cleaning/organizing pioneer lounge
- Fund raiser luncheons 51
- Hug a bears 62
- AARP 14
- Food shelf 45
- Grandma's Marathon (June) 200
- Health Clinic 12
- Hospital Volunteer 244
- Knitting 46
- Life Activity 150
- Life line 43
- March of Dimes 4
- Red Cross 25
- Young Athlete Foundation 60
- Tour Guide 384

We sent 25 Hug a Bears to the Grand Marais Hospital and received an email Thank you.

We are planning a chili luncheon for January 11th, to support the ALS snow mobile ride; Tom Bernier and his wife participate in this 4 day event. This will be held in later February if any of the Councils would consider a donation. It would be greatly appreciated. The money goes to the ALS Foundation.

We are also planning a Spring Pioneer Social/Membership drive- however we did lose 52 employees from our location with the OIS office being closed in Duluth.

John Stanoch visited my office. I was able to thank him personally for his support of our "Spirit of Service Ride 2009". He said he would start thinking about the donation for this coming ride July 17, 2010. We are starting to put the ride into the works. I would like to ask if any of the councils would consider making a cash donation- this past year we raised \$3500.00. We were able to donate 100% raised. This will be my goal for 2010 also.

We are selling calendars, but not sold out yet.

Pat Jeukens asked if I would be a backup for Vice President of the Chapter, after getting the approval from my council, I accepted. Thank you, JoAnn Cooper.

Central: Central report: Dec 11, 2009 – St Cloud MN.

Since the last Chapter meeting we contributed over 400 hours to our community as follows:

EZ Help	29 hours	
Knitting Chemo Caps	46 hours	
Talking Books	55 hours	Repaired 23 machines
Wellness Bags	68 hours	229 Wellness Bags were given out
Computer Assistance	20 hours	
Hug-A-Bears	16 hours	

Our members also Volunteered at Chore Club, Food Shelf, Red Cross, Nursing Home, Life Lines, Hospital, but the hours have not yet been reported.

We completed a ramp at Rice MN. And for the first time our Council furnished the building materials.

We received thanks from the family and from another service organization that helped with the labor.

We continue to collect EZ Help 911 cell phones and distribute them to our Senior Citizens

We support our Life member club and along with them made donations to the Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army, and the Whitney Senior Center.

We are planning a service project associated with our Valentine meeting in February.

We are planning to change our Spring Fling to an afternoon affair rather than an evening party this year.

No meetings are planned at this time

Report respectfully submitted by:

Dave Hemmer - Central Council President

Harley Forsythe Life Member Club

Report from Harley Forsythe Life Member Club

Fourth Quarter - 2009

We had a luncheon meeting at the Palmer House in Sauk Centre on October 13, 2009. Thirty Life Members and Partners attended. November 10, 2009, the Life Members enjoyed breakfast at Perkins in St Cloud. 17 Pioneers and partners attended. Perkins was celebrating the opening of the new bridge across the Mississippi River (The Granite Crossing). The celebration included a price reduction on their menu. Some of us wanted to stay all day.

The high light of the holiday season was our Christmas Party held at Whitney Senior Center in St Cloud, December 8th... Thirty Pioneers and partners attended this gala. We had speakers from the Boys & Girls Club in Central Minnesota, the Salvation Army, and the CEO of Whitney Senior Center. All received donations from our charitable account. In addition, we collected over two dozen toys for the Salvation Army and 64# of food for the St Cloud Food Shelf. We were entertained by talented members of our group; a skit by Carol Barthel & Rita Klassen and a Christmas reading by the one and only Dave Hemmer. They were worth every penny we paid them.

Our agenda for the remaining meetings follow:

All Pioneers are invited and especially Chapter Officers.

2010:

January 12---9AM Breakfast Meeting in St Cloud at Downtown Perkins.

February 9---Valentine Meeting/Party at 2PM Whitney Senior Center in St Cloud

March 9 ---9AM Breakfast Meeting in St Cloud at Downtown Perkins.

April 13---Luncheon Meeting in Little Falls.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Lewis

President, Harley Forsythe Life Member Club

Lakes:

Happy Holidays from the Lakes council!! We had two Holiday meetings one in Fergus Falls with 23 people for lunch and the other in Detroit Lakes with 43 people for lunch. Everyone had a Good time and we sold a bunch of Pioneer Calendars. We also gave Holiday checks to the Salvation Army. And the Food Shelf, that was very much appreciated. Sorry we cannot make the December meeting. Wish everyone our Best for a Happy Holidays. See ya Chet.

Hiawathaland

Hiawathaland Council Report, September 23rd, 2009

The club held our 4th quarter meeting on November 21, 2009 with about 50 members in attendance.

We approved donations to St. Mary's School of Owatonna, St. Isador's School of Lytomisal. A collection of warm wear was held and will be distributed to agencies in the Haiwathaland area.

Officers for 2010 are Kathy Hanson, President and Mary Malakowski, Vice President.

We sponsored an annual bazaar at the Owatonna Eagles Club where our traveling store sold Pioneer cookbooks and other items as fundraiser for Hiawathaland Club use.

Next year meetings with be held the Wednesday following the 2010 Chapter 18 meetings.

Submitted by: Kathy Hanson

Metro -

Pioneer Store: Sales on Sept 22nd, Nov 19th, Dec 10th, 16th, 17th, and 21st.

Donations: \$200.00 to Union Gospel Mission

\$150.00 to Jail and Bail for Family Pathways for Forest Lake

Book Basket for Women's Advocacy annual Fundraiser- Fam Glam

\$200.00 to Dorothy Day Center

\$400.00 to Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center Fitness Center

\$200.00 to Salvation Army (Adult Rehab Center)

\$50.00 worth of bags and tissue paper to the Women's Advocacy group.

4 sets of cookbooks to the Naomi House.

Projects: Rake, Rattle and Roll, raked 4 yards for people in need on Oct. 31.

Birthday in a Bag continues to deliver to numerous Food Shelves throughout the Metro area. Ronald McDonald House - purchased, cooked and served diner on October 31, 2009, also purchased kitchen supplies for the house. Leftover were delivered to Anishinable Wakiagun- housing of last resort for chronic inebriates.

Stuffed and delivered 60 backpacks for St. Josephs for Children and Home Free.

Just for you Bags 30 each delivered to St. Joseph's for Children and Home Free.

Candy/nut Sale in December

Warm and Toasty Hands - colleting winter items for local organizations in December.

Ruby Wilson has been recognized by Kare 11 as part of the 11 Who Care program. The Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center Auxiliary will be receiving \$1,100.00.

Metro Life.

We had our last life member meeting on November 18th. We had 28 for the luncheon. We collected 210 pairs of socks for "Toes For Joe's" to be given to St. Joseph's Children Home. We made \$200.00 donation to Union Gospel Mission, Save, Second Harvest Food Bank, Step, and \$100.00 to Forest Lake Food Pantry for Pat's Jail and Bail: St. Paul Pioneers who meet in fellowship invited everyone to join them for a Holiday meal on December 9th even with the bad weather they still had 30 for lunch. They collected mittens, hats and scarfs both in November and December to go to the Warm and Toasty Project. I have been trying to bridge the gap between Mpls and St. Paul Life Members Pioneers this year due to the fact that they do not want to cross the river to visit the other group. With this being the end of my term as Life Member President I wish Mary Ann luck next year as she takes back the Life Member Club for 2010. Wishing all a Happy Holiday Season and a Great New Year. To date have sold over 100 calendars. They are moving slow this year.
Submitted by Pat Jeukens

Western Plain: No report turned in.

OLD BUSINESS:

Harry reported he has Qwest T-Shirts on Hand: 2 XL = 3 , XL = 11, L=2 White only.
Remember any request for funds over \$500.00 need to be brought one meeting and voted upon at the next meeting.
Hotel tax is not exempt and needs to be paid.
Excess of \$4000.00 from Calendar fund needs to go back to general.
Military Fund money will be taken care of before the first of Year.
Iowa Flood Fund will also be taken care of.
Lee will take a voucher to Gary to get made out correctly to purchase Therapy balls.
Pioneer Truck in Jackson is in need of a place to be stored or should consider selling. If anyone has any ideas let Harry know.
Pack needs to know all treasurers, and anyone with an account that will be signing a check.

New Business:

Dave made a motion to have a cookbook sale. Special from now until March 31, 2010. 4 book set special, one Red, one Blue, one Green and one Yellow for \$30.00. No postage or tax.
Valentine special: one red cookbook \$7.00 no postage or tax.
Order form on web site. <http://www.mnpioneers.com/products/cbooks.htm>
Minnesota page - Click on Products for sale
Lee second Motion approved.
All transfers need to send a copy to Al. (cookbooks from chapter to council)
All vouchers need to be turned in before end of year.

Money received to be divided among Councils turning in reports.
Royal \$1,537.00 and Fund raising \$3,670.00
Metro will receive ¼
Chapter ¼
Councils =4 Western Plain did not turn in any reports after several requests so not eligible.
Western Plains share will remain in the chapter.
Motion was made by Dave Hemmer is a council fails to turn in reports money will go to Chapter. LuAnn Seconded. Motion Approved.
Budget for 2010: If you are in charge of a project you need to turn in project budget to Pat as soon as possible. She needs to submit her 2010 budget to the Region.
Don't forget the TRAM Ride and also Beep Ball Int'l Event help in Rochester.
Thanks for putting up with me for 2009 everyone has helped me in this year as being my leader. My skills on this ##### computer still need a lot of work.
Please welcome Pat as your leader and continue on with your support.
Thank you again. Harry O.