

## 2012 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER CENTURYLINK PIONEERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

03-14-2012

**Present:** JoAnn Cooper, Al Barthel, Carol Barthel, Lee Poirier, Mary Malakowsky, Jim Malakowsky, Jan Swenson, MaryAnn Neuman, Barb Hemmer, Dave Hemmer, Kathy Hanson, Pat Jeukens

9:14AM Meeting called to order by JoAnn Cooper, President – Pledge of Allegiance followed

Secretary's minutes of last meeting reviewed

Treasurer's report reviewed – Al B. clarified sales tax item on report. He pointed out an error that will be corrected on Feb 2012 PAC report. Al reviewed the % Report and explained a council/club could achieve higher than 100% if it spent more on charitable than it took in. Sarah Powell in PAC handled a one-time charge to reconcile cookbook purchase price. This price needed to be brought into the books early in the PAC process but was not. If not for this reconciliation the Chapter would be at 80% charitable giving. Motion made to approve secretary & treasurer reports by Pat J. and seconded by Dave H. motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jan Swenson reviewed calendar funds – we did not break even so this amount will be covered by reserve which was put aside for this purpose. We do not reduce the amount paid out to sellers as this agreement is published in the calendar. Reserve amount is about \$3000.

Lee P. pointed out an error in the minutes from last meeting as she did not make a motion to remove EZ HELP from chapter project. She did move the recycling efforts being done under the EZ Help 911 project should be removed. Correction noted

**EZ HELP 911** – 25 phones distributed in Anoka County and 2 boxes sent to recycling.

**Western Plains** – Jan S. reports membership was moved to Central & Hiawathaland. Dave has received some donation requests and wondered which towns or zip codes went to each council. Jan will provide this information. Per Al Barthel, treasurer, Western Plains has funds remaining in the treasury. Sarah in PAC suggests transferring these funds to chapter 18 account. Jan S. moved that funds remaining in Western Plains be split percentage- wise to the two receiving councils and D. Hemmer seconded, motion passed. Calendar sales funds from Western Plains sellers will go that seller's receiving council and this has been explained to Western Plains calendar sellers.

**Printed labels** to attach to projects – suggested leaving off council/club name on label in order to get a better price than labels could be used in any council or club for any item. Agreed this was a good idea and will ordered as so. D. Hemmer states he will stay with double sided labels. MaryAnn N. will look into coordinating their order with Arrowhead. **SEE LIST OF NEW LOCALITIES IN EACH COUNCIL BELOW**

Kathy H. reviewed the **MS TRAM** donation request for \$200 per rider up to \$1800 tabled at last meeting. Motion passed

Pat J. moved to donate \$500 to **MN Millers a Beep Baseball Team** going to the Iowa International tournament. D. Hemmer seconded - Motion passed. Pat Jeukens states the team wants to use the donated funds for team vests. Tournament is week of 07/22/2012. Pat J. will attend and represent

Pioneers at tournament. Lee P. suggests trying to get a flyer or other publicity to post in company locations.

Discussion on **Advances** – Guidelines state advances must be paid back within 30 days of the event. So we should get in the habit of stating the date of the event the advance would be used for.

**CURRENT CHAPTER PROJECTS** – Discussed what Projects are, indeed, Chapter approved

EZ Help 911 Cell Phone project is now a chapter project. Pat J. moved to move the EZ Help to a council/club project. Dave H. seconded. Discussion about the stash of phones now in Anoka and what to do about them. Motion revised: Change EZ to be a council/club project and phones now stay where collected at this time. Jan W. seconded, motion passed.

**Chapter Approved Projects are J. Norton Scholarships, Hug-A-Bears, MACV, Beeping Egg Hunt, Prepared to Learn, Family Campers, Beep Baseball, MS Society, Readers for Life, Cookbooks, Ronald McDonald House.**

Family Campers discussion – will remain as a chapter funded.

MaryAnn N. wants to discuss if we would considering approval a meal for volunteers one time a year who give time to a project. Al Barthel points out a meal would be classified as an “award” and whatever spent would not count towards reaching the % requirement because the “award” is taking place away from the site of the project.

Mary Ann N. made a motion that the chapter approves spending up to \$500 in 2012 as an **award for Hug-A-Bear** volunteers in the chapter. Seconded by Lee P. Motion passed.

Motion made by Pat J. to donate \$750 to **Spirit of Service Ride** in Arrowhead region and these funds to benefit MACV. Jan S. seconded. Motion tabled to next quarter’s meeting.

Pat J. asked the group for interest in another volunteer meal at **Ronald McDonald**. People were interested. Ronald McDonald House was added as a chapter project too.

Al B. says there is about \$6000 to divide among the councils & clubs. Discussion of percentage previously put in place. 25% to Chapter, 25% to Metro and 10% to the 5 councils & clubs. Pat J. moved **25, 25 and 50% divided equally with 4 clubs if reports are in on time**. Any club with reports now in that club’s portion to go to chapter. Dues funding will be divided same way. Motion seconded and passed.

Dave H. asked about **calendars for 2013** – Jan S. says need permit and gambling license by June meeting. MaryAnn N. feels calendar sales are waning and she may not want to sell them. Dave H. said he thinks selling calendars without a scholarship involved would still bring in funds to chapter, councils and clubs to use for donations. Jan S. says info from an attorney hints at funds becoming available to be use for scholarships. Dave H. said he tested the ability to pay for a calendar online this past selling period use a personal PayPal account. This method costs \$1.30 per calendar which would come out of profits. This topic of paying for calendars on line is tabled until next meeting.

**Beeping Egg Hunt** for students at MN State Academy for the Blind is set for Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 4:30PM this includes a picnic supper for all students, staff and volunteers. Volunteers are needed to serve supper, lay out beeping eggs and assist students search for them. A notice will be place on the [www.mnpioneers.com](http://www.mnpioneers.com) web site and sent to work sites.

Pat J. asked for chapter to fund 2 meals at Ronald McDonald up to \$300 for the 1<sup>st</sup> meal. Dave H. seconded and motion passed.

Jan S. made a motion to use expenses for this meeting to be turned into a donation to Second Harvest of MN during their March matching funds drive. Pat J. seconded and motion passed. Al B. will total expenses shown on submitted vouchers to determine amount of donation.

Jan S reminded everyone to get word out that **scholarships** are available on web site [www.mnpioneers.com](http://www.mnpioneers.com) . We are encouraged to print copies off and send to schools to encourage applicants.

Carol Barthel says participation hours are dwindling so please remember to submit hours.

MaryAnn wondered what final accounting for **Dishing up Healthy Meals** was. 14,000 meals were donated per last quarter's minutes.

Motion made to adjourn – motion passed

1:07 pm            NEXT MEETING JUNE 13 at 9:00 AM AT WHITNEY CENTER IN ST. CLOUD, MN

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Submitted by: Kathy Hanson, Secretary