

MINUTES OF THE 3-20-2009 CHAPTER MEETING OF MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18 QWEST PIONEERS

In Attendance: Kathy Hanson Roger Hanson Harry Osborn LaVaughn Osborn
Al Barthel Carol Barthel Dave Hemmer Barb Hemmer
Sally Bolster Pat Jeukens Lee Poirier Gary Greb
Jack Wilson Ruby Wilson

Harry opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Reports were given by Kathy Hanson, Pat Jeukens and Harry Osborn on New Orleans. Spent five hours working in a park putting 700 trees in pots. They also worked on replacing a walk way that had been washed away. A fountain was repaired. Another project was filling back packs for students. They gave away 250 back packs. Some of the houses are still boarded up. Received a good report on writing up reports that were submitted. Stressed we need to be sure to acknowledge amount of time, money and supplies donated by Company. School of Cooking prepared food and also gave a History of New Orleans going back to when people came from Europe. Very interesting.

Rewards received: Project Excellence Life Enrichment "Birthday in a Bag" and "Breakfast in a Bag"
Project Excellence Education "Readers for Life"
Community Impact award "MS project for Community"
Individual Excellence Award "David Hemmer Minnesota Chapter 18"

CONGRADULATIONS TO ALL!!

Our thanks go out to Sheryl for her help and wonderful job of writing up the projects. She was very precise with all the detail. Thanks for a job well done.

Secretary's minutes of the 4th quarter chapter meeting were distributed and read by members. Motion to approve made by Carol Barthel and seconded by Pat Jeukens - Motion passed

Treasurer's report was read by Carol Barthel for Al.

Motion made to approve by Dave Hemmer and motion seconded by Pat Jeukens - Motion passed

Motion made by Carol Barthel Money to be distributed to councils and Chapter after Feb. Statement is here and books balanced.

Five out state councils. \$664.86 each, (\$3324.30) \$1,662.15 Metro and \$1,662.17 to Chapter Total \$6648.62. Seconded by Lee Poirier Motion passed

Motion made by Dave Hemmer to move money from the councils to pay Minnesota State taxed collected during the year 2008. Kathy Hanson Sec. Motion passed. Al Barthel will contact Sarah Powell.

Reports were presented by committee chairs.

Awards - Vacant need a volunteer.

Calendar - Roger Hanson gave report at meeting. 2009 1188 calendars sold for \$35,640.00. Leaving a shortage of \$326.70 to pay for Scholarships. Jan Swenson sent me a note: I talked to Pat Jeukens; she indicated that Roger said slush fund would cover the shortage in funds. Actually back in the 1998, 1999 or early 2000 Paula set up a Perpetual Scholarship/Calendar savings account with Chapter Approval by transferring funds into a separate account. Those funds, interest over several years and funds turned back by returned checks or checks not cashed are where the bulk of the funds came from.

Community Service, Vollie Sanders e-mail: Betty and I do not have a report for this meeting.

Cookbooks/Scholarships Paula Trapp email: Cookbook Report is that economy has apparently hit the cookbook sales also. I did not send any out for over a month. I do have some checks now that I need to get in. The inventory was a good guess because the boxes were jammed tight, and the weight 40 lbs. I could not see all the way back or the 2 top shelves. Jan Swenson did a sort and move on them earlier to make room for Readers For Life. The report was #1 Green -2,766, #2 Yellow -687, #3 Blue - 5,683, #4 Red - 5,977, and Montana -3. I also reported 241 Trivia games not knowing if that was needed or not. I also passed to Al that all the Readers for Life books were in "C" basement if they needed an inventory.

Scholarships, sorry, I lost my start list. Right now I can say the form is out there and ready for use with the postmark date of Ma 5th being the deadline. The tentative judges are Charles Parker, Jan Pomeroy, Vollie Sanders, Shane Wood and Vollie Sanders Jr.

EZ Help 911, Gary Grab's report of cell phones donated 40 White Bear Lake, 30 City of Blaine, 15 Anoka County, 60 St Cloud. Possible expansion into Hennepin County but nothing firm yet.

The Family Campers reported they have a new Wagon master, Bill Lovegren of Annandale.

Life Member Rep: Mavis Hjulberg/Sally Bolster. Discussion on weather or not to keep this position. Harry gave a special thanks to Sally and Mavis for the job well done. It was tabled to leave until next meeting as a couple possibilities for replacement were presented. Harry will follow up.

Management Liaison; John Stanoch and Andy Schriener not present.

Membership Committee chair LuAnn Chambliss Not present Email: We didn't do anything for membership in the first quarter.

MS TRAM – Dave Hemmer Chapter report March 20,2009 MS TRAM Co Chair-Famous Rest Stop #3 Route notice for the 20th Annual Bike MS: Star Tribune TRAM Ride 2009, July 26 to 31!

Sunday: Ortonville

Monday: Montevideo

Tuesday: Redwood Falls

Wednesday: St Peter

Thursday: New Prague

Friday Finish: Welch Village near Red Wing

If you choose to stay in a hotel this year you will want to make reservations as early as you can... Volunteers who have a personal vehicle should reserve hotels farther from the routes so volunteers without transportation can reserve the small number of available rooms in host towns."

This year I am committed to making rest stop # 3 even better than other years and will be available to assist the riders in fund raising.

I would like to request funding for Commemorative buttons to be sold before and during the TRAM in an attempt to promote Qwest Pioneers and raise some additional funds for the MS Society. The Pins will cost about \$500.00 or .41 cents each and we would charge \$1.00 and donate all the profits back to the MS Society as pledges for our Riding Team. We could first repay the Chapter or we could decide to donate the total sales.

Motion made by Dave Hemmer, Chapter pay \$499.99 for buttons to be sold for MS TRAM. Gary seconded.

Motion carried.

Participation Chair Carol Barthel Well so far this year the PALS program is going very good. Cindy wanted last year's hours by Dec 28, 2008 and I still had not received all the hours for 2008. She said to add them to 2009 report. So I did that. So far this year we have 12,054 hours reported.. We did fairly well last year but it sure would be nice if we could get lots more turned. I would like to see Minnesota on top. I also have been conversing with Barb Palmer. She, I think is Cindy's right hand person for helping with the PALS Program. I met her in Denver and she has been very helpful.

Power Up to Read/Readers for Life:

Project Connect:

Web Master - Dave Hemmer Lets start promoting the web site via the Qwestpioneers.org site using www.qwestpioneers.org/minnesota.

Site total 2398 page hits as of 3/20/09

Chapter Minutes 70

Meetings 67

Councils & Clubs 80

Exec. Board 230

Projects 234\

Arrowhead Council 48 Current News 624

Central Council 96 Products for Sale 68

Lakes Council 14 Family Campers 154

Hawathaland Council 27 Links 42

Mpls. Life Member 71 Calendar Winners 1081

Metro Council 55 Web Master 12

Western Plains 13 Just Pictures 485

Qwest Benefits 52

Chapter Board, Councils 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 now showing an up ward trend.

Current News and Calendar Winner show improvement this quarter.

All the Councils and Club pages show a little improvement. Updating our local pages helps.

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.

We are paying for this service let's use it

Council/Club Reports:

Arrowhead: JoAnn Cooper Emailed 3-25-09

Central: Dave Hemmer: Central Council held business meetings on Jan 26th and March 4th.

Discussions were held and plans were made for:

1. Hosting the Chapter meeting in June.

2. Holding our annual "Spring Fling" on Thursday April 30th.

3. Holding a Life Member Valentines party and having a charitable project to assemble and decorate Valentines Gift Bags for the Anna Marie Women's Shelter.

We have submitted our Council inventory of cook books and our annual budget to the Chapter.

We continue to fund our Life Member club by granting 100 percent of their requests for projects, socials, and charitable gifts.

Central Council contributed 940 hours of volunteering.

Central Council completed: 275 Wellness Bags, 173 Hug a bears, 50 cancer caps, and 31 talking book machines were repaired and sent in.

Harley Forsythe Life Member Club Bob Lewis As the new kid on the block-the first quarter was doing what ever Elsa or Dave told me to do.
The January and March Life Member meetings were breakfast meetings held at Perkins in St. Cloud. Our February meeting was a Valentine Party at the Whitney Senior Center in St. Cloud. The Valentine Party was hosted by Barb Hemmer and Partner and was well attended. We decorated and filled 30 Valentine Bags to be given to Anna Marie shelter for abused women and children. The bags were filled with personal items and each held a Hug A Bear. Barb Hemmer sewed 80 Bears and we had a stuffing party at Whitney early in February. In addition to enjoying the camaraderie we took several of the procedure in different stages of dress. (The bears-- not the stuffers.)`
We entered the pictures, along with a write up of our community service endeavors, and a contest sponsored by The Visitor-a diocesan weekly paper. The Visitor offered \$100.00 to community groups that would increase monies and spend them on community service projects. The Central Council Pioneers would grow the \$100.00 with a wine and cheese party. We were picked as a winner. However, after discussion it was decided that it would not be prudent to hold a wine and cheese party during Lent. Instead we held a wine less and cheese less party that was successful.
At the same time we sent the story and pictures to the St. Cloud Times and were fortunate enough to have them also run the story and pictures. As a result of the publicity we had two people call and offer material and support. We also had a retired woman, new to the area, read the article and call. She attended our March breakfast. Hopefully --a new member.
It has been an enjoyable first quarter because everyone has been so helpful, especially Dave and Barb Hemmer and the last years President, Elsa Ditty.

Lakes: Mary Nemeč & Chet Nettetstad Co-Presidents.

Hiawathaland Jack Wilson Will email me a report

Metro -LuAnn Chambliss

Metro Life Pat Jeukens; Went to St. Paul in Feb to update them on meetings. They had 32 for lunch. We collected Cake mixes, frosting and candles. Collected 350 hours of Volunteers service. Valentine Party at Elise's had 40 people. Next meeting March 25th at Elise's

Western Plain Charlie Hecht

OLD BUSINESS: Gary Greb reported he will not be doing the JD Walk. Lack of people. Question about Truck. Dave will contact Charlie Hecht and see what is happening with the truck. Where it is? Is it ready to roll? How much have we paid?

Gary was looking for money for Therapy Balls, We could not find any place in the minutes for the past months that it has even been approved. Can anyone shed any light on this matter?

NEW BUSINESS:

Donation Requests were made for the following:

Ronald McDonald House; up to \$350.00
Pat Jeukens made motion to donate, Gary Greb Sec. Motion passed

Chapter MS Riders: \$1,600.00
Kathy Hanson made motion to donate, Pat Jeukens Sec. Tabled until June Meeting due to amount.

Motion made by Dave Hemmer to pay .36 per mile for mileage. Sec by Sally Bolster. Motion passed
Carol Barthel made a motion to give \$20.00 McDonalds gift card to each council who had faithfully
reported hours. Lakes Council - Sue Burlingame, Metro Council - Joanne Kennedy, Hiawatha land -
Jack Wilson, Arrowhead- Nancy? Thanks for a job well done.

Expenditure Report:

At the second quarter chapter meeting you authorized me to spend up to \$500.00 on items I could use
as incentives or rewards for Pioneers.

I spent \$262.79.

\$81.00 Sweatshirts (6)

\$170.00 Visors (40)

\$11.79 Shipping /Handling

\$262.79 Total She will submit this for payment.

Sent the sweatshirts and a dark colored baseball cap to council presidents and asked them to use it in
some way to raise funds for the School Supplies Project we were committed to as chapter. I
suggested a raffle, but left it up to the council how they would use the Pioneer Sweatshirt and cap for
fundraising.

I asked the Council Presidents to tell me how much they raised with the items.

Hiawathaland raised \$ 75.00 by selling raffle tickets for the sweatshirt/cap set at it summer picnic.

No other council acknowledged receiving the sweatshirt/cap or if they used it to raise funds for the
school supplies project.

I have distributed the visors to Ronald McDonald supper volunteers. I still have many of them and will
see that they are distributed at various events in 2009.

Dave Hemmer made motion to spend up to \$400.00 for incentives for 2009. Pat Jeukens sec. Motion
passed.

Pat Jeukens shared with us a "2009 Qwest Pioneers "TO DO" List also talked about postage region will
not be paying. All mailing need to be on White paper using Black ink. Information needs to be in
Newsletter format.

Ronald McDonald House Brunch - May 31st. Contact Pat Jeukens for Information and to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed for "Power up to Read." Contact Kathy Hanson

Easter Egg Hunt April 22nd, 2009 Faribault

Spring Fling April 30th Saint Cloud VFW contact Dave Hemmer

Carol said Tax ID forms are available.

Harry shares a way to fund raise by having a Casserole party. Everyone brings a casserole and then
charge people to come and buy a ticket and sample all the Casseroles.

Sounds good may take some organization.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting at St. Cloud June 12th

Submitted by Ruby Wison