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ATTENDING: JoAnn Cooper, Kathy Hanson, Mary Ann Neuman, Dave & Barb Hemmer, Ralph & Ada Hunsted, Bob & Joan Lewis, Al Barthel, Elsa Ditty, Jan Swenson

JoAnn called the meeting to order. Group pledged allegiance to flag of the United States and had a moment of silence.

JoAnn handed out pens/flashlight with CenturyLink Pioneer logo to each council to give to members. She thanked all for our volunteer work. She shared the changes now in place with Pioneers. Janie Milby is hired by CenturyLink and connected to MDM. We need to really work together, support each other as our viability is more of a Pioneer internal concern than it was before. Troy Mack and Geri Larva were guests of JoAnn Cooper at the National meeting in the hope they could be future leaders for Pioneers. CenturyLink seems proud and excited about volunteering and when Pioneers volunteer under the CenturyLink banner they are happy with that. However, CenturyLink clearly favors its own community service efforts by employees. Our continued existence remains our own concern.

Kathy read minutes, Dave moved to accept, Ralph seconded and minutes were accepted as read.

MaryAnn Neuman will prepare a Caring & Sharing Hands and VFW donation voucher. Jan Swenson will ascertain the Second Harvest donation voucher is a processed item.

Al Barthel contacted PAC about no code for "Royalties" and they informed Al PAC will not be distributing royalties (60031) back to councils and clubs. He doesn't know if they will be keeping those funds in PAC. Al also inquired if why so little interest credited to us. Sarah says we did not meet the interest level set by Wells Fargo so we got very little interest. Sarah said PAC was not informed of the changes made by Pioneer headquarters. Board members suggested to Al that when he contacts PAC reps he deliver our feedback that they see no reason to retain affiliations if royalties do not benefit a chapter or club directly. Dave moved to accept the report, Jan Swenson seconded and report was accepted.

MaryAnn Neuman noted the treasurer's report only showed a voucher paid for mileage pertaining to Hug-a-Bear supply gathering. Dave asked her if she is hoping to get approval for this mileage and any other mileage other than to meetings. Is that not our policy that we do not pay mileage when traveling on behalf of chapter projects and do we need to discuss this. Al states mileage for a chapter project *should* be paid if out of your home area. So, asked Dave, can people ask for mileage reimbursement when traveling out of an area on chapter project business? Should we think about pre-approval for mileage? Jan Swenson moved we reimburse mileage for chapter project mileage for 60 miles or more at the rate of \$.36 per mile. Dave Hemmer seconded it. Motion passed. People can request it or not as they wish.

OLD BUSINESS

The recent food drive by CenturyLink – Gloria Berger assisted in soliciting some funds locally from the Duluth office. Response was slow from executive board about Chapter donation so the donation was made on Pat Jeukens personal credit card and that expense was paid by PAC. All donations will be eligible for the 6 x matching funds. (Info shared by J. Cooper)

Al Barthel says when he took training initially he got information stating expense requirements that expense reimbursement made by cash, personal check or credit card were not allowed. They are considered "double dipping" by the IRS. Al called Sara Powell who stated that as long as Inez Pena okayed the expense situation and she could handle it.

Janie M. did approve the situational expense. JoAnn reiterated that for exec board that got the initial email asking for food shelf donation should have credit card expense situation.

Awards were discussed at the Region Meeting – No awards were won by Minnesota Pioneers nominated

Participation Hours 5,709 were reported between March 1 to June 10

Norma Stevens Scholarship fund can be invested locally and dealt out by Minnesota Pioneers organization. Another call is set up for 3 pm on Monday 06/17/2013 to set out more details.

Scholarship Awardees were reviewed: names and rankings. JoAnn reminded the board the deadline was discussed about receiving applications. We will be moving up the deadline for application to second Saturday in April each year.

NEW BUSINESS

Region Call Update: Strategic Planning is necessary. The Pioneer Regional executive board decided to not accept CenturyLink funding. In light of this concentration on personally volunteering is more important than sending funds. Branding ourselves as CenturyLink Pioneer volunteers should remain. Jan has recruited two new members in her office. At the regional meeting the topic of asking Life Members to pay dues and the feedback was that not many Life Members would pay dues. Do we have a Welcome Packet for new employees? No, there is not one. We could work on a packet for Minnesota.

Council and Club Highlights – These will be included in the minutes. Lakes council did not send in a report for second quarter report, only an email from Chet Netteksted stating he would not be attending the meeting. The next disbursement for the second quarter will not be shared to Lakes Council.

Pat Jeukens is asking for a \$500.00 donation to the MN Millers Beep Baseball team to attend the World Series Beep Baseball tournament. Pat Jeukens will prepare the voucher. Jan Swenson made the motion and Dave Hemmer seconded. Motion passed.

Ronald McDonald - Next meal served will be Sept 8. Jan Swenson motioned to authorize up to \$350.00 for purchasing meal items. Dave Hemmer seconded and the motioned passed.

A donation request for \$200.00 to Athlete Development Fund by Mary Neumann, Jan S. seconded motion passed

Missing minutes - recorder not on – secretary was out of the room

Officer Elections - Open up for nominations from June 17, 2013 to July 1, 2013. Voting will be open until July 31, 2013. Officer announcements will take place September 13, 2013.

Dave Hemmer made a motion to donate \$300.00 to Whitney Center, Mary Ann Neumann seconded and motion passed.

Dave asked that Al Barthel transfer all remaining funds from Hiawathaland Club to Central Council.

Dave pointed out the Hello Central newspaper and asked those still working to drop copies in work locations. Many employees have no idea the Telephone Pioneers Family Campers group exists.

D. hemmer moved to adjourn, Mary Ann Neumann motion passed.

Submitted by Kathy Hanson, Chapter Secretary

Here is my report for the Scholarship committee:

There were 24 High School Seniors that applied for the 2013 MN Chapter 18 Pioneer John Norton Scholarship. There were 21 applicants from around Minnesota, 1 from North Dakota and 2 from Colorado. Two of the applications were not complete, so did not go to the 6 Judges. I had 3 outside people, a Pioneer Partner, Life Member Pioneer and Regular Pioneer doing the judging. [DeNae Sievers, Suzanne Swenson, Vollie Sanders Jr, Carol Barthel, Vollie Sanders Sr and Charles Parker] They completed the judging by May 29th. I verified the top 3 applicants volunteer time and sent out a list of the winners with the June Calendar Winners. There was an Awards Night for the Forest Lake High School that Pat Jeukens attended and letters informing the 2 Minnesota Winners were given out at that Awards night. The 3 letters of congratulations and checks for \$1000 will be mailed out when I receive the checks from the Denver Accounting Center.

MS Bike Tours Chapter report June 14th 2013

On Sunday June 9th a group of Pioneers volunteered 84 hours along with others for a total of 190 hours to provide peanut butter & Jelly sandwiches, shacks, water, and Gaiter-aid to over 3,200 riders on the annual MS 150 two day bike ride between Duluth and the Twin Cities. It rained the all day Sunday but was a huge success never the less.

MS TRAM 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.

Dave Hemmer and Bill Lovegren made on site inspections of 3 rest stop locations and 4 campgrounds on the TRAM route. 475 miles traveled between 7 AM and 8 PM on Wednesday May 29th. Rest stop workers who camp on the route will camp Sunday – Tuesday at Iron Trail RV park in Chisholm, dry camp Wednesday night at our Thursday Rest Stop location, and camp the final night at Burlington Bay Campground in Two Harbors.

Thursday will be our theme day this year. The Theme 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.

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 06/11/2013 the Team has a total of \$2259 in donations secured.

A pancake breakfast fundraiser is planned July 7 or July 14 – Will nail this date down soon.

It appears there are now only 5 registered riders -

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

Donations not credited but secured are \$200.00 per rider from Chapter 18 and \$3000.00 from other sources. Fundraiser donations are not known at this time.

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

10,000 LAKES TELEPHONE PIONEER FAMILY CAMPERS

WAGONMASTER REPORT 6-6-2013

We had a Fall – Campout 2012: Hosted by Kris and Jerry Swanson – SEPT 20 – 23, Westrich RV Park, 23 members attended. Jerry and Kris Swanson donated their \$100.00 to the Willmar Food Shelf.

WE HELD LUNCHEONS LAST WINTER TO CONTINUE TO GET TOGETHER WHEN WE WERE NOT CAMPING. THE FOOLING MEMBERS HOSTED THE GET TOGETHERS == October - Lovegrens, November - Leiers, January - Bergs, and February - Hansons. WE HAD GOOD ATTENDANCE AT EACH

The TPFC International Rally was held in Tucson, Arizona, May 7-9 @ Lazy Days Dallas Leier reported there were 37 RVS and 9 in other lodging. 17 states attended.

Dallas Leier reported on future rallies = 2014 Amana, Iowa Sept 9-10-11 and 2015 Possibly Kentucky.

Kathy Hanson wrote articles that were published in the Hello Central.

Spring – Campout 2013-05-17 TO 19 was hosted by Dave and Barb Hemmer. 25 members attended. Dave and Barb donated \$100 to the Clearwater Food Shelf.

Mid-Summer 2013-08-16 TO 18: Will be hosted by Mark and Jan Berg

ST CROIX HAVEN CAMPGROUND, 40756 Grace Lake Road, Hinckley, MN 55037

Fall – Campout 2013-09-20 TO 22: Will be hosted by Bob and Ginny Boom

SW KOA KAMPGROUND -- Shakopee/ Jordan, 3315 166th St W, Jordan, MN 55352

Several of members will work at the MS TRAM 7-14 to 7-19 2013,

Bill Lovegren

Wagon Master - 10,000 Lakes Telephone Pioneer Family Campers

Cell - 612-282-5575

Report – Metro Council & Metro Life Members – June 2013

Metro Council:

Since the last chapter meeting the Metro Council had one meeting on May 14. LouAnn reported that Tubman Family Services will again be holding their Wing Ding on July 10th and will be asking for volunteers.

Pat Jeukens would like to work on a supper for the Ronald McDonald house in Gillette's Childrens Hospital. We approved \$200 for that effort. The kitchen is smaller and the clients aren't as numerous. She will ask 2-3 folks to volunteer.

A supper was served on May 28th to over 50 clients at the RMH.

We also made the following donations:

\$100 for the ADA Tour de Cure Pedal Pumpers bicycle team

\$200 for Habitat for Humanity

\$200 for Metro Meals on Wheels

The following donations were made as a result of email motions and a vote:

\$400 to Stepping Stone Emergency Housing in Anoka,

\$200 to Athletes Development Fund at WAUSA/Mark Braun Athlete

Metro Life Member

The Metro Life Members met for their spring luncheon meeting on April 17 with 20 members in attendance. Our community service collection was paper and cleaning supplies for the NEAR food shelf - 47 pounds of donations were dropped off along with \$60 in cash.

The following general donations were made:

\$100 NEAR Food Shelf

\$150 Instruments 4 Kids – District 281 Schools.

55 folks went on the Spring Casino trip. Because of decreasing numbers and not being sure if we can get the necessary 70 people for 2 buses it was decided to only run one bus but do it three times a year. We are assured of getting the minimum of 35 for the bus and if we fill it, we will bring in more money per year with 3 trips than 2 trips with 2 buses. Fund raising from this trip was \$275 dollars

The last luncheon meeting for the season will be held on June 20th.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman

Metro Council and Life Member President

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR June, 2013

Meals on Wheels	4	hours
Nursing Home	85	hours
Red Cross	176	hours
Chore Club	150	hours
Elderly	57	hours
Cell phone project	18	hours
Knitting Caps	85	hours
Northern Pines	30	hours
Options	40	hours
Talking Book repair	72	hours and 16 units sent in
VA Hospital & Cemetery	25	hours
Web Page	11	hours
Wellness Bags	55	hours and 71 bags made
Wheelchair ramps	28	hours.
Computer Assistance	22	hours
Pioneer Admin	86	hours
MS TRAM	33	hours
Scholarships	11	hours
Family Campers	20	hours

Central Council meeting held following the March 30th Life Members Meeting. A discussion was held and motion made and passed to accept Hiawathaland Council into Central Council if requested. Our next Council meeting will be scheduled as needed.

The Life member club held their annual luncheon in little Falls, MN and was well attended. The next Life member gathering will be our Riverside Park Picnic on Aug. 13th.

Submitted by Dave Hemmer – President Central Council

HARLEY FORSYTHE LIFE MEMBER CLUB

Central Council ---Taking over the world, one council at a time.

The Life Members of the Harley Forsythe Life Member Club continue in the hundred year old tradition of the Pioneers of America --Fellowship, Loyalty, and Service. However, being of a mature age our Service is a little slower and our Loyalty to THE Company, company, company get a little lost, but our Fellowship continues as long as the adult beverages lasts. When you're getting old--everything either dries up or leaks.

The only scheduled meeting in the second quarter was our meeting at the Pizza Ranch in Little Falls. Fifty Pioneers and Partners attended and a good time was had by all. We were especially pleased to have Kathy Hanson from our Chapter Officers attend. She is not just a pretty face. Kathy brings the leadership, knowledge, and wisdom of the Chapter Office.

Again this year, we prepared and served the homeless at the Place of Hope in St Cloud. It is always a humbling experience serving the less fortunate.

The Life Members, exhausted by their Pioneering projects, take the summer off. We will, however, muster the strength to assist at the Chapter meeting, scheduled for June 14th at the Whitney Senior Center in St Cloud.

August 13th, we will kick off another fun filled Pioneer year with our Picnic at Riverside Park in St Cloud. All are invited, especially our Chapter leaders.

Lord Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth. AMEN

Bob Lewis, Life Member President

ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS

DULUTH, MINNESOTA

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS MAR. 2013 THRU MAY, 2013

MONTHLY PIONEER LUNCHEONS:

MAR. 20, 2013 12 ATTENDED
APR. 17, 2013 CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER
MAY 15, 2013 15 ATTENDED

MONTHLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETINGS:

MAR. 27, 2013 6 ATTENDED
APR. 24, 2013 4 ATTENDED
MAY 22, 2013 6 ATTENDED

DONATIONS:

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

MAR	20	24
APR	20	24
MAY	20	24

MONETARY GIFTS OF \$100 EACH, WERE MADE TO VFW AND DAMIANO CENTER FOR THEIR VOLUNTEERS AND CONTINUED WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY.

MAR - MAY WE DELIVERED 90 CHILDREN'S BOOKS EACH MONTH 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 MAR-MAY

MARCH- WE SENT OUR MONETARY DONATIONS TO DULUTH SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK \$600; GRAND RAPIDS SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK \$100; CHUM \$1466.92 AND UNION GOSPEL MISSION \$1203.92

ON APRIL 14TH JOHN WARREN AND BILL CARLSON, LIFE MEMBERS AND ON OUR COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTENDED THE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR ART WRIGHT, LIFE MEMBER.

IN APRIL, JOANN COOPER, OUR TREASURER AND THE CHAPTER 18 PRESIDENT ATTENDED A CONFERENCE ON BEHALF OF PIONEERS, IT WAS HELD IN LOUISIANA.

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