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

Pledge of Allegiance made

Al Barthel gave a financial update: (Al's last meeting as chapter treasurer)

Re: our questions to the PAC and the answers- PAC reported to Al which units would be paying what amounts but closed units would be charged. When Al questioned Janie Milby about these charges and she responded she did not want the report sent to Al and that is the last heard about those charges. **JoAnn Cooper says she has a call with Janie Milby on Monday, March 24 and they will discuss this more.** More to come on this issue. Mistakes in past reports about what will be charged for work processed to units will be corrected and in 2014. The PAC needs to get a handle on what units are no longer in existence in MN.

All **presidents and treasures of units must take general ledger and finance basics training by May 2014.** Inez told Al B. finally the training was available in Feb 2014. Those who've completed the training have no idea if they've passed or not.

Al received a sales tax report for each unit – so if there are funds in a units' account they will experience a debit of those MN sales taxes. This will be reflected on January 2014 report.

Reports from PAC were in error. Most of the errors were interest no being credited for multiple months. After calling it to the attention of Inez in PAC, reports remained incorrect as still interest still was not shown. Al now shows as of March 18, 2014 that the December 2013 balance was \$42,137.43. This balance does not include the scholarship fund. On 2/28/14 the balance is \$50,496.95 in the Chapter account. The Board agrees we are dissatisfied with Inez our PAC representative's work for us. We thanked Al for his time and work as treasurer.

Jan Swenson will think about accepting the treasurer position as it is now vacant. Jan's title group has been offered an early retirement and if she chooses to accept she could be available to serve as treasurer.

Kathy Hanson requested a donation \$300.00 per registered rider up to 10 riders for the MS TRAM in July 2014 and this **request was tabled** to be voted on at the next quarterly board meeting.

Mary Ann presented a requested \$250 for a meal in recognition of the work done by those on the Hug-a-Bear project. The board discussed as hug-a-board is a chapter project, how many volunteers are involved, can Duluth Hug-a-Bear group be included if what is an appropriate amount and under which category the expense should fall into. Pat J. proposed a motion to approve up to \$300.00 in connection with the lunches for MN Hug-a-Bear groups and this does not include expense associated with mileage & meals associated with gathering of supplies for hug-a-bears. Jan. S 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed

Pat J. re: donation requesting \$1000.00 for Beep Ball uniforms. Minnesota Millers. Are other donating to this team? The uniform will be logoed with MN Chapter 18 CenturyLink Pioneers. Table until Jeukens can contact MN Millers regarding this and bring up later in the meeting. The event is scheduled for Aug. 3 through Aug 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Jeukens says she has asked MACV to assist with the games as well. Dave Hemmer says TPFC MN group may want to be involved too.

Pat Jeukens requested donation for 2 meals in amount up to \$700 for Ronald McDonald meals and change to be approved as a chapter project and up to \$350 for the 1<sup>st</sup> meal to be approved now. Jan S. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Lee P. stated her knitting group donates hats to Ronald McDonald house.

Rachel has resigned as treasurer of the Norma Stevens scholarship fund. **JoAnn will forward Rachel's report on that fund to Kathy Hanson for the records.**

Jan Swenson talked re:929 calendars sold Scholarship Project: \$27,900.00 of that a \$ 44.95 pay pal charge, then cost of license, printing, mileage and accounting fees prize money, \$3.96 about going back to councils for their community service projects. JoAnn Cooper asked Jan if we are unsure of the longevity of these calendars would she take over the Norma Stevens

scholarship project and she said she would. Monies distributed to councils will be delayed until PAC fee work is completed. Jan is lining up judges for applications received.

The Norma Stevens scholarship application is available on the Pioneers website. We should reach out to places so they are available to MN high school seniors.

#### REGIONAL UPDATES

JoAnn – lots of discussion on operations costs. The Ebate schools get in conjunction with computers and other telecommunications equip. CenturyLink cannot give money to schools in case it is used for equipment. We are encouraged to give time and books or hold a fundraiser for the school to purchase equipment etc.

Carol Barthel and Dave Hemmer are going to the annual meeting in Monroe LA. **They will bring info back to share with the board.** Lee suggested MN ask for tools to identify and attract new pioneers. JoAnn says that was addressed before and nothing is coming forth. Lee feels Pioneers should provide the tools needed to get new members. JoAnn says we could partner with other chapters. Jan S asked how many other chapters have websites. JoAnn is looking for ideas on how to present the opportunity for Pioneer membership to employees. Board discussion about how to encourage new members and re-interest present pioneers. Brochures and posters are good pieces of media to have available.

Awards: Talking Books – the oldest Pioneer service project in existence. We can put forth another award presentation for this project. Dave Hemmer also suggested writing up an award submission for the MS TRAM chapter project. Deadline is March 31, 2014. Lots of ideas for further awards. Sandy Hurd is a good candidate for an Individual Pioneer award submission and could be developed for next year. **Kathy will rework the talking book award write up and develop a MS TRAM award write-up.**

#### ROUNDTABLE

In Arrowhead this year's ride will not be a fundraiser. They are taking a group of MACV people to Lake Milacs for a fishing trip. Arrowhead Pioneers are cooperating with CenturyLink center employees on this event to pay for furnishing transportation, food etc for the event.

Dave Hemmer gave out Rest Stop 3 MS TRAM buttons and mentioned he is accepting donations and also he can make buttons for anyone's purpose for about 25 cents per. Jan Swenson suggested buttons could be made for the Miller baseball team.

Pat Jeukens reports MN Millers state Logo on sleeve 2 shirts for up to \$1200.00. JoAnn will also use her sister's company as a bidder to produce the shirts. Motion made by Pat J. to donate up to \$1200.00 for 2 shirts for 20 players with the CenturyLink Pioneer logo and MN Chapter 18 logo on sleeve. Pat J. made a motion to donate \$1200.00 for the shirts for the Beep baseball team. **Tabled this donation request until the next quarterly meeting.**

JoAnn handed out CenturyLink logoed screwdrivers and calendars can be ordered if more needed to encourage membership sign up or reward project workers. JoAnn asked for other ideas for items that could be useful for member handouts.

At Al Barthel's encouragement board members around the table shared stories of how they first became involved in Pioneering.

Pat J. asked for a \$300.00 donation to Second Harvest – Dave Hemmer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion from Al Barthel states last check from 2013 has not been cashed. Motion passed. **Jeukens will make out the voucher** and have the check sent to her so she can present it personally to avoid the possibility of another non-cashed donation check.

Dave \$670.00 and 511 pounds of food were donated as a result of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for him and Barb

Next meeting is in St. Cloud at the Whitney Center at 9:00am on June 13, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Kathy Hanson, Secretary- MN Chapter 18 CenturyLink Pioneers

**ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS**  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS DECEMBER, 2013 THRU  
FEBRUARY, 2014**

MONTHLY PIONEER LUNCHEONS:

DEC. 2013 NO LUNCH/HOLIDAYS  
JAN. 15, 2014 18 ATTENDEES  
FEB. 19, 2014 18 ATTENDEES

MONTHLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETINGS:

DEC. 2013 NO MEETING, HOLIDAYS  
JAN. 22, 2014 6 ATTENDED  
FEB. 2014 NO MEETING

WE WILL NOW HAVE QUARTERLY MEETINGS, OUR NEXT WILL BE APRIL 23, 2014.

DONATIONS:

HUG-A-BEARS TO ST LUKE'S AND LIFE CARE CENTER  
DEC. 32 22

HEAD WRAPS:

HEAD WRAPS MADE OVER DEC.-FEB. - NONE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED,  
WILL HOPEFULLY DELIVER BY MARCH, 2014.

WE WILL BE MAKING MONETARY DONATIONS TO SECOND HARVEST, DULUTH; SECOND  
HARVEST, GRAND RAPIDS; CHUM; DAMIANO CENTER, DULUTH, IN THE MONTH OF MARCH.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE BIG RED BOOKSHELF. BOOKS BEING  
COLLECTED EVERY DAY, UNITED WAY OF DULUTH APPROVES ALL BEFORE THEY GO TO THE  
BOOKSHELF.

CELL PHONES STILL BEING COLLECTED.

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

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR March 21, 2014

Nursing Home	45	hours
Red Cross	25	hours
Chore Club	77	hours
Elderly	129	hours
Cell phone project	8	hours
Knitting Caps	63	hours
Northern Pines		
Options	10	hours
Talking Book repair	58	hours and 16 units sent in
VA Hospital & Cemetery	4	hours
Web Page	2	hours
Wellness Bags	79	hours and 90 bags made
Wheelchair ramps	41	hours.
Computer Assistance	4	hours
Pioneer Admin	24	hours
MS TRAM	14	hours

Central Council held a meeting on Feb 11th. We discussed and approved a project to serve a meal at the “Place of Hope” shelter in St Cloud on April 8<sup>th</sup>. We have a large group of volunteers who will prepare and serve Spaghetti, garlic cheese toast, cake, & bars.

We also took steps to approve some money for the annual Easter egg hunt at the school for the blind in Faribault if the local Pioneers in the area are able to garner a crew and make the arrangements.

We built a wheel chair ramp in East St. Cloud on March 10<sup>th</sup>. A Large turnout of Pioneers got the job done quickly.

The Life member club held their annual valentine party and a Breakfast at St Cloud.

Our next Life member gathering will be a Luncheon at the Pizza Hut in Little Falls on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Dave Hemmer – President Central Council

## **First Quarter 2014 – Metro Council and Life Member Report**

The Metro Council at its meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> donated \$200 each to Neighbors, Inc., Family Pathways, NEAR, PRISM and STEP food shelves to obtain the matching grants during Food Share month.

Budget forecasts were forwarded to the PAC for Metro Council, Metro Life Members and the Skyway Sales unit.

Lee and Pat are planning a Spring Basket sale in St. Paul to get rid of baskets previously made. We will refresh is new candy.

Mailing went out to Life Members about Spring activities: Business Luncheon meetings on April 10<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>. Spring casino trip is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Community Collections will take place at the business meetings for the food shelf (anything starting with P –for Pioneer) and T-shirts for St Joseph’s Home for Children.

The North and South Hug A Bear groups continue to meet. Bears have been donated to HCMC and North Ambulance Service

The Life Members held a Valentine lunch on February 19<sup>th</sup> with 25 members attending.

Respectfully submitted,

## **HARLEY FORSYTHE LIFE MEMBER CLUB- 3/21/14**

*The Life Members of the Harley Forsythe Life Member Club continue to follow the time proven tradition of Pioneering; --Continue to utilize the service of a few very old members and hang on by our teeth.*

*This report will not be up to the usual standard you've come to expect because Life Member President and his lovely bride Joan are stranded in the snow babysitting the dogs at their children's lake home near St. Joseph. Council President Dave received an emergency call to action, because the Lake home computer is unfamiliar to Bob he has requested Dave prepare the report.*

*Our annual Valentine party was held at the Whitney Senior center on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*On March 11<sup>th</sup> we held a breakfast social at the downtown Perkins restaurant in St Cloud. The brunch was followed by a short meeting where we approved dispensing of some of our red and blue cookbooks to local charities such as Catholic charities, Salvation Army, Anna Maries House and others.*

*The next high light of the social season will be our Little Falls Luncheon on April 8<sup>th</sup>. This gala event will be at the Pizza Hut and all kinds of goodies will be available for our enjoyment except the "Hard Stuff"*

*As always we invite Pioneers from throughout the Chapter to join us at any of our social events.*

*Dave Hemmer – for Bob Lewis, Life Member President*

### **Chapter report March 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 – MS Bike Tours MS TRAM Rest Stop #3**

Planning is underway for the 2014 MS TRAM. The location of next year's TRAM has been announced.

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

Rest stop #3 will be having a theme day again this year. The theme will be "Wild Wild West". Because the exact location of the rest stops each day has not yet been selected we won't know which day will be selected to be our theme day but it will most likely be Wednesday or Thursday.

RS#3 team was awarded a "Sylvie's" award this February at the annual MS Society Awards banquet. Of the literally thousands of volunteers at the society only a handful of groups are awarded this honor. The banquet was attended by 14 members of our rest stop #3 volunteers. It is noteworthy that several of us were asked questions about this year's plans for a theme at rest stop 3, it appears that our hard work and positive attitude as captured the interest of the MS Staff, and volunteers from other rest stops and areas.

In the coming weeks I will be taking a road trip to look at our rest stop locations, arrange for RV camping, sending out volunteer letters, and generally preparing for the 2014 TRAM.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr

The participation/donation site is up and running for the Wheel Deals Team. There are five riders registered. Our goal is \$12,000.00 for the team

A date of July 20, 2014 is set for the third annual pancake breakfast at a resort in Annandale.

Maureen Lyons, Team Captain will also plan a fundraiser and it is yet to be determined.

Kathy Hanson will be petitioning MN Pioneers Chapter 18 board for a donation.

Kathy Hanson

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)



## Web Site Report 3/21/14

Up a little since last quarter Calendar winners way up  
I'm open to suggestions as to how we can improve activity on our web page.

Dave Hemmer – Web Master

Site total	1875
Chapter Minutes	42
Councils & Clubs	21
Exec. Board	95
Projects	64

Arrowhead Council	11
Central Council	29
Lakes Council	12
Hawathaland Council	9
Mpls. Life Members	14

Metro Council	19
Western Plains	8
Current News	634
Products for Sale	37
Family Campers	97

Links	44
Calendar Winners	1448
Web Master	16
Just Pictures	98
CenturyLink Benefits	35
Go Green	12

## 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr PALS Report

From Jan. 1 2014 to March 18, 2014 we have 3,483 hours.

See you Fri

Carol Barthel