

12-12-2012 MINUTES – Pioneer Chapter 18 Meeting

Attendees: JoAnn Cooper Kathy Hanson Al Barthel
Carol Barthel Barb Hemmer Dave Hemmer
Pat Jeukens Lon Engberg Jan Swenson
Lee Poirer (partial meeting)

Pledge of Allegiance made followed by a moment of silence

Previous minutes approved by motion

Treasurer report – approved by motion. A discussion ensued about approving a meal voucher submitted by a pioneer delivering hug-a-bear materials. Al requested to know if this reimbursement was acceptable to the board. The board decided to not pay for the meal and only pay for the mileage shown on the voucher. One recognition meal for hug-a-bear project participants has been approved and no other meals have been approved. K. Hanson suggested returning said voucher and inform the submitter mileage only will be a paid expense. Al will return the voucher to the approver.

Al B. discussed the problem of vouchers recording more mileage than MapQuest notes it should be for a direct route from a member's home to meeting site. Dave H. states he believes requiring a MapQuest record is overkill. Carol B. has researched and found other non-profits do require a MapQuest record for mileage reimbursement. Other discussion of the subject ensued. Dave H. moved board meeting attendees must submit once a year a MapQuest record of miles from home to meeting location for mileage reimbursement. Pat J. seconded and motion passed. Kathy H. will make up a sample of how a mileage voucher should be made out.

The chapter has met its responsibility to donate 65% of funds to charity thus far in 2012.

Financial training for those responsible must be completed by April 2013

PAC has deposited in the chapter the following amounts: Fundraising-\$2884.00, Dues- \$1139.51, and Royalties-\$1010.00 for a total of \$5033.51. We reviewed policy that if a council or club does not get its quarterly report in prior to a quarterly chapter meeting that council or club will not receive its share of the next fund dispersal by the PAC. There was no report from Lakes council for third quarter and Chet Nettetstad was informed Lakes would get no funds dispersed.

Jan S. moved that if a council or club does not provide a report prior by the chapter meeting we do not disperse a council or club's portion of the next PAC funds deposited in the chapter account. Pat J. seconded and motion was approved. (This motion was made to clarify any misunderstanding around this issue)

OLD BUSINESS

PayPal and SquareUp – PayPal had 16 calendar sales at a procession cost of \$17.00. Dave states that the Pay Pal account is still in his name and so receipts will be in the name of Dave Hemmer.

Calendar Sales – Jan Swenson reports sold 452 recorded in database as of 12-12-'12. More sales will be coming in as the deadline approaches.

Volunteer Hours – Carol B. has reported hours for the year but has received a large report for an entire year from a pioneer not included yet. Lakes council has been excellent at reporting participation hours.

Norma Stephens Fund – Jan S. has had no information from PAC so she cannot make a voucher and is not sure what PAC will do with the amount like set up another account at PAC. Amount is around \$65000.00

Ronald McDonald House – Lots of volunteers showed up and the meal was appreciated. A basket of kitchen stuff was donated to the house. Pat will set up a couple more dates for next year.

NEW BUSINESS - JoAnn says the regional board announced there would be no further sponsor fees but "in-kind" support has been forthcoming. Iowa chapter president has resigned at end of 2012. CenturyLink Pioneer logo has been

updated and is on web. Budget committee will be set up today as new 2013 budget will be needed soon. Participation house is decreasing. Pioneer gear if needed, you can send notifications to Janie at Janie.Milby@CenturyLink.com .

Hiawathaland Club – Pres Mary Malakowsky has resigned due to family health issues. Kathy Hanson was appointed as Club Manager. A letter will go to club membership searching for new officers.

Central Council – Carol B. highlighted the veteran deer hunt as a recent big effort, still involved with wheelchair bags, talking book program, cell phone project, built a ramp in partnership with Independent Lifestyles an organization led by Marlyn Beaudine. Carol Barthel has resigned as president and a search is on for a new president.

Lakes Council- Lon E. says a recent meeting covered calendar sales and establishing a method of getting reports in and electing a new treasurer. Lon's email contact is lrengberg@arvig.net

Arrowhead – JoAnn says hug-a-bears, cancer patient head covering and info bags go to St. Luke's hospital. Food shelves are also a focus.

Metro Council – Pat J. no recent meeting. Last meeting though had many donations being made to area charities, hug-a-bears are a bigger project. Paula Trapp is making holiday stockings for St. Joseph Children Home. Life member Pioneers from the St. Paul area still meet regularly.

Harley Forsythe Life Member Club – has set up a committee to lead this group, Elsa Ditty, Joan and Bob Lewis and Barb and Dave Hemmer. Most recent event has 35 attendees. It was a holiday get-together with entertainment and members brought food and toy donations for charities.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - A 2013 chapter budget needs to be in to Region by Feb 1 2013. Budget committee will be Pat Jeukens, Jan Swenson, JoAnn Cooper, Lon Engberg and Al Barthel.

2013 MEETINGS WILL BE ON FRIDAYS – 03/15, 06/14, 9/13 AND 12/13

Donating to the host facility was discussed. We do not HAVE to donate the exact amount but could donate a reasonable amount, say \$300, to the facility used for the meeting. Or should we decide at the meeting time who we will donate to. Motion made to donate \$300.00 to a charitable org at time of the meeting at each chapter meeting to be decided in advance or at the meeting where as to where that donation will go. Dave Hemmer made the motion and Jan S. seconded. Motion passed.

Lon moved to donated \$150.00 to VFW and \$150.00 to Mary Copeland's charity, Pat J seconded and motion passed---
sorry, no secretary notes about whom??? will make out these two vouchers.

Kathy made a motion for a donation to the MS Society of \$200.00 per rider up to a total of 9 riders. We have 7 riders on the team now. Lee P. seconded the motion. Dave added info regarding the route (northern MN) Motion is tabled for 90 days due to amount of the donation requested.

Pat J made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the ALS in support of the "Blizzard Tour Snowmobile run sponsored by Arrowhead Council. Lon E. seconded and motion passed.

Lee P. reported that Ray Reiling donated some of Sue's clothing to her and she made Hug-a-Bears for Sue's four grandchildren.

Again, JoAnn Cooper stressed each board member should review the Rules of Operation

Dave H. shared the news that a friend passed away this morning and he had just taken this man and his wife to lunch to thank them for the volunteer work they did. Remember we do good work thank people for it.

Meeting adjourned. 12:52 pm