

MINUTES OF September 10, 2010 CHAPTER MEETING OF  
MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18 QWEST PIONEERS  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

In Attendance: LuAnn Chambliss, Jan Swenson, Harry Osborn, Al Barthel, Carol Barthel  
LaVaughn Osborn, Charles Hecht, Leatrice Hecht, Mary Malakowsky  
Pat Jeukens, Lee Poirier, Cindy Barnes, Ruby Wilson, Betty Lee, John Stanoch,  
Kathy Hanson, Ralph Hunstad, Ada Hunstad, Bob Lewis, Joan Lewis,  
James Malakowsky

Pat opened the meeting 9:10 am. Pledge of Allegiance - Moment of Silence.

Welcome and Announcements

**Secretary's minutes** Kathy made motion to accept. Carol seconded. Approved by all.

**Treasurer's report** Denver slow about getting balances to Al. Al presented what he had. Jan motion to accept. Bob Seconded. Approved by all. Cindy stated that Budgets are required by Chapter. Al - If you have a fundraiser and sell food is a taxable item. 65% goes to charitable.

**Old Business:**

Cookbook sales specials: Bob reported Great Sales. Betty Lee stated they had had good sales at a Church.

**Pioneer Truck:** 1968 Chevy Telephone Truck

I have been in contact with Rossow Performance and Restoration.

I have talked with the owner "Jody" several times and have had email contact with him also.

Following a registered letter and a call from Sherburne County Sheriff Joel Brott I got a call from Jody Rossow. Following a conversation in which Jody and I discussed our goals as related to the truck we came to this agreement.

Jody will have the truck out of storage and in a location where I can view it and take pictures of the truck and email them to me so they would be available to view at the Chapter Meeting.

**Update #2-** It's now 1 pm on Thursday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and as usual I have heard nothing and have no pictures from Jody. Jody seems incapable of following through on any promises he makes. Legal action may be our only recourse.

**UPDATE #3** - 9PM Thursday evening. One limited quality picture shows up in my email box.



Jody will have completed any remaining work and have the truck ready for delivery by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

Following my inspection and approval I will then present a Check for the balance due.

As mentioned before, I have spoken with Qwest Director of Network Ops, Tim Buchholz here in St Cloud. Tim assures me

that there is space at the St Augusta Telephone garage and that we can store the truck at this location. I spoke with Tim again last week and he affirms storage space is available.

I'm sorry I am not able to attend the meeting today to answer questions personally.

Submitted by Dave Hemmer

***Report from Harley Forsythe Life Member Club - Fourth Quarter – 2010***

*The Harley Forsythe Life Member Club continues in the Pioneer tradition of Loyalty, Community Service, and Fellowship.*

*On September 14<sup>th</sup> we had a Luncheon at Frontier Steak House in Princeton, MN. 21 Pioneers and Partners attended and enjoyed themselves in spite of the lousy jokes by the President.*

*Our October meeting was a Luncheon in Sauk Centre at the Palmer house. The Palmer House is a Historical Hotel and there are stories of Ghosts roaming the halls at night. 24 Pioneers and Partners attended and we got them out before dark.*

*November is our Breakfast meeting at Perkins in St Cloud. 18 Pioneers and Partners enjoyed the food and fellowship. And they didn't run out of eggs. Last time we were there Perkins ran out of eggs if you can believe that.*

*We are looking forward to our Christmas Party, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 P. M., at Whitney Senior Center in St Cloud. We hope to have members from Tech High School Orchestra entertain us. We also use this Holiday get together to donate to the Salvation Army, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Whitney Foundation. This year –rather than Toys for Tots,--we are asking our members to bring items for Service Men/Women to support the Chapter project.*

*Looking ahead to the 2011 meetings---January, Breakfast in St Cloud, -- February, Valentine Party in St Cloud, -- March, Breakfast in St Cloud, -- and April, Luncheon in Little Falls.*

*All Pioneers are invited to our meetings, especially Chapter Officers.*

*Between eating and drinking the Life Members of the Harley Forsythe Life Member Club will continue to serve their community in the name of Pioneering with steady diligence.*

*Respectfully submitted*

*Bob Lewis*

*President, Harley Forsythe Life Member Club*

**Readers for Life:**

Pat Jeukens and Jan Swenson handed out books left over from the Summer Reading Program at the MN State Fair at a Book Expo with the MELSA Group. That completed getting the approx. 2000 + books into the hands of children. This was part of the Joint Community Service Commitment with the Twins giving books to children in the 7 County and St Paul Library program.

Nothing much was done this fall except trying to locate a school in the Western Plains Council to do a Readers for Life Presentation. Kris & Jerry Swanson in Willmar are doing some checking for us.

Western Plains is the only Council where there have been no Readers for Life Program yet. No schools were done in the Metro as Donna Ness, Co-Chair broke her hip in a fall and has been laid up. Jan Swenson has also been dealing with knee issues since September. We hope to get more schools done in 2011. If anyone has a school that meets the Low Income, High Free School Lunches, Homeless or Reading as a second language let us know so we can look at doing a Presentation for that School.

## **Cookbooks**

Since I took over doing the cookbooks these last few months I have shipped out books to customers and council. 16 books, either as individual books or as a set of 4 were mailed to people asking for Cookbooks through the mail to the Chapter Office. Central Council/Harley Forsythe LM Club received 2 cases of each of the 4 cookbooks (8 cases) at the December Chapter meeting along with 12 each of the Green and Yellow Cookbooks in August. Arrowhead Council received 3 cases of each of the 4 Cookbooks (12 cases), 4 in September and 8 in November. Metro Council received 2 cases of the Red Cookbooks, 1 for the Metro Sidewalk sales group and 1 case to St. Paul. Western Plains received 1 case of each of the 4 Cookbooks (4 cases) at the December Chapter Meeting.

We will soon be out of the Yellow Cookbooks, Volume II. There are only 22 cases left in the Chapter storage area in "C" Basement of 200 S. 5th St, Minneapolis. There is more of the Green, Volume I, but not as many as the Blue and Red Cookbooks.

### ***Chapter 18 Inventory of Cookbooks:***

**Green Cookbook, Volume I:** 99 cases with 24 books each + 15 single books = **2391 Books Total**  
97 cases are available for Councils to buy for resale & 2 are reserved for the Chapter Office

**Yellow Cookbook, Volume II:** 25 cases with 20 books each + 8 single books = **507 Books Total & 1 damaged book**

23 cases are available for Councils to buy for resale & 2 are reserved for the Chapter Office

**Blue Cookbook, Volume III:** 224 cases with 24 books each + 29 single books = **5405 Books Total**

**Red Cookbook, Volume IV:** 289 cases with 20 books each + 30 single books = **5810 Books Total**

There are also 11 Cases of Trivia Games from the 75th Pioneer Anniversary - didn't count if there were 6 or 8 games per case.

Jan Swenson

**Calendars;** If you are still working on the December Chapter Minutes here is an update.

As of 12/31/10 there have been 833 sold calendars turned in. To break even we need to sell another 169 Calendars before 1/21/11. Arrowhead, Central, Hiawathaland, Lakes, Metro, Metro LM, Western Plains & ND-Red River Valley have all turned in calendars.

Jan Swenson

## **Membership Database**

I am adding in Pioneer Partners for Carol so they can have the Pioneer Volunteer Hours tracked and receive awards for the Region. I am updating the Database with all reported Deaths, Retirements and address updates from each of the Councils. That is the only way I get the updates, so keep sending me those updates. If anyone needs a new roster let me know and I can either send it electronically or on paper by mail.

In 2011 my New member report shows Arrowhead Council had 4 new Regular Members, Central Council had 1 new Regular Member, Metro Council had 7 new Regular Members, Arrowhead LM had 1 new Life Member, Harley Forsythe LM had 1 new Life Member and Metro LM Club had 1 new Life Member. I don't believe that is totally accurate. I have all the copies of new Members that were sent to me and will be checking if they were added by the Denver Regional office yet. If they are not in the Pioneer Database I will resend the files to Denver. There is a big stack and I will let you know at the next Meeting where we are with those members.

Jan Swenson

## **EZ Help 911 Cell Phones for Seniors**

Fourth quarter report: EZ Help 911 cell phones for seniors project.

25 cell phones distributed to White Bear Lake.

St Cloud Central Council collected 12 cell phones since last chapter meeting

Central Council gave out 35 cell phones.

Metro Pioneers collected 75 cell phones

Sorry I cannot make the meeting am in college today with finals coming up next week.

Gary Greb

## **Metro Life Member Report**

Chapter Meeting – December 2010

The Metro Life Member met In September and November for their regular business lunches.

Twenty-six Pioneers and spouses attend the September meeting where the following donations are made:

- \$200 Minnesota Visiting Nurses Agency
- \$100 American Heart Association
- \$100 Alzheimer's Association
- \$100 St. Joseph's Home for Children
- \$100 Animal Ark
- \$100 American Cancer Society
- \$200 Dignity Center
- \$100 Eye Link
- \$300 NEAR Food Shelf (\$1300 total)

The November meeting had 32 participants attending. At that meeting we voted to donate:

- \$100 Union Gospel Mission

The Metro Life Pioneers sponsored their annual Fall Casino trip on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010. One hundred Pioneers, partners and friends attended. The casino trips are held two times a year, in May and November.

They are the chief fund raisers for the Life Members. \$428.56 was raised on the November trip.

Metro Life Members have reported thus far in 2010, 7225 volunteer hours (by 1041 participants)

The Metro Life Members continue to support 2 Hug a Bear groups that meet monthly.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman, President

Metro Life Members

## **Central report: Dec. 10, 2010**

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

(Due to the fact that PALS is down the numbers below are estimated)

EZ Help Cell Phones 15 hours

Chemo Caps 35 hours

Talking book repair 90 hours

Wellness bags 105 hours

Computer Assistance 30 hours

Wheel Chair Ramps 140 hours

Our members Volunteered with the Chore Club, Food Shelf, Red Cross, Nursing Home, Life Lines, Hospital & others.

Central Council donated several hundred pounds of fresh vegetables to the area food shelf.

Central Council Life member President Bob Lewis will present donations checks to;

Whitney Senior Center

Salvation Army

Boys and Girls Club

At our annual Christmas meeting next week. We will also collect Food items for the food shelf and personal items for the chapter veteran's project.

Our next Life Member breakfast meeting will be at Perkins, downtown on Jan. 11th  
 Our annual Valentine party will be at the Whitney Senior Center on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.  
 We continue to collect EZ Help 911 cell phones and distribute them to our Senior Citizens  
 Our Council looks forward to hosting a Chapter meeting in St Cloud again this summer.  
 Our next Council meeting will be scheduled when needed.  
 Report respectfully submitted by:  
 Dave Hemmer - Central Council President

**MS TRAM** Chapter report December 10th, 2010 –

Rest Stop #3

The 2011 Star Tribune TRAM Ride route has not yet been officially announced. However rumor has it that it will be held in south eastern MN.

The Family Campers along with many other Pioneers will again be asking the Chapter to support this ongoing project. We hope the Chapter recognizes the real benefit we provide in the fight to find a cure for MS, and the benefit to our members and non-pioneers who get to participate in a rewarding volunteer experience.

Our rest stops this year will again be known as “Famous Rest Stop #3”. And in order to live up to our reputation we will be planning a special dress up day. This summer our theme will be “SW and Old Mexico”. We will find ways to make the hard working TRAM riders love what they do and love rest stop 3.

“Wheel Deals – on a Qwest for the Cure” – We will have a riding team again this year. It is through the riding team that we are able to raise money for the MS Society. Last year our team raised over \$8,000.00.

This year our team will dedicate their ride in memory of Roger Hanson.

So far the team is made up of Kathy Hanson’s family. Daughter Maureen, her husband Josh, and their children Shawn and Laura. We will be actively seeking Pioneers to join the team. At this time we think Maureen Lyons will be the Team Captain and Kathy Hanson will be Co-Chair of the project with Dave Hemmer. Dave Handling the Rest Stop and Kathy the fund raising.

To volunteer to work at Rest Stop #3 contact Dave Hemmer 320-290-2127 – dhemmer1@mnpioneers.com

To volunteer to join the riding team or raise funds contact Kathy Hanson (952) 758-4226 - kfhanon@msn.com

Submitted by Dave Hemmer

**Web Site Report - 12/10/2010 4th Qtr**

Site total	1560
Chapter Minutes	52
Meetings	37
Councils & Clubs	57
Exec. Board	136
Projects	67
Arrowhead Council	44
Central Council	29
Lakes Council	20
Hawathaland Council	20
Mpls. Life Members	64
Metro Council	43
Western Plains	15
Current News	602
Products for Sale	49
Family Campers	91
Links	22
Calendar Winners	664
Web Master	15
Just Pictures	151
Qwest Benefits	44
Go Green	31

Overall web site hits are down from last quarter. Calendar winners and Current News are getting the most hits this quarter

Councils & Club pages continue to be low with the exception of Mpls Life & Arrowhead. People are still using the web site to find out who is on our executive board as that page is also being viewed.

I have moved our web site from space provided by FW Hosting to a web hosting service provided by INMOTION Hosting. FW Hosting was charging us \$13.50 per year for our domain name registration.

(mnpioneers.com) and \$161.46 for our web space.

We were currently paid up until April 2011.

However I elected to make the change on 10/25/10 because I was able to share web space with two other web users. Our new cost will be \$95.40 web hosting for THREE years and \$11.95 per year for domain name registration.

I will be submitting a voucher today for \$95.40 and another in April for \$11.95

Dave Hemmer, Web Master

### **ARROWHEAD COUNCIL – 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REPORT**

Audit - One of our Pioneer active members who are going to school to become a CPA was given an assignment to do something for a non-profit. He contacted JoAnn and they come up with the idea to have him audit our financial records for the year. He did this in about one month's time and the audit went well. The only question he had was 'should one person submit and authorize a deposit', I assured him that this was allowed.

Life Member Report – Nancy Eilefson and Char Reno sent invitations to over 200 retirees to invite them to the September meeting; 47 Pioneers, Partners and guests came. The speaker was Durbin Keeney from MACV here in Duluth. Don Fennessy, Arrowhead Life Member President stated that the September Life Member luncheon was the best in fifteen years.

There were no speakers in October or November; they were hoping John Stanoch would attend. There were 27 Pioneers, partners and guests in October and 24 in November. At the November Luncheon they sang Happy Birthday to two of our members who turned 90! The next luncheon will be January 19, 2011; all are welcome, reservations are necessary.

Hug a Bear Report – The Life Care Center will take 26 bears per Barb Cane; St. Luke's are very happy to receive 20 each month. Betty Lee, Char Reno, Nancy Eilefson, Jan Wangen and Marilyn Johnson on work the bears regularly.

The Arrowhead Council hosted the Chapter meeting at the Carlton VFW in September. The food was excellent, and some of our members were able to attend. We were asked to send a list of activities sponsored or supported by the Arrowhead Council to Carol Barthel, Nancy sent it.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> we rented a table at the Forbes Bazaar to sell Cookbooks. We offered them at \$7.00 each or the set for \$20. This was a great success. It was impressive to have people stop by who knew of the cookbooks, and either needed to replace theirs or had someone they wanted to buy for. They were good sales people too, because they would tell the person next to them how great they were. We sold nearly 3 cases that day alone.

Betty Lee has had good success with selling– "Beds for Vets" - buttons we have made \$222.00 so far.

We have been watching our donations, making sure that we are within the 65%. We are, but we have added to our donations for the last month in case we receive money in our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We will be donating to MACV, the Salvation Army and ALS in December. We did vote to make donations to the various food shelves in our area which they all received before Thanksgiving. We also donated to the Duluth Habitat for Humanity and the Twin Ports Miracle League at Harrison in Duluth.

To involve the office, a questionnaire was sent to all active employees to find out what they would like to do for fundraisers. We will plan a fundraiser for January to raise more money for the 3 day ALS snowmobile run which our member Tom Bernier and his wife Kathy participate in.

Our next board meeting is January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 4<sup>th</sup> floor Melrose Bldg, Duluth. All Pioneers and guest are welcome. This will be our first meeting with Betty Lee returning as President of our council. JoAnn Cooper will take over the Treasurer responsibilities.

Thank you,

JoAnn Cooper

### **Lakes Council Report**

Ruby; Lakes Council has been working with the Let's go fishing program for seniors & Veterans along with the Meals on Wheels and Oaks program. Also planning Holiday get together for Fergus Falls, Detroit Lakes, to sell calendars and collect for veteran's project. Sorry I can make the Dec meeting. Chet

### **PALS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 10, 2010**

Well the program is down again. I was able to get the total of hours from Jan to now. We have 41,034 hours. Not real good. If you are doing a project or more than one, just Let me know what the project is and I will make sure your hours are under your name. have been putting quite a few names in PALS and they have been receiving little trinkets. I do have a report of what that looks like. Hopefully all the projects and names will move into 2011 when I click on the clone button. Get those hours in. I would like all hours before Jan 10 because they need to be done by Jan 15.

Submitted by 

### **HIAWATHALAND CLUB OF QWEST PIONEERS**

2010 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER REPORT

IN OCTOBER CLUB PRESIDENT, KATHY HANSON, JOINED QWEST MANAGERS JULIE SCHLETTY AND JEFF GUSTAFSON AT ST.CHARLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ST. CHARLES MN TO PRESENT THE "PREPARED TO LEARN" FINAL DONATION OF \$800 TO PRINCIPAL WHICH THE SCHOOL WILL USE FOR ONGOING CLASSROOM NEEDS.

KATHY HANSON MET WITH PAULA TRAPP TO DISCOVER THE PROCESS IN USE TO SOLICIT AND AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO CANDIDATES IN MINNESOTA. IT IS KATHY'S DETERMINATION THE PROCESS IS AS SOUND AS CAN BE EXPECTED AND SHOULD NOT BE SCRAPPED. SAFEGAURDS NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO ELIMINATE JUDGES WHO MAY BE FOUND TO HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS NOT FORMED DUE TO UNPREVENTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE ANNUAL HIWATHALAND PIONEER BAZAAR AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WAS HELD ON NOV 13, 2010 AT THE OWATONNA EAGLES CLUB.

35 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE MEETING

DONATIONS WERE MADE TO ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN OWATONNA, ST.ISADORE SCHOOL IN LITYL MISL, ST.PETER STATE HOSPITAL HOLIDAY GIFTS.

MARY MALAKOWSKY ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF HIAWATHALAND QWEST PIONEER CLUB PRESIDENT.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF MILEAGE, MEALS AND HOTEL FOR MARY AND HUSBAND JIM (ALSO A QWEST RETIREE) TO ATTEND THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER CHAPTER MEETING.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: KATHY HANSON, PRESIDENT -HIAWATHALAND QWEST PIONEER CLUB

**Metro -**

Metro Council

Donations:

\$250 to Jail and Bail with all proceeds going to the Forest Lake Food Shelf.

Fundraisers were held and \$555 has been earmarked for MACV as needed.

One set of cookbooks were donated for a MACV Silent Auction held on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

\$50 to purchase flannel for receiving blankets and \$50 for Christmas wrapping paper.

One set of cookbooks and up to \$40 for the purchase of 2 baskets; Paula Dean kitchen utensils and a fleece panel for the Courage Youth Sports (Camp Courage Kids) Silent Auction.

One set of cookbooks for the Holiday Adopt a Family Project.

Clothing to Home Free worth \$415.50 and CEAP in Brooklyn Center worth \$459.50.

School supplies, books, craft calendars and Christmas stockings to St. Joseph's Home for Children and Home Free.

\$500 from Store funds to West Tonka food Shelf in Mound servicing 8 communities.

\$500 from Store funds to Tubman.

\$200 to Union Gospel Mission.

Candy/Nut sale held in October with product delivered in November and will be sold at the Skyway sales.

Birthday in a Bag continues to be a very successful project and are being delivered throughout the metro area.

Skyway Store Sales on Sept. 21 & 22, Nov. 9 & 10 and upcoming sales on Dec. 14, 15 & 16. Sale on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at Wayzata location.

MERSC – Selling Dining Cards, Valley Fair, State Fair and Renaissance tickets through seasons end.

**Life Members report:**

I did not get out of the metro to visit any Pioneer groups I visited Metro Life Members in Minneapolis and St Paul areas. Did go to Metro Council meetings been very busy with MACV (Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans) doing 2000 personal care bags to be handed out by MACV outreach workers between now and end of 2011. The Minnesota chapter was awarded a \$1500.00 Dodd grant to help the project. Happy Holidays to each and every one of you and your families. See you all in 2011 and Happy New Year.

Pat Jeukens