

2011 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER CENTURLINK PIONEERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Present: Pat Jeukens	Kathy Hanson	Ada Hunstad
Ralph Hunstad	JoAnn Cooper	Betty Lee
Gary Greb	Al Barthel	Carol Barthel
Jan Swenson	Jim Malakowsky	Mary Malakowsky
Dave Hemmer	Barb Hemmer	Bill Lovegren
Lee Poirier	Absent: Chet Nettetstad-Lakes Club	

9:20 AM -Pat Jeukens called the meeting to order & led the pledge of allegiance

Introductions made around the table

Kathy Hanson read the secretary's report – Dave Hemmer moved to accept and Carol Barthel seconded, passed

Al Barthel, Treasurer, gave report – following are highlight items from his report

MERSC issue between Al & Pat J. - \$2918.67 is in an unknown deposit was transferred to Chapter 18

Nobody seemed to know where the amount came from – It was discovered it was MERSC funds and a transfer request to PAC to get the deposit into the correct account which is MERSC. Pat Jeukens will see this issue through to the end. Kathy Asmus, Metro Council Treasurer will take PAC training in order to understand fully how deposits and transfers are to be handled. Kathy Hanson cautioned the group that the Metro Council must deliver their report of how they will proceed

Dave Hemmer motioned to accept report Gary Greb seconded, motion passed

OLD BUSINESS 10:35 am

Pat Jeukens reported out on bags for MACV. She attended Grand Rapids & Bemidji Stand Downs with Chet Nettetstad

Mary and Jim Malakowsky and Lee Poirier attended the Mankato Stand Down. Pioneers were thanked publicly and the Chapter received an award at the International Meeting in Boston.

9/25/2011 Ronald McDonald Brunch cost chapter \$184.66 to put on. About 10 volunteers helped and 70 were served.

Dish It Up Project- still receiving funds so no final accounting available – so far 14,000 meals have been donated through the project.

Caring and Sharing scholarship fundraiser Calendars for 2012 – A permit number was changed by MN State so new number on page 5 is to be changed X-92616. 2012 Sharing and Caring scholarship

fundraiser Calendar project started out later this year. Total number of calendars sold thus far is 488. We have to sell about 1100 or over to break even to pay expenses and scholarships.

**NEW BUSINESS 10:15**

EZ Help cell phone recovery project in Central Council brings in funds for that council specifically.

Lee Poirier promoted removing the EZ Help 911 project from Chapter Project status and putting it at a council/club level. Gary Greb says any council/club has the option to do the same.

Motion made by Lee Poirier to move EZ Help 911 project from Chapter Status to Council/Club status no second and motion died on floor

Motion made by Lee Poirier that funds from council/club recycling be directed to Chapter, no second and motion died on floor

Gary Greb offered to help any council/club to start recycling.

Western Plains- Jan Swenson has sent letters to currently rostered members offering to switch their membership to either Central or Hiawathaland has gone out.

Labels for items made and distributed by Pioneers could be made to read to read CenturyLink Pioneers or (council name) Pioneers. JoAnn pointed out the "approved logo" should be used when ordering any printed material. Lee shared there may be labels to purchase through the Pioneer website.

Al Barthel brought up in new business regarding Readers for Life separate account. (\$1044.10) Can this account be merged into the Chapter general fund? Sara in PAC (Pioneer Accounting Center) says we can do this if desired. It was proposed that RFL funds would merge into chapter general funds and when a need arose to purchase books a request for funds would need to be requested from the chapter. Dave pointed out that moving the funds to chapter general may hamstring Jan Swenson, RFL Chair, from making a purchase immediately. Remembering purchases or requests over \$500 need a 90 day wait period. Decision made to keep RFL account as it is.

Al reminded open advances must be paid back in order to close out financial year accounts. Unknown deposits need to be cleared. He informed those with advances. Transfers from chapter to council/club what should be the new split? Al asked. Dave pointed out Western Plains is disbanding 12/31/2011.

JoAnn Cooper needs to inform Region Pioneer Office who her officer board is by name. Each council and club needs to inform JoAnn Cooper and the PAC of the names of the officers in each respective council and club.

**11:35am – 12:15 pm lunch**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards -Pat Jeukens reports that MN won 3 awards: MACV Project, Membership Increase & Spirit of Service Ride in Duluth.

Cookbooks – Jan Swenson – no report some orders fluttering in

Scholarships – Jan Swenson -Form is on website looking for judges – last year went very well

EZ Help-Gary Greb- Anoka 36, White Bear 10, 40 Bloomington, still receiving many phones, getting inquiries about Pioneer assistance inputting ICE numbers into cell phones

Telephone Pioneer Family Campers-Bill Lovegren- Summarized spring and fall campouts. Three new couples have joined the group. Many campers volunteered at the MS TRAM. Members attended an international rally in Sparta Illinois. Next year the rally will be in Gettysburg PA. Monthly lunches are planned for wintertime.

Life Member Rep-Pat Jeukens – attended 2 stand downs, attended annual Pioneer meeting in Boston. As a community service project the group filled food-filled backpacks for students to take home

CenturyLink is looking at within two years severing connections with Pioneers and having Pioneers pay dues. CenturyLink has internal community service teams.

Management Liaison-no liaison present

Membership – Jan Swenson- still has a need for updates on changes to roster. We need to realize Pioneering may not enjoy sponsorship of a company. If you know of a change, notify Jan Swenson.

MSTRAM – Dave Hemmer- last year was a success. Kathy Hanson summarized quickly last TRAM and will field another ride team in 2012 and strategize a new name reflecting CenturyLink sponsorship. Let board know a donation of \$200 per rider, up to a \$2000 ceiling will be requested.

PALS – Carol Barthel – hours reported, 7,185 thus far. Many unreported hours she knows as last year there were more at this time.

Readers for Life-Jan Swenson- No schools are currently scheduled

Web Master – Dave Hemmer – Still getting searches and the calendar winner list is most searched. Dave is requesting that if any errors are found, he be notified so they can be corrected.

**\*\*Betty Lee – In Feb 2012 the ALS Snowmobile Tour will take place. Betty made a donation request for a \$400 to the Tour. An Arrowhead Pioneer member and partner will be riding in the Tour. Seconded by Dave Hemmer. Discussion held. Motion passed.**

**\*\*Kathy Hanson made a request for \$200 per rider in the MS TRAM up to a \$2000 ceiling. Mary Malakowsky seconded. Motion tabled to comply with the 90 day hold period.**

Today's meeting cost is

**\*\*Motions made to purchase Metro Mobility passes & donate to go to MS Society by Kathy Hanson up to \$386, Jan Swenson seconded**

**\*\*Motion made to support with a donation to Little Red Stocking project by Lee Poirier \$100.77Jan Swenson seconded**

**Discussion. Vote - Motion passed**

**\*\*Al Barthel says there is \$344 for Dish It Up centennial project. Motions to donate this amount to Union Gospel Mission by Carol Barthel, Dave Hemmer seconded. Discussion. Motion passed.**

**Al Barthel reminds responsible officers of council and club to make a 'delegation of authority' document and send it to the PAC.**

**Chapter will purchase a Looking Back video for our use at a cost of \$10.**

**Pat Jeukens relayed greeting from Dan Green of Arizona Slammers team to people he met in Pioneers.**

**\*\*\*Kathy will contact MN Beep Baseball**

**Pat Jeukens turned the President office over to JoAnn Cooper.**

**Next year Chapter Meetings will be 03/14/2012, 06/13/2012, 09/12/2012 and 12/12/2012**

**Dave Hemmer led the board in a thank you to Pat Jeukens for her 2 years of leadership.**

**Submitted by: Kathy Hanson**