

CHAPTER 18 CENTURYLINK PIONEERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

09-19-2012

Joann C. called the meeting to order and introduction were made all around

Kathy H. read minutes – Motion to accept as read passed

Pledge of Allegiance

Al B. reviewed financial report and report accepted by passed motion. Discussion about why we have less than previous year. Lower income or increased spending? Al B. will bring info on this at next meeting. Al reviewed which councils and clubs have not met 65% spending on charitable causes. Hiawathaland, Arrowhead and Lakes and Central have met the goal. Gambling vs. Raffles PAC rules were given to Jan S. Next Al reviewed unidentified deposit of \$168.00 deposited on 07-10-2012 to Wells Fargo with no accompanying voucher landing at the PAC, after 6 months the amount will revert to the Chapter account if no one claims it. MERSC monies were not reconciled accurately. Al reviewed PAC rules on pre-signed/approved vouchers showing facsimile signatures. Separation of duty must occur on vouchers and PAC will no longer accept any voucher without an original signature or if electronically signed, the entire email chain must show on the emailed voucher. Al reviewed that vouchers with missing receipts or approvals will no longer be accepted. ALL required information on a voucher must be in PAC before payment can be made. Treasurer and Chapter, Council, Club and other approvers must attend GL coding, finance basic training in 2013 even if trained in 2012. This phone and computer based training is 2 hours. Per Al, some council or club is not reconciling their books or the \$168 unidentified deposit would have been detected.

OLD BUSINESS

PayPal acceptance of donations for various fundraising initiatives has been lackluster so far but seems to be a method with some possibility. The Square Up device is useful for point of sale opportunities. An ad hoc committee did not its meeting as anticipated. Discussion re how to assign selling council/club when an online sale designates no seller or council name was held. We decided to trial a PayPal process for Calendars for 2013 sales. If a buyer's zip code did not fall in any council or club area the sale would go to the Chapter. **Square Up** discussion revealed there was not enough usage to gauge success. Special training is required. Sales could be more specific and accurate. These deposits are automatically channeled into Wells Fargo and PAC needs to be told who gets the money. The devices can be ordered after training at no cost. Both of these methods are now in Dave Hemmer's name so he could try them out and his intent is the accounts would be in the name of the MN Pioneers and that has not happened due to the extensive paperwork. So, Dave H. will continue to keep the accounts in his name until responsibility can be transferred to Chapter Treasurer Office. Approved continued use of this Square Up process in 2013 by group voice vote.

SCHOLARSHIP CALENDARS - Calendars are in hand and will be distributed today. Drawings will be 3 times in 2013. 1300 calendars have been printed for 2013. **Deadline** for turning all sold calendar

information and money is **Jan. 16, 2013**. Jan did not have figures available right now but they will be in the Chapter minutes. There will be 3 scholarships awarded. If and when funds are received from the Norma Stevens estate the scholarships awarded from them will be designated as Norma Stevens scholarships. 6 judges will be used again in 2013. Names for new judges will be accepted to replace others.

PARTICIPATION HOURS – Carol B. 7832 hours posted since June 2013. No participation hours from Metro Council for 2012 have been reported to Carol. Lakes Council had over 2000 hours in a 2 month period. Central has had 535 hours posted since last meeting.

MS TRAM – Kathy H. reported the MS TRAM Wheel Deals team raised \$10,612.72, exceeding their goal. There will be a ride team next year. Thanked for the donations. Dave H. report stated less riders this year raised funds equal to previous years. The Pioneer supported rest stop #3 held a Circus theme day that was extremely successful.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE – 68 Riders participated in perfect weather and the ride was smooth and raised just over \$5000. MACV & Silver Bay Vets Home received the donated funds.

BEEP BASEBALL WORLD SERIES – Pat J. attended to represent the Pioneers. Taiwan won the series. Pat received email and verbal thanks for our support. They have offered to attend the Beeping Egg Hunt at Faribault. There were no other representatives from CenturyLink at the event. Next year the series will be in Georgia.

PALS ROSTER – Jan S. told how she configured the rosters, adding and deleting information as she receives notification.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE – June 24 plenty of volunteers. Not too many residents, not a full house but very appreciative group. Next meal will be served Sept. 30, 2012. Volunteers should show up about 3:00p – 330p. Usually 6 – 8 volunteers are needed.

VESTS AND BANNERS – No resolution on either of these items has been resolved. Joann will bring information on these to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Call Notes review by JoAnn Cooper

Liberty Mutual Incentive offer. Feedback was that soliciting business for Liberty Mutual was not something exec board members would want to do but would accept an email from JoAnn.

Fed Ex Charges - Should be vouchered to the Region –

E-Store on the National Telecom Pioneer website – should be up and useable

Volunteer Shirts – email Janie if need – tell her sizes and quantities.

Regional Leadership change-

Sharlene Hill introduced herself on a conference call with Presidents- stressing that self-funding has to be a priority of membership.

COUNCIL & CLUB REPORTS-Will be in the minutes. No report was received from Lakes Council.

MERSC membership is paid for by the Metro Council. This in answer to a question from the floor

Dave H. brought up a question – Should there be a chapter e-mail “hot line”? Something to think about

*Pat J. motioned the Chapter donate \$200.00 to Family Pathways food pantry for their Jail and Bail fundraising event. Motion seconded by Lee P. Passed

Scholarship Discussion around expected bequeathment from the Norma Stevens estate. Naming of the scholarship, investment of the money.

MEMBERSHIP DUES - Was any decision made on requiring Life Member Pioneer to pay dues, Lee P. asked. No, this has not been acted on. Active employees pay \$27.00 a year.

BY-LAWS & RULES OF OPERATION –

Joann suggested that nominations for chapter, council and club be open from today until 10-20-2012. Voting will commence 10-21-2012 and that 11-15-2012 is the deadline for voting on the slate of nominees. Positions open for nomination are President and Vice-President. Pat J. should get a copy of all nominations.

Joann requested board review the by-laws and changes and be ready to agree to Rules of Operation specific to this group.

*Dave H. made a motion to donate amount of this meeting expense to American Legion Post 71. Ralph H. seconded the motion. Passed.

Discussion about locations for next year’s meetings was held. **Next meeting is Dec 12 at Coon Rapids VFW.**

*Pat J. requested a donation for Ronald McDonald fundraiser and the board up to the amount of \$50, a set of 4 cookbooks, basket and pans. Carol B. seconded. Passed

Barb H. motioned for adjournment, Carol B. seconded. Passed

Adjournment

EXEC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING:

K. Hanson, B. Hemmer, D. Hemmer, J. Cooper, A. Barthel, C. Barthel, J. Swenson, P. Jeukens, C. Reno

J. Malakowsky, M. Malakowsky, L. Poirier, N. Elifson, A. Hunstad, R. Hunstad

FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS ARE SUBMITTED REPORTS

ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS FROM JUNE THRU AUG, 2012

MONTHLY PIONEER LUNCHEONS:

JUNE 20, CANCELLED, FLOODING
NO LUNCHEONS JULY, AUGUST

MONTHLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETINGS:

JUNE 27, JULY WAS CANCELLED, AUG 22
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (6) ATTENDED JUNE,
5 ATTENDED THE AUG MTG

DONATIONS:

HUG-A-BEARS TO ST LUKE'S AND LIFE CARE CENTER

JUNE	20	24
JULY	20	24
AUG	20	24

HEAD WRAPS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

	ST LUKE'S	ESSENTIA HEALTH
JUNE	26	27
JULY	18	18
AUG	19	19

IN JUNE WE HAD A COFFEE PARTY AT THE CHRIS JENSEN HOME, INVITED ALL PIONEERS, AND THOSE LIVING AT CHRIS JENSEN ATTENDED. WE HAD A VERY GOOD TURNOUT, ABOUT 20 PEOPLE ATTENDED, EVENT WAS REALLY ENJOYABLE FOR ALL AND WE WILL BE SETTING UP MORE ON AN ONGOING BASIS AND GET TO ALL THE NURSING HOMES IN OUR AREA. OUR NEXT COFFEE PARTY WILL BE AT EDGEWOOD VISTA ON OCT. 24, 2012.

IN JUNE WE DELIVERED, FROM THE UNITED WAY, 90 CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO OUR BIG RED BOOKSHELF. WE WILL BE DOING A GENTLY USED BOOK DRIVE SOON. IN JULY WE DELIVERED 70 BOOKS. IN AUG WE DELIVERED 75.

FUNDRAISER FOR THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE RIDE, HELD JULY 21, 2012. WE DID A FUNDRAISER ON JUNE 14TH TO HELP RAISE FUNDS TO SPONSOR THE RIDE. OF THE AMOUNT COLLECTED FROM THE RIDE (JULY 21ST) \$4912.48; \$4412.48 WENT TO MACV, A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN DULUTH, AND \$500 WENT TO THE SILVER BAY VETERANS' HOME.

IN JUNE, WE SET UP BOXES IN PROMINENT LOCATIONS IN THE MELROSE BLDG TO COLLECT USED CELL PHONES, MONIES RAISED WILL GO TO PIONEERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO CHARITIES.

SUBMITTED BY MARLYS WISCH, PRESIDENT, ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS, DULUTH, MINNESOTA

PARTICIPATION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Since our last meeting in June we have 7,832 hours. Haven't received any from the Metro Council for quite awhile. In the months of July and Aug. Lakes Council had 2,405 hours. Central Council had since our last meeting 1,535 hours.

Submitted by

Carol Barthel

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Since the last Chapter meeting I (Carol Barthel) have taken over as the council president. Central Council had 11 members helping out on the TRAM. We also have 22 active projects that we do during the year.

Food shelf 36 hours

Hospital 29 hours

Life Line 23 hours

Meals on Wheels 88 hours

Nursing Home 55 hours

Red Cross 58 hours

Chore Club 214 hours

Elderly 6 hours

Cell phone project

Knitting Caps 81 hours

MS 150 33 hours

MS TRAM 446 hours

Northern Pines 16 hours

Options 32 hours

Talking Book repair 93 hours and 34 units sent in

VA Hospital and Cemetery 68 hours
Web Page 28 hours
Wellness Bags 130 hours and 141 bags made
Wheelchair ramps 99 hours.

That is a total of 1,535 since our last meeting

Deer Stand set up is Sept 27 and the take down is Oct. 5.

I'm hoping to have a meeting the beginning of Oct.

This is a note that AI received from the National Library of Congress pertaining to the Talking Book Repair.

We provide text books to students, and occasional books. But the real source of off the shelf books (for Minnesota) is the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library in Faribault Minnesota. See:

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/Lib/MBTBL/index.html>

Books can be ordered by phone, toll free in Minnesota and are sent to the customers via postage free mailers.

The digital books can be ordered, or even downloaded from a web site.

From what my staff tells me the machines we receive from you guys are in good shape. We do run them through a final quick test prior to sending them out. Sometimes something may appear from shipping, etc.

Submitted by Carol Barthel – President Central Council

3rd Quarter 2012 Hiawathaland Report to Chapter 18

The annual Pioneer Picnic was held August 11, 2012. We had excellent weather and a very good turnout. Thanks to all who made it possible. We served brats, burgers, beer and other picnic fixings. There was lots of good conversation. We collected food shelf donations at the picnic and these items were distributed to the Steele County and Albert Lea Area food shelves.

Our next event will held on Nov 10, 2012 at the Owatonna Eagles club located at 141 Rose St. It will be the annual membership luncheon. We will also be having a craft bazaar the same day from 9:00am to 3:00pm The luncheon is at 12:00 noon. We will serve a nice turkey dinner. Please call Mary at 507-451-8303 . A brief meeting will be held at 1:00 pm

Submitted by: Mary Malakowsky, President – Hiawathland Pioneer Club

3rd Quarter - September 2012 Chapter Meeting Report

Metro Council & Metro Life Member Club

Metro Council

- Metro Council members participated in the following volunteer activities during the past 2 months:
 - Tubman Family Service annual Wing Ding,
 - Dinner at the Gillette Children's Hospital-Ronald McDonald House
 - Skyway Sales in August (2 more scheduled on 9/19 and 9/20)
- The following donations were made, each for \$300:
 - Cookie Cart,
 - ARC of Minnesota
 - Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly
 - Meals on Wheels.
- The next bi-monthly meeting will be in October.

Life Member Club

- The Metro Life Member Club does not meet during the summer months.
- A casino trip to Turtle Lake was scheduled for the first time in August. One packed bus of Pioneers and friends signed up. \$300 was raised.
- The following activities are planned for the Fall/Winter season:
 - September 19th – Old Log Theater
 - October 17th Luncheon Meeting
 - November 7th Fall Casino Trip
 - December 12th Holiday Luncheon Meeting.
- Note: due to declining numbers and declining physical ability to participate in volunteer events, the Metro Life Members hold Community Service collections at each luncheon meeting. Collections planned for this Fall/Winter are:
 - October - NEAR Food Shelf – bring any item starting with a P (P=Pioneers)
 - December - Tot to Teens Santa Present for St. Joseph's Home for Children.
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Report from Harley Forsythe Life Member Club

Duluth, 9/18/2012

This is Dave Hemmers first Chapter report as President of the Harley Forsythe Life Member Club. I will do my best to maintain the high quality and entertaining format use by our previous Life Member President Bob Lewis.

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

Our 2012, fun filled, Pioneer year continued with our Riverside Park picnic meeting in St Cloud, Aug 14th. Fifty One Pioneers and Partners attended.

Sept. 11th we had our Princeton luncheon at the Frontier Steak House and 22 Pioneers and partners attended. This was a huge success as numbers in past years have been dwindling at the Princeton luncheon. This year's turnout can undoubtedly be attributed to the fact that Bob Lewis and Elsa Ditty ran the whole affair and Dave Hemmer was not in attendance.

Our calendar of events for our 2012-13 Pioneer Year was successfully mailed and postage provided by CenturyLink. We are looking forward to another year of Pioneering.

Dave Hemmer Life Member President, with the help of Barb Hemmer, Elsa Ditty, & Bob & Joan Lewis

Chapter report Sept. 19, 2012 – MS TRAM

Rest Stop #3

The MS TRAM is over. This year the MS Society reports that the number of riders was down to around 700. This is lower than past years but the good news is that donations collected were up to the same level as previous years.

Our Rest stop was a huge success again this year. Every day we were able to provide a high level of service and enthusiasm for the riders. Thursday was our theme day and this year our Theme was "Circus Circus. 100's of foam rubber clown noses were handed out to riders and our many and varied costumes created a fun environment for everyone.

Rest Stop #3 volunteers again made and sold commemorative buttons and raised an additional \$900, 00 to help fund a cure for MS.

This year our Rest Stop again hosted the "Golden Gears" recognition tent. It was managed by our own Kathy Hanson and staffed by Al & Carol Barthel as well as other volunteers.

Thank you for your support again this year.

Submitted by: Dave Hemmer, Rest Stop #3 Chairman

3RD Quarter 2012 report for the MS TRAM RIDE TEAM – "WHEEL DEALS"

The team consisted of nine riders. The goal was set at \$10,000 and the goal was met.

The team had donations totaling \$10,612, 72

Thank you to the Chapter Executive board for supporting the MS Society through your donation to the Wheel Deals ride team

I have talked to 2012 Team Captain and Wheel Deals will participate again in 2013 – have a firm 4 ride team members at this time.

Kathy Hanson, Fundraising chair

Web Site Report
9/19/2012

Site total	1315
Chapter Minutes	49
Councils & Clubs	31
Exec. Board	74
Projects	76
Arrowhead Council	49
Central Council	20
Lakes Council	4
Hawathaland Council	28
Mpls. Life Members	8
Metro Council	8
Western Plains	3
Current News	605
Products for Sale	71
Family Campers	114
Links	43
Calendar Winners	439
Web Master	18
Just Pictures	280
Qwest Benefits	39
Go Green	12

Overall web site hits are up from last quarter.

Calendar Winners, and Current News are getting the most hits this quarter

Hiawathaland Council had a increase this quarter

CenturyLink seems to have fixed the www.qwestpioneers.com site. However I think we should continue using our own www.mnpioneers.com site address.

Over all web hits are up but Metro and Metro Life are both down as is Calendar Winners

Dave Hemmer, Web Master

