

CHAPTER 18 TELEPHONE PIONEERS QUARTERLY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

JUNE 10, 2011 - ST. CLOUD MINNESOTA

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment to remember absent Pioneers and Friends

Minutes read, C. Barthel motioned to accept, D. Hemmer 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

Treasurer report reviewed, D. Hemmer motioned to accept, H. Osborn 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

Cookbooks- maintain price as is because sales are low

**9:18a** Pioneer Truck – Still in Jackson, in touch w/body shop weekly. It is expected anytime and will not be paid for until delivered in operable condition. License issues will be addressed later.

Pioneer Pin – No pins will be used except the 100 Year Pin

Awards: Cheryl Wold is writing up an award submission for the MACV project – due June 13, 2011

MACV bags, we have reached 1000 bag (half way to goal) Pat reviewed Stand Down Dates and services commented these Stand Downs would be an opportunity for Pioneers around the state to be involved in the project. Various businesses and organizations have helped in collecting/donating items for MACV bags. This far 1,147 participation hours have been reporting thus far per C. Barthel.

Feeding Project – “Pioneers Dish It Up – Feeding Families Healthy Food” goal is 75,000 pounds of food or \$75,000. Lee Poirer will look into matchings funds or food from businesses. This is a collaborative effort with organizations and businesses between Century Link & Pioneers. Mary Ann Neumann inquired if assisting at Feed My Starving Children would count towards pound goal.

Motion by B. Lee from Arrowhead for \$750.00 for the “Spirit of Service Motorcycle Ride”. Discussion and vote taken, motion carried.

**10:10a** Motion to donate \$200 per rider motion was amended by Kathy Hanson to include a total of 10 rider on the Wheel Deals on a Qwest for a Cure team. D. Hemmer 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote and motion carried.

**Noted: Loading & unloading of MACV items , Packing MACV bags, time 8:00am to 9:00 am. Inserting drawstrings in MACV bags 9:10 to 11:00N by Pioneers as meeting was carried on.**

Election of Officers for Fall 2011 – JoAnn Cooper will be Chapter President in 2012 with the opportunity to be in office for 2 years. Need to fill a Vice President position. Nominating Committee will be Harry Osborn.

**11:10a** Guest Speaker: Century Link Eric Genrich Vice President Northern and Andy Schriener, Mgmt Liaison

Andy Schriener- Explained that John Stanoch has left the company. Duane Ring is Midwest region leadership position. Andy introduced Eric Genrich, Vice President/General Manager Outstate MN

Eric – GM Outstate North Central & South Central MN and No Dak. Tyler Middleton Metro GM. Duane Ring is CEO of Midwest Region. He described his responsibilities, the scope of market served and opportunities to win back and/or grow the business. He has been making contacts and connections with Outstate business leaders and meeting with employees . He set out some strategies to increase market share where possible for Century Link. 12:20p

Resume Old Business: 12:55p

Budget Meeting summary reviewed and proposals to change some items discussed. D. Hemmer states that to reduce expenses before knowing Century Link would reduce or royalties & fundraising income diminishes before that is a fact, is not a wise action to take. Other views supported the chapter reimbursing for meals for out-of-town. Recognition to members at times for their volunteerism in the form of a meal or refreshments was discussed. Per PAC this type of expense is Membership Retention-GNA. D. Hemmer suggests some expenses can be approved by a Chapter president without bringing each and every expenditure to the chapter for approval. Mary Ann Neumann wonders if she will be able to provide a meal to another Hug-a-Bear group. Another avenue of discussion was Metro Council's Skyway Store.

Motion by D. Hemmer that Chapter reimburse lunch expense for south hug-a-bear group , C. Nettetsted 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote and motion passed.

Al Barthel passed around the budget figures. D.Hemmer motioned to accepted 2011 Budget, C. Nettetstad 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote and motion carried

Al Barthel statement – when asked to volunteer at Beep Baseball Tournament he was not allowed to voucher mileage or motel. Felt unfair to reimburse people who come to meetings but not volunteers. Propose that budget committee not include the Treasurer next year.

1:50pm K. Hanson gave a report of how the Beeping Egg Hunt went.

1:55pm Scholarship project was reviewed. And winners names were shared

2:00pm Pat sent people off with case of books . Most of these books are geared to younger readers. Pat gave overview of this summer Reading Program with Libraries and MN Twins organization 2:10pm

Motion to adjourn by D. Hemmer Meeting adjourned

Meeting time: 300 minutes

Time spent on MACV Project: 170 minutes

Submitted by Kathy Hanson, Chapter Secretary