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10-01-2014 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Chapter 18 Executive Board Meeting of CenturyLink Pioneers

Present: JoAnn Cooper	Kathy Hanson	Barb Hemmer	Dave Hemmer
Pat Jeukens	MaryAnn Neumann	Al Barthel	Carol Barthel
Jan Swenson			

Meeting opened with pledge of allegiance and moment of silence.

Pat Jeukens passed around a thankful note from Ronald McDonald House for our participation in the "Cooks for Kids" program.

June Minutes were reviewed and M. Neumann moved to accept, D. Hemmer 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

Jan Swenson reviewed the treasurer report. Jan shared it took over 40 emails with Inez our PAC representative to get the vouchers and checks for the scholarships processed for the 5 winners. There are many roadblocks put in our treasurer's path to completing business. No responses to comments made to Inez's supervisors are forthcoming to effect change.

Al Barthel, former treasurer reviewed some recent problems made by Inez Pena which delay his taking care of financial work for the Central council. Mistakes and omissions also were made by Inez in voucher processing for Central council.

Dave Hemmer covered a conversation he had with PAC recently, specifically Ryan Rainey. This chapter's dissatisfaction with the service from PAC was clearly stated to Mr. Rainey and he apologized and stated he would be looking into all these issues. Dave advised Mr. Rainey to call Al Barthel for more information. MaryAnn Neumann suggests we follow up with Mr. Rainey about his commitments to call Al Barthel.

Kathy Hanson states our efforts at fundraising and awarding of scholarships is viewed with suspicion by participants for inept and late handling by PAC and not this MN Chapter. A loss of trust is dangerous as it may impact the chapter's ability to hold successful fundraising events. Information gets around in this age of technology and we want to avoid negative news about Pioneer efforts when none is deserved.

Jo Ann Cooper says at the last Region call Janey opened up the floor to issues so Jo Ann brought up our problems. Mr. Rainey had excuses and JoAnn and Janie had to resend some info to Inez. It seems follow up may happen. Mary Ann Neumann says we as a chapter need to state our proposed resolution and expect some response. This business of no responses and our stacking complaint after complaint to PAC without action has to end.

MaryAnn Neumann asked for an explanation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report she found to be unclear. Jan covered the income and expense for Unit 100. Calendar sales proceeds will be going to MN councils probably in October 2014. Pat Jeukens had one correction to a check entry to make and this was noted. Motion to accept treasurer report made by D. Hemmer, C. Barthel 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Hemmer covered **election results**. In 2015 chapter president will be JoAnn Cooper, Kathy Hanson 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Metro Combined -Mary Ann Neumann, Arrowhead Combined- Mary Wisch, Arrowhead Combined Vice President-Char Reno and Central council-Dave Hemmer. The Central council Harley Forsythe Life Member club will retain Bob Lewis as President for 2015.

**Sharing and Caring Calendars:** Calendars are at Johnson Printing. Council reps made their requests for calendars which Jan will send out when sales can begin. 1100 will be printed for 2015. Jan would still like sellers to send checks to her as she keeps a spreadsheet tracking info on sales.

**Database cleanup:** Dave Hemmer checked on several issues. Our database needs to be cleaned up to send it to region as they are also in this cleanup process. Items marked "for deletion" have never been deleted and this action will be taken. Addresses are not updated and they need to be to reduce fees from mailing services used by the Pioneer organization. Jan Swenson needs to be notified when new addresses are discovered or terminated. Jan described a

method she can use to get undeliverable items, at least those with new information, removed from rosters used in mailings by councils. Discussion followed about how changes are communicated for address changes, deletions and duplications.

**Region notes.** New representative for CenturyLink pioneers on the Telecom Pioneer board is Sherry Daughtry. She is an Arizona Pioneer. At the last annual meeting our representatives attending felt she was not too effective in her position as she was not able to give answers to questions put to her.

Jan Swenson, Kathy Hanson and JoAnn Cooper are invited to a TelecomPioneer annual meeting in Orlando in February 2015. Patty Pace discussed the committee work she'd done.

On the regional call it was reviewed units should be forwarding minutes of meetings to the PAC on a quarterly basis. PAC will acknowledge when vouchers are received for processing and PAC has re-committed to a 48 hour turn-around for processing vouchers. PAC is *working on* the ability of chapter treasurers to see checks that have been issued so a treasurer knows vouchers are being handled in a timely manner. On the region call there was no discussion on how chapters will pay for PAC services in 2014. Combining councils and clubs may change some fees charged to units. JoAnn's understanding is that if projects do not meet the charitable giving threshold the monies we now receive from affinity partners and member dues etc will not be impacted. There is the possibility if projects do not meet charitable giving thresholds units will not be negatively impacted in regional disbursements.

**Events:** Dave covered a thank you and newspaper article from a **MS TRAM** rider thanking the CenturyLink Pioneers rest stop staff for making a big deal about the very large amount she raised. Dave mentioned the contributions from Central council towards rest stop hoopla items. Kathy covered how the CenturyLink Pioneers backed Wheel Deals ten member ride team did raising funds, a whopping \$17,986.00.

**Ronald McDonald House project:** Pat Jeukens reminded the group the next meal is Oct 12 Sunday – kid friendly food with fruit and a sweet treat and beverage. Volunteers should arrive at 330P. No dates are in place for 2015. Lee Poirer nominated the CenturyLink Pioneer group for a Don Shelby award from Ronald McDonald organization and we were not awarded this year unfortunately.

**Beep Baseball International** tournament participation photos are on the Pioneer website. This tournament will be in Rochester New York in 2015 and Ames Iowa in 2016. MN Millers, decked out in their shirts with the CenturyLink logo, placed 7<sup>th</sup> in a field of 19 teams.

**MN Purple Ride Stride:** Pat Jeukens daughter's team raised \$6700.00

Al Barthel laid out a demonstration of the **Talking Books** repair project. He shared some details from a conference he attended by MN State Services for the Blind organization. He showed us both an older model Talking Book machine that plays cassettes and the newer portable digital model. He explained the process that goes on when the 4 person crew of Pioneers in Little Falls receives a complement of books that need repair. Board members felt this explanation of the oldest Pioneer project was valuable and worthwhile.

Dave Hemmer made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the Coon Rapids VFW, Carol Barthel 2<sup>nd</sup> motion approved. The group allows the Pioneers to use their meeting space at no cost. Dave will make out this voucher.

In 2015, this chapter will hold its second quarter meeting on June 15, 2015 at the Whiney Center in St. Cloud.

**NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014 AT 9:00 AM - COON RAPIDS VFW**

## UNIT REPORTS for 2014 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER

### PAL's Report

Since last meeting in June we have 6,743 hours. We have 42 active projects.

Carol Barthel

### 9/1/14 Web Page Report

Site total	2807
Chapter Minutes	29
Councils & Clubs	87
Exec. Board	114
Projects	150
Arrowhead Council	56
Central Council	95
Metro Council	144
Current News	191
Products for Sale	81
Family Campers	137
Links	59
Calendar Winners	608
Web Master	25
Just Pictures	316
Go Green	59

Web hits are up since last quarter

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

Dave Hemmer – Web Master

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### Chapter Report – Metro Pioneers

Effective 8/1/2014 the Metro Council and Metro Life Member Club merged to become one unit known as Metro Pioneers. The PAC discontinued the Life Member unit number 210.

Hours – Life Members continue to report hours to Joanne Kennedy (who furnishes them to Carol) Hours reported for this year (to date) are 2385 hrs / 335 participants. Hours for July-Sept are 841 hrs / 133 participants.

The Council did not hold meetings over the summer. Our next meeting is scheduled for Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. We also did not hold any major activities over the summer; however several members did participate in the Tubman Family Alliance Wing Ding in August.

The Life Members held their Summer Casino trip in August. Fifty-three attended and \$265 was raised for the Pioneers. Also thirty-one folks attended our September 17<sup>th</sup> fun event at the Plymouth Playhouse, The Life and Music of Johnny Cash. A Life Member luncheon/business meeting is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the fall casino trip is scheduled for November and the Holiday lunch/business meeting for December 11<sup>th</sup>.

We are continuing Skyway Sales in the Minneapolis downtown building. Sales are set for November 12-13 and December 10, 16-17.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman, President

Metro Pioneers

**ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS**  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS JUNE, 2014 THRU  
AUGUST, 2014**

MONTHLY PIONEER LUNCHEONS:

JUNE 18, 2014 16 PIONEERS AND GUESTS

JULY, 2014 NO LUNCH, VACATION

AUGUST, 2014 NO LUNCH, VACATION

WE WILL BE LOOKING INTO HAVING GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS.

WE SENT SYMPATHY CARDS TO THREE PIONEER FAMILIES.

QUARTERLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETINGS:

JULY 23, 2014 4 ATTENDED

DONATIONS:

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

JUNE	20	24
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JULY	20	24
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WE WILL BE MAKING DONATIONS OF HUG-A-BEARS TO THE HIBBING POLICE DEPT. BY REQUEST.

HEAD WRAPS:

HEAD WRAPS. DONATED, MAY THROUGH JULY WE DONATED AT TOTAL OF 56 TO ESSENTIA CANCER CENTER.

LAST WINTER WE GAVE HATS, SCARVES AND MITTENS TO BAYVIEW SCHOOL, WE WERE WAITING TO REPORT THIS UNTIL WE HAD DETAILS ON ALL THAT HAD BEEN DONATED.

BOOKS BEING COLLECTED EVERY DAY, UNITED WAY OF DULUTH APPROVES ALL BEFORE THEY GO TO THE BOOKSHELF.

BETWEEN MAY AND JULY WE DONATED A TOTAL OF 255 BOOKS. A THANK YOU WAS RECEIVED FROM LAKE SUPERIOR LIFE CARE CENTER, WAS SENT TO DAVE FOR ARCHIVING.

CELL PHONES STILL BEING COLLECTED.

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

## **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 to follow the time proven tradition of Pioneering; --Fellowship, Loyalty, Service.*

*The Central Council Pioneers kicked off another Pioneer year with a picnic at Riverside Park in St Cloud. Chicken dinner with all the trimmings. A good time was had by all. We were honored with three past Chapter Presidents in attendance. Marlyn Beaudine, Harry Osborn, and Kathy Hanson. Kathy Hanson was the cutest. We had a great turn out--60 Pioneers and Partners.*

*Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> a luncheon in Princeton at the Frontier Steak House. 15 Pioneers and Partners attended. It is extremely difficult to watch your food intake at the Frontier buffet. It seems like the older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then you body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends. Anyway, no one went away hungry. There was a lot of discussion about growing older, as half of our Pioneers from that area have died. It seems, that is our two choices. When you're dissatisfied and want to go back to your youth, think about Algebra.*

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** we have a luncheon meeting in Sauk Centre at the Palmer House.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** a 9 AM breakfast meeting at Downtown Perkins in St Cloud.

Our Holiday Christmas Party is scheduled for **December 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Whitney Senior Center in St Cloud at 2 PM.

The fun continues into 2015 with a Breakfast at Perkins, Downtown St Cloud on **January 13<sup>th</sup>**.

The Valentine Party is scheduled **February 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Whitney Senior Center in St Cloud.

**March 10** at 9 AM a breakfast meeting at Perkins in Downtown St Cloud.

The last meeting of our Pioneer year is a luncheon in Little Falls on **April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

*Love is the ultimate and highest goal to which man can aspire---Victor Frankel-----And Service is Love made visible*

*Bob Lewis, Life Member President*

## CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR Oct 1, 2014

Nursing Home	83 hours
Red Cross	110 hours
Chore Club	139 hours
Elderly	33 hours
Cell phone project	10 hours
Knitting Caps	76 hours
Options	0 hours
Talking Book repair	100 hours and 34 units sent in
VA Hospital & Cemetery	12 hours
Web Page	30 hours
Wellness Bags	42 hours and 56 bags made
Wheelchair ramps	29 hours.
Computer Assistance	14 hours
Pioneer Admin	41 hours
MS TRAM	226 hours
MS Society	104 hours
Family Campers	234 hours

Central Council held its annual Riverside Park Picnic with over 50 attendees.

A business meeting followed the picnic.

We discussed the fact that the past few years the cost of having a Fall Riverside Park picnic has over run the income collected from attendees by an average of \$150.00 each year. After some discussion it was decided to continue to hold the event without an increase cost to members.

We are happy to report that we supported the MS Tram Bike Ride on July 14-18, 2014 with a pledge of \$500.00 to the ride team and \$500.00 to buy supplies for our theme this year "Wild Wild West". The TRAM as a whole was a huge success again this year.

We were able to support the Talking Books Program by purchasing needed supplies, a cooling fan, and locating a work table for the technicians to work on.

Life member Debbie Lechner donated, in the name of CenturyLink Pioneers, \$150 each to the Clearwater/Clear Lake food shelf and the C R O S S food shelf in Foley, MN. Deb collects aluminum cans and donates the profits to area charities.

Our next Life member gathering will be our annual Sauk Centre Luncheon on Tuesday Oct 14th.

Submitted by Dave Hemmer – President Central Council

## Chapter report Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 – MS Bike Tours MS TRAM Rest Stop #3

The 2014 tram was a huge success again in 2014.

Riders rode across southern Minnesota from - **Pipestone (Start) \* Marshall (Monday overnight) \* Redwood Falls (Tuesday overnight) \* St. Peter (Wednesday overnight) \* New Prague (Thursday overnight) \* Red Wing (finish line)**

Rest stop #3 supplied refreshments Monday – town of Russell on Hwy 23, Tuesday - town of Seaforth East of Hwy 19, Wednesday – town of St George, Thursday – town of Montgomery, Friday – town of Cannon Falls. Our theme day was Wednesday at St George, MN. The theme was “Wild Wild West

The 10,000 Lakes Family Campers donated \$100 for the purchase of 600 “Bar MS” removable tattoos and Central Council donated \$400 for the purchase of 600 Red Bandannas. These Items were handed out to riders on theme day and added to the enjoyment for the riders who have given such a huge effort to raise donations for finding a cure.

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

## WHEEL DEALS RIDE TEAM REPORT

2014 4th Quarter

There were 10 registered riders. Our goal was \$12,000.00 for the team. We raised **\$17,986.00!** All riders had \$1000.00 or more credited to their ride.

Riders Kathy Hanson, Maureen & Josh Lyons, Larry Chladek and 2 couples held a MS TRAM Fundraiser pancake/sausage breakfast at Camp Faribo in Faribault MN. \$370.00 was raised and \$330.00 of that will be matched.

A third annual pancake breakfast at a resort in Annandale was held July 20 and raised about \$1800.00 including a match also.

Kathy Hanson fundraised also by selling raffle tickets for a quilt made by Peggy Eischens of LeSueur MN. \$2.00 per ticket of 3 for \$5.00

Kathy Hanson petitioned the MN Pioneers Chapter 18 board for a donation. They responded with a generous \$3000.00 gift.

Kathy has visited with MS staff and is assured there will be a 2015 MS TRAM, perhaps with some modifications. Registration for the event is expected soon.

Control/Click on the link below to donate to the Wheel Deals Ride Team Thank You!

[http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/MNMBikeEvents?team\\_id=354953&pg=team&fr\\_id=23064](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/MNMBikeEvents?team_id=354953&pg=team&fr_id=23064)

Submitted by Kathy Hanson