

President: JoAnn Cooper- Chapter President, Al Barthel- Chapter Treasurer, Kathy Hanson-Chapter Secretary, Pat Jeukens-Past Chapter President, Carol Barthel-Participation Hours Chair, Lee Poirer, Dave Hemmer-Central Council President/Webmaster and Pioneer Partner Barb Hemmer, Bob Lewis-Harley Forsythe Life Member Club and Pioneer Partner Joan Lewis, MaryAnn Neuman-President of Metro Council & Metro Life Member Club, Jan Swenson- Calendar Chairperson

Secretary K. Hanson read Dec. 2012 minutes with 1 change suggested. Kathy made the change on page 1 of minutes in the paragraph describing Jan Swenson's motion. The motion was changed to read "reports must be in to Chapter by the Chapter meeting and not prior to the meeting as originally written. D. Hemmer moved to accept minutes, J. Swenson seconded, motion passed.

M. Neuman discussed vouchered meal expense and mileage for metro hug-a-bear trip for supplies. Mary Ann cites that precedence seemed to support both expenses. An amount was approved for 2012 of \$500.00 to give recognition to the Hug-a-Bear group and as there was a balance the voucher could have been paid from that balance. D. Hemmer states that \$500.00 was specifically for recognition only. Neuman would like to see the board reconsider approval of the mileage based on the fact the original voucher has J. Cooper's approval. M. Neuman moved to approve voucher, D. Hemmer seconded, discussion: amended voucher is required, motion passed by hand vote.

TREASURER REPORT: A. Barthel, treasurer, handed out his report. Since last year our treasury has shrunk by \$6415.46. Balance now is \$49337.43. \$2638.74 is shown in Jan report as an amount to be distributed to councils/clubs J. Swenson moved to accept the Treasurer report, Hemmer seconded motion passed.

Budget Overview: Committee did not include Lon Engberg or Jan Swenson as originally planned. J. Cooper, A. Barthel and P. Jeukens set the budget. Barthel says based on comments by Region we should not spend our treasury down too far. Explanation followed on income and expenses shown. Discussion ensued around meal expense as part of a chapter project. D. Hemmer moved to approve the budget and B. Lewis seconded, motion passed.

A. BARTHEL reviewed with the board that the budget committee had a discussion around mileage paid to members who attend board meetings. Could we pay mileage at \$.20 per mile if member wishes to be reimbursed; or could we pay \$.50 per mile if the member wishes to donate the reimbursement to a charitable organization. We could save the chapter expense costs paying at \$.20 per mile. We could increase the chapter charitable contribution percentage paying at \$.50 per mile. Discussion followed. M. Neuman moved to set both amounts at \$.36 per mile and J. Swenson seconded- motion passed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Amount in a separate account holds \$65000.00, a bequeathment from Norma Stevens. JoAnn made a proposal to appoint a special treasurer for this specific account. Decisions to be made 1. Special treasurer? 2. Invest in an annuity? 3. Process to award a scholarship? 4. Take application off web for now? (1)JoAnn put forth the name of Rachel Peterson who has an accounting degree, Neuman moved to appoint Peterson to the post, J. Swenson 2nd, motion passed. (2) A committee to present ways and means of handling the investing, processing applications. Rachel Peterson, Jan Swenson, Pat Jeukens, JoAnn Cooper, Dave Hemmer, Kathy Hanson will make up this committee. **Will meet by conference call and invite Deb Altoff – April 2 is set as a meeting date at 7:00 pm**

Pat Jeukens suggests we send the 1st scholarship amount to Montevideo High School to be awarded to a graduating senior. Carol Barthel stated we as Pioneers will lose control of the process and does not favor this idea. Pat Jeukens says the awarding of this scholarship now is an important statement to the community about the fact Norma Stevens left it funds. For now the application for the Norma Stevens scholarship will be pulled off the web page. **Account 150 is set up for this scholarship.**

PayPal Update and Square Up: Dave Hemmer reportrd he can get a device similar to Square Up to use for PayPal. Let Dave Hemmer know if you would like a device to use for your fundraising needs. **Turn in your Square Up to Dave please.**

NEW BUSINESS: Calendars, Did not sell enough to cover expenses for 2013. For 2014 and future years for the Caring and Sharing Calendar do we want to reduce number of scholarships awarded or eliminate awarding any scholarships or give all funds raised to selling councils? D. Hemmer says it's a big fundraiser for councils. M. Neuman moved we drop the scholarship aspect and profits will go to charity through selling council. This leaves the Norma Stevens program as our future primary scholarship vehicle. L. Poirer seconded – motion passed.

HIAWATHALAND CLUB DISBANDING – K. Hanson, Hiawathaland Club Manager, announced the executive board has decided to disband and stated the club would like to transfer all members en masse to Central council if they would accept them and give all Hiawathaland members the option after the fact to transfer to any MN council they choose. Hiawathaland expects to be out of business by or before June 1, 2013. The Region has been notified of this and supports the mass transfer of members. Income from Region would be split the same as before percentage wise. Central council president D. Hemmer moved the chapter approve the transfer of members and the funds now attributed to those members. M. Neuman seconded, motion passed.

A. BARTHEL asked Jan Swenson when she will distribute the calendar money. She does not know exactly as she needs to figure out the paypal costs.

Per AI, \$2638.00 is the amount PAC has transferred to the chapter in fundraising, dues and royalties. He will include Hiawathaland's portion into Central's because today it was approved that Central will accept Hiawathaland's members.

Region Call Update: The hot topics are how to get new members and ideas for fundraising. Chapter president will attend a meeting and bring an active member (Geri Larva from Duluth) and Troy Mack (CenturyLink outstate community service contact). Hopefully we can get collaboration between Pioneers and active CenturyLink employees.

Awards: Are there any projects or people we could present an award to? Dave Hemmer wants to get recognition for Jan Swenson – Kathy Hanson will assist him in writing this award submission. Carol Barthel says the Talking Book repair program is a project to write up as well. Both of these award submissions need to be in by Wed 03/20/2913

A. BARTHEL asked again about the RFL fund of ~~\$1444.10~~ \$1044.10 (amount corrected at Chapter Meeting on 9/13/13). Could this amount be merged into chapter funds and requested when a need for access to those funds came up. Back in 2011 it was moved to keep the amount where it was. Now Jan Swenson moved to put the ~~\$1444.10~~ \$1044.10 into chapter funds account 100 and keep a same amount available without purchase an the 90 day rule. M. Neuman seconded-motion passed.

M. Neuman moved that \$500 be approved to purchase an annual recognition lunch for Hug-a-Bear volunteers and for supplies in 2014. D. Hemmer seconded motion passed

K. Hanson requested \$200 per rider up to 9 riders in the MS TRAM in July. This was a tabled donation request originally made at the 4th quarter 2012 board meeting. Jan Swenson, seconded - motion passed. There are presently 7 riders Kathy will prepare this voucher.

M. Neuman mentioned Metro Life Member Club donated linens to Mpls. Ronald McDonald and brought greeting from John Stanoch who is now the CEO of that organization.

Next Ronald McDonald meals are June 23, 2013 and September 8, 2013 and P. Jeukens will be looking for volunteers.

Spirit of Service Ride – July 28 a previously tabled motion P. Jeukens moved to use \$300.00 from today's meeting cost \$450.00 from chapter funds for the 2013 ride donation. Motion seconded and passed?

At last meeting the vouchers for Caring and Sharing Hands and VFW were not prepared and paid as planned so M. Neuman will take care of this.

Next meeting in St. Cloud at Whitney Senior Center on June 14, 2013. 9:00 am

Donation Request: Jan Swenson moved to donate \$250.00 to second Harvest M. Neuman seconded- Motion passed and Jan S will make out the voucher.

Carol B request PARTICIPATION HOURS PLEASE - hours are way down.

FUNDRAISING: Script program is a possibility –

Meeting adjourned 1:34pm

ATTACHMENTS – COUNCIL AND CLUB AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Web Site Report
3/15/13

Lowest Web site visits ever!
Average per qtr. 2012

Site total	1131	1195
Chapter Minutes	38	39
Councils & Clubs	20	30
Exec. Board	60	94
Projects	65	71
Arrowhead Council	20	52
Central Council	13	23
Lakes Council	8	10
Hawathaland Council	4	24
Mpls. Life Members	11	22
Metro Council	8	19
Western Plains	5	10
Current News	483	569
Products for Sale	62	80
Family Campers	71	100
Links	35	49
Calendar Winners	1201	708
Web Master	28	29
Just Pictures	85	173
CenturyLink Benefits	27	39
Go Green	6	16

I guess our traffic on the web site is going the way of our membership.

I'm open to suggestions as to how we can improve activity on our web page.

Dave Hemmer – Web Master

LAKES CHAPTER

MET AND HAD THERE MEETING IN DETROIT LAKES. THE CALENDARS DID NOT GO AS GOOD THIS YEAR! WE RECIEVED COOK BOOKS FROM FERGUS FALLS IF ANYONE NEEDS ANY? WE ARE HOPING FOR A NICE SPRING TO GET OUT AND DO SOME PROJECTS.

THEY GOING TO HAVE A STAND DOWN IN DETROIT LAKES SO WILL ATTEND.

THANKS CHET (Nettestad – Lakes Council)

Participation hours

Hi, this will be short. From Jan. 1, 2013 to March 13, 2013 there are 3,752 hours.

Carol Barthel

MS TRAM Chapter report March 15th 2013

Rest Stop #3

The TRAM will begin up north at International Falls. It will head south to Duluth, MN with overnight stops at Orr, Chisholm, Biwabik, & Two Harbors, MN.

As always the Pioneer rest stop goal will be to provide a fun and relaxing stop for the 1,000 riders who have volunteered a whole week of their time to raise about a million dollars towards finding a cure for MS.

Our theme day this year will be "Christmas in July", we will have our very own SANTA (Pioneer Joe Anderla) as well as many other costumes, decorations, and special hand outs.

Rest Stop #3 volunteers will again make and sell commemorative buttons and raise additional money to help fund a cure for MS.

Again this year our Rest Stop will host the "Golden Gears" recognition tent managed by our own Kathy Hanson. This special area is setup to reward riders who have raised over \$1,000 dollars in pledges.

And I want to let you all know that Kathy was awarded a "Sylvie" award for her generous donations of time, talent, and money to the MS Society.

We the volunteers of Rest Stop #3 want to thank the Minnesota Pioneers for helping make this project a success. Rest assured our contribution to the MS Society, and the thousands of people suffering with MS, appreciate our help very much..

Thank you for your support again this year.

Submitted by: Dave Hemmer, Rest Stop #3 Chairman

Report for the MS TRAM RIDE TEAM – "WHEEL DEALS"

As of 03/10/2013 the Team has a total of \$1730.00 in donations secured.

A pancake breakfast fundraiser is planned for June or July.

Still have 7 committed riders –

I would like to plan another fundraiser if possible; perhaps work a “tip night” at a Pizza Ranch restaurant

As the fundraising chair for the team, I plan to keep the donation request presented at the 12/12/2012 chapter meeting in action.

Submitted by: Kathy Hanson, Fundraising Chair, Wheel Deal Ride Team

Hiawathaland Club 1st Quarter 2013 Chapter Report

This group has decided to disband based on our inability to attract new leadership.

Members were notified of this action by mail

A farewell gathering is planned for April 21, 2013

Hiawathaland has asked Central Council and Harley Forsythe Life Member Club to accept our member in total.

Submitted: by Kathy Hanson, Club Manager

ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS DEC, 2012 THRU FEB 2013

MONTHLY PIONEER LUNCHEONS:

DEC. 14, 2012 - 20

JAN. 2013 - CANCELLED

FEB. 20, 2013 - 18

MONTHLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETINGS:

DEC. 2012 CANCELLED

JAN. 2013 - 5

FEB. 2013 - 5

DONATIONS:

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

DEC	20	20
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JAN	20	24
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FEB	20	24
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FEB	0	0
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WE GAVE 50 BAGS TO ST. LUKE'S BREAST CENTER.

DEC AND FEB WE DELIVERED A TOTAL OF 170 CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO OUR BIG RED BOOKSHELF. WE WILL BE DELIVERING BOOKS TO THE UNITED WAY FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

CELL PHONES STILL BEING COLLECTED, NONE SENT IN DEC-FEB. SUBMITTED BY MARLYS WISCH, ARROWHEAD PIONEERS, DULUTH MN

Metro Council and Life Member Report

1st Quarter 2013 - Submitted 3-12-2013 - Mary Ann Neuman

Metro Council

The metro council met on January 15, 2013

- All money raised from the Candy and Nut sales will be donated to the 3 food shelf distribution organizations in March so the money will be matched. LuAnn will provide totals when she finishes her bookkeeping.
- MERC membership will be purchased again for 2013. Cost of membership is \$175.00. The money raised from the sale of dining cards last year (\$71.00) will be transferred to pay a portion of the 2013 membership.
- Pat Jeukens requested and we voted to approve \$280 to purchase Snack Bag items for Ronald McDonald house. They will be assembled at our March 19th meeting.
- \$400 was approved to purchase cake mixes and frosting for 200 Birthday in a Bag donations in 2013
- Dates for the Pioneer Skyway Sales were set they are: April 17, May 1, 2 and 22nd, June 12, 13, July 16, August 13, 12, and 28th, September 17, 18, November 12, 13 and 19, December 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 16th.

Metro Life Member Club

- Mary Ann Neuman, Sally Bolster, Sally Fuchs, Vollie and Betty Sanders delivered 12 sets of queen size sheets to Ron Mc Donald house on January 14th and had a tour of the facility from John Stanoch. He was very happy to see his 'old familiar faces' and asked us to greet all the Pioneers from him.. Money for the sheets was voted on at a prior meeting.
- The Life Member Club held their annual Valentine's Lunch on February 20th. 28 Life Members attended it. No business meeting or collection was held.
- Flyers for the Life Member spring meetings on April 17 and June 20th were mailed this week along with the flyer for the May casino trip. The casino trip is being modified eliminating the Richfield pick-up and limiting reservations to 55 – one bus. Decreasing numbers make it very 'iffy' if we can get the 70 need to justify 2 buses. Bumping the trips up to 3 per year even if we limited the reservations to 55, will bring in more money than 2 trips with partially filled buses.
- Collections at the spring Life Member meetings will be April-paper and cleaning products for NEAR food shelf and June-Tee's for Tots to Teen for St. Joseph's Home for Children.

Harley Forsythe Life Member Club - First Quarter 2013 Report

The Life members of the Central Council anxiously embraced the kick off of our fun filled year 2013. Amid the cheers and excitement of our first get together we coupled Pioneer values, community service, love of God and country, with a breakfast at Perkins in St Cloud on January 8, 2013. Twenty one Pioneers and Partners attended.

In February our Council President, Dave Hemmer and Partner, Barb sponsored a Mardi gras extravaganza that would put New Orleans to shame. Unfortunately, only 18 Pioneers and Partners attended. I'm sure there were good reasons for not attending. The "clothing optional" might have held some of them back.

As of this writing we are preparing for a breakfast at Perkins in St Cloud on Tuesday, March 12th. We feel much like Elizabeth Taylor must have felt on the wedding night of her fifth marriage---We know what has to be done, but we don't know how to make it interesting.

Our last meeting before the summer break is scheduled for April 9th --a luncheon in Little Falls. We always have a very good turnout for this luncheon. There is a large group of Pioneers in Little Falls that attend and a good number of St Cloud Pioneers drive up. Unfortunately, the road only goes one way--the Little Falls Pioneers can't seem to drive to our meetings in St Cloud. As always, all Pioneers are invited, especially Chapter Officers. (cause--they're so darn cute)

Bob Lewis

Life Member President, Central Council

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR March 12, 2013

Food shelf	4 hours
Meals on Wheels	12 hours
Nursing Home	62 hours
Red Cross	26 hours
Chore Club	27 hours
Elderly	61 hours
Cell phone project	10
Knitting Caps	59 hours
Northern Pines	19 hours
Options	18 hours
Talking Book repair	63 hours and 16 units sent in
VA Hospital & Cemetery	8 hours
Web Page	4 hours
Wellness Bags	48 hours and 56 bags made
Wheelchair ramps	4 hours.

Central Council meeting held following the January 8th Life Members Meeting. Dave Hemmer was elected Council President and Bob Lewis elected to Harley Forsythe Life Member President.

Central Council meeting held on Jan, 30th at the Waite Park Legion. We decided to serve a meal to the homeless at the Place of Hope in St. Cloud. We also discussed and approved a working budget for the next year.

On March 7th, 14 Central Council Pioneers prepared and served supper to about 80 Homeless people at the Place of Hope in St. Cloud.

Submitted by Dave Hemmer – President Central Council

