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Chapter Board Meeting 06/13/2014 at Whitney Community Center

Present: Pat Jeukens Lee Poirer Jan Swenson Dave Hemmer Mary Ann Neumann

Al Barthel Carol Barthel Kathy Hanson Ralph Hunstad Ada Hunstad Barb Hemmer

Pat Jeukens called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The group had a moment of silence and a moment of laughter. Note from Bob Lewis was shared explaining why he was not at the meeting, it was his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Secretary read minutes of the March 21, 2014 meeting. Minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer report for Chapter 18 showed a wide fluctuation in interest payments credited over several months paid 2013 service/processing charges was discussed. Al suggested Jan contacted Inez to ask why she has not deleted the non-existent units from the Projects and Programs spreadsheet report. Once again disfavor with Inez, our PAC representative, was voiced. Jan stated she still waits, even though she has sent many requests, for a signed MN Gambling Permit from Charlene Hill. Dave suggested we invite a PAC management person to our meeting but the consensus was we felt it would still result in "no action" on complaints. Dave H. suggested we document specific instances of errors and omissions, unresolved issues or contacts not responded to and have someone present them to Janie Milby and require action that meets our needs. Al motioned to accept the report and Carol B. seconded and report was accepted. Mary Ann abstained.

Carol B. showed the award presented at the Regional Meeting in Louisiana for the Talking Book project.

Volunteer Hours: Carol B. reported hours are way down so please report! Lakes still report many hours every couple of months. She clarified how hours given to the community through a member's church could qualify for her reporting.

*Off on a tangent Al says MN will begin repairing digital talking books and take over ND repair too. Al will bring a talking book to show the group at the next quarterly meeting.*

Jan S discussed the Norma Stephens scholarships received. There were 6 judges. Seventeen applications were judged. Next year the application will contain a requirement the applicant include a tuition bill as this is required by PAC. Award checks will be sent to the school the applicant is accepted at.

Caring and Sharing Calendar fundraiser for 2015 was the next topic. Will we be doing this project again in 2015? Mary Ann N. questions what is the consequence if we do not make our 65% charitable objective. We cannot know for sure if penalization of *all* units will happen when objectives are not met. We should not let the fear of penalization keep us from continuing to sell calendars and having skyway sales. Dave H. moved we continue to continue calendar sales in 2015, Ralph H. seconded and the motion was passed. Jan encouraged everyone to look for necessary changes and tell her about them. Jan's new email for ALL Pioneer business is [jan.swenson.pioneer@gmail.com](mailto:jan.swenson.pioneer@gmail.com)

#### NEW BUSINESS

World Series Beep Baseball motion tabled at the previous meeting— Pat J. says the team shirts amounted to \$1200.00 Dave H. motioned we donate \$1200.00 Mary Ann seconded. Motion passed. Pat J. will do this donation voucher.

Jan S. motioned the Chapter 18 buy 4 beep baseball (\$200.00) Lee P. seconded motion passed. **Who will prepare this voucher?**

MS TRAM – From another motion tabled at the previous meeting, Kathy H. re-asked \$3000.00 Dave H. seconded. Motioned passed. Dave H. covered the Rest Stop trail and also the fact that the MS Society honored the MN Telephone Pioneers with a Sylvie for their high caliber work as rest stop hosts. Dave showed the variety of pins we are selling as fundraising too. Kathy will do this donation voucher.

Ronald McDonald – Meal on June 22 coming up, a Sunday. Volunteers should to arrive about 3:30pm. Pat J. is planning a chicken, potato salad, green salad and fruit. A few more helpers are needed, about 6 people. Oct 12, 2014 will be the next meal Pioneers will serve. Dave motioned a donation up to \$350.00 for the Oct 12 meal, Carol B. seconded. Motion passed. Pat J. will voucher this when product is purchased for the meal.

Pat J. introduced a pancreatic cancer fundraiser called Purple Ride/Stride on Sept 13, 2014. Dave H. motioned to donate \$300.00 to Pat's daughter's team, Carol B. seconded and motion passed. Pat J. will prepare this voucher.

Elections/Nomination for Officers. Pat asked Dave H. to put out a call for 2015 officers on the web site. Pat J. states she will be willing to be nominated. We spent some discussion about the web site and ways to drive more hits to it.

Kathy H. demonstrated the Beeping Egg used at the event in Faribault MN State Academy for the Blind. She asked if the Talking Books Repair group will give these eggs an exam and try to repair any that need it and Al Barthel said the group could do that. The chapter will cover cost of any new batteries needed for the eggs.

Dave H. made a motion he will use the meeting donation amount of \$300.00 to Whitney SC. Kathy H. seconded the motion and it passed. Dave H. will prepare this voucher.

Mary Ann presented to the chapter the Metro Life Member Club and Metro Council have voted to merge and per the guidelines the chapter must be apprised of this. Mary Ann will draft a letter to JoAnn Cooper for forwarding to the Regional Pioneer office. Regarding the notification, Mary Ann feels that posting the merger on the web site is sufficient. The group agreed as long as members were not being moved to another council. Mary Ann will try for a merger effective date of July 1, 2014.

Jan S. reminded to keep her in the loop about retirements, moves, deaths. Use the web page link.

Council Highlights: Central still reporting participation hours. Recent meeting held and donations made to many organizations. Central council assisted the Talking Book Project with some needs in the workspace.

Mary Ann says Metro Council/Life Member Club has made donations and is still carrying out fun activities for the LM club. And as recorded above is working through the merger process. The council passed on a donation to Ronald McDonald House to purchase new washer and dryer. Metro is considering eliminating the Skyway Sales but hasn't yet. Gary Greb presented several bicycles to Keystone Community Services and keeps up with the EZ Help phone fundraising.

Ending Joy – Dave shared Bob Lewis' quarterly report.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is September 5, 2014 at Coon Rapids VFW unless location changes.

Treasurers report Chapter Board Meeting 06/13/2014 at Whitney Community Center

Unit 150 Norma Stevens Scholarship Funds

Date	Check #	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance	
12/31/2013		Year End Balance			\$65,715.07	
1/31/2014		January PAC Statement			\$65,715.07	ok
2/28/2014		February PAC Statement			\$65,715.07	ok
3/31/2014		March PAC Statement			\$65,715.07	ok
4/30/2014		April PAC Statement			\$65,715.07	ok
5/31/2014		May PAC Statement			\$65,715.07	ok

Unit 105 Readers for Life

Date	Check #	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
12/31/2013		Year End Funds Available for Readers for Life			\$1,044.10

Unit 100 - MN Chapter 18

Date	Check #	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance	
12/31/2013		Year End Balance			\$42,137.43	
1/10/2014		2013 1st Fundraising Distribution		\$5,008.43	\$47,145.86	
1/16/2014	25	State of Minnesota Bank Draft 25	\$17.57		\$47,128.29	
1/31/2014		January Interest		\$1.23	\$47,129.52	ok
2/14/2014		2013 DM True Up		\$3,269.33	\$50,398.85	
2/23/2014		Identified a 12/3/2013 - Cookbook Sales		\$97.00	\$50,495.85	
2/28/2014		February Interest		\$1.10	\$50,496.95	ok
3/11/2014		Membership Dues		\$2,484.21	\$52,981.16	
3/17/2014		Cookbook Sales Deposit		\$67.07	\$53,048.23	
3/26/2014	3808	Al Barthel - mileage	\$61.56		\$52,986.67	
3/26/2014	3809	Second Harvest - Charitable	\$300.00		\$52,686.67	
3/31/2014		March Interest		\$5.50	\$52,692.17	ok
4/30/2014		April Interest		\$26.51	\$52,718.68	ok
5/30/2014		May Interest		\$26.90	\$52,745.58	

<b>Income From 2014 Pioneer Calendar Raffle</b>	
Total Number of Calendars Sold 932 x \$30 = \$27870.00	\$27,960.00
Donations	\$30.00
<b>Total Amount Raised on 2014 Pioneer Calendar Raffle</b>	<b>\$27,990.00</b>
Less Cost of PayPal/Charge for Calendars Sold	\$44.94
<b>Total Amount Raised on 2014 Pioneer Calendar Raffle less Pay Pal Charges</b>	<b>\$27,945.06</b>
<b>Expenses for 2014 Pioneer Raffle</b>	
3 Gambling Licenses Minnesota Gambling Control Board	\$150.00
Cost of Printing 2014 Pioneer Raffle Calendars	\$1,382.00
Mileage expense to pick up calendars at Johnson Printing Rochester	\$44.62
Pioneer Accounting Fees 2 x \$245.21 = \$ 490.42	\$490.42
Reserve of \$7.68 to be used to buy envelopes	\$7.68
2 - \$ 500 Calendar Winners	\$1,000.00
6 - \$ 250 Calendar Winners	\$1,500.00
12 - \$ 150 Calendar Winners	\$1,800.00
12 - \$100 Calendar Winners	\$1,200.00
333 - \$ 50 Calendar Winners	\$16,650.00
Arrowhead Council Payback for Community Service Projects - 22 Cal Sold x \$4.04 = \$88.88	\$88.88
Central Council Payback for Community Service Projects - 526 x \$4.04 = \$2125.04 - \$9.93 = \$2115.41	\$2,115.41
Chapter 18 - 5 Calendars Sold x \$3.96 = \$20.20 - \$1.17 = \$19.03	\$19.03
IA/NC Council - 1 Calendar Sold x \$4.04=\$4.04 - 1.17 = \$ 2.87	\$2.87
Lake Agassiz Council Payback for Community Service Projects - 3 calendars sold x \$4.04 = \$12.12	\$12.12
Lakes Council Payback for Community Service Projects - 82 cal sold x \$4.04 = \$331.28 - 1.17 = \$330.11	\$330.11
Metro Council Payback for Community Service Projects - 133 cal sold x \$4.04 = \$537.32 - \$13.71 = \$523.61	\$523.61
Metro LMC Payback for Community Service Projects - 153 cal sold x \$4.04 = \$618.12 - \$18.09 = \$600.03	\$600.03
Red River Valley, ND Council Payback for Community Service Projects - 3 cal sold x \$4.04 = \$12.12	\$12.12
Undefined Council Payback for Community Service Projects - 4 cal sold x \$4.04 = \$16.16	\$16.16
<b>Total Funds Paid Out on 2014 Pioneer Calendar Raffle</b>	<b>\$27,945.06</b>
<b>Total Amount Raised on 2014 Pioneer Calendar Raffle</b>	<b>\$27,945.06</b>
<b>Total Funds Paid Out on 2014 Pioneer Calendar Raffle</b>	<b>\$27,945.06</b>
<b>Difference in Funds Raised &amp; Funds Paid Out on Pioneer Calendar Reserves</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS**  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS MARCH, 2014 THRU  
MAY, 2014**

MONTHLY PIONEER LUNCHEONS:

MARCH, 2014 CANCELLED/BAD WEATHER  
FEBRUARY, 2014 CANCELLED/BAD WEATHER  
MAY 21, 2014 18 ATTENDEES

QUARTERLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETINGS:

APRIL 23, 2014 5 ATTENDED

DONATIONS:

HUG-A-BEARS TO ST LUKE'S AND LIFE CARE CENTER  
MARCH 20 24  
APRIL 20 24

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

HEAD WRAPS:

HEAD WRAPS. DONATED 9 IN JANUARY, 7 IN FEBRUARY, 17 IN MARCH, 18 IN APRIL OF 2014.

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

CHUM HAS ASKED FOR DONATIONS OF TOILETRIES, CALENDARS, CARDS, AND MORE, WE WILL FOLLOW THROUGH AND HOPEFULLY DONATE BY JUNE..

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 June 13, 2014

### Volunteer Hours reported

Nursing Home	97	hours
Red Cross	101	hours
Chore Club	167	hours
Elderly	55	hours
Cell phone project	0	hours
Knitting Caps	94	hours
Options	17	hours
Talking Book repair	81	hours and 16 units sent in
VA Hospital & Cemetery	8	hours
Web Page	14	hours
Wellness Bags	35	hours and 40 bags made
Wheelchair ramps	117	hours.
Computer Assistance	17	hours
Pioneer Admin	64	hours
MS TRAM	34	hours
MS Society	147	hours
Region Meeting	60	hours
Total	1108	hours

Central Council held a business meeting on 5/29/14

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Studio Classroom Magazine:** Dave Hemmer passed around a magazine written by Chinese Students about an article on the **Pioneers Beep Baseball**. There was an article in the Rochester Paper and now this magazine.

**Regional Meeting in Monroe LA.:** Carol Barthel and Dave Hemmer from our council attended the Meeting in Monroe La. They really enjoyed the meetings. There we 24 other people from around the country that attended. Minnesota is one of the top States that has their financial stuff done right! Minnesota won an award for the Talking Books program in LA.

**Beeping Egg Hunt:** Kathy Hanson, Shirley Meyer and Pat Throlson represented the Pioneers in the Beeping Egg Hunt in Faribault on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2014.. They spent about \$261.89 of their \$300.00 budget. Much of the food was discounted or donated.. There were 14 Pioneer volunteers or partners.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Beep Baseball Tournaments:** Our council will adopt 2 baseballs for the Beep Baseball at \$50.00 a piece

**Montevideo Vouchers:** Chippewa County Historical society- \$150., Boy Scouts # 259- \$150., Girls Scouts # 63 - \$150. and the Chippewa Valley Youth Club -\$150.

**MS Tram:** The MS Tram Bike Ride is July 14-18, 2014. Starts in Pipestone and ends in Redwing. Kathy Hanson's daughter is representing the Pioneers and the 10 riders. "Wheel Deals on a Quest for the Cure" We would like to support Kathy Hanson with a pledge of \$500.00 Dave Hemmer is also asking for \$500.00 to buy supplies for our theme this year Wild Wild West.

**Talking Books Program:** Al Barthel said they need three items: \*3 prong plug- they need 4. \* need a fan in the room where they work on these books. \* need a table to work on. Dave Hemmer is going to check and see if he can't get them a table. We approved \$100.00 for these items.

Our next Life member gathering will be our annual Riverside Park Picnic in August.

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

*Due to the never ending demand on our senior Pioneers, I almost forgot to send our Life Member report.*

*We started 2014 with our traditional breakfast at Perkins downtown, St Cloud, on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Nineteen seasoned Pioneers and Partners attended. On February 11<sup>th</sup> we had our Valentine Party at the Whitney Senior Center in St Cloud. Twenty Five attended. March 11<sup>th</sup> found us back at Perkins in St Cloud for breakfast and secret sharing. Twenty One attended and three secrets were disclosed. Our final meeting before the summer break was a luncheon at Little Falls on April 8<sup>th</sup>. As always a great turn out ---38 Pioneers and Partners.*

*Again, sorry for the late report but in this election year I'm extremely busy putting together my slate of candidates for both Federal and State elections. And this just after I finished selecting a Pope and Bishop (St Cloud) for the Church.*

*Bob Lewis, Life Member President* **HARLEY FORSYTHE LIFE MEMBER CLUB**



## **Metro Life Member Pioneers**

Since the last Chapter meeting the Metro Life Member Club held a luncheon meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Seventeen members attended. We discussed how to configure our 2014-2015 meetings. Due to decreased attendance we decided to do, in addition to the 3 fund raising Casino trips, a fun excursion in the fall, a fall luncheon meeting, holiday luncheon meeting, Valentine's luncheon meeting and another meeting later in the spring. Donations were tabled until the next meeting in June. The next meeting is scheduled June 12<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-five reservations have been received. The Hug a Bear groups continue to meet each month, however the North group takes June, July and August off.

The spring casino trip was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a full bus load - with 55 people attending that raised \$275. The next trip is planned for August 6<sup>th</sup>

The Metro Life Member Pioneers/family/friends have reported 1472 volunteer hours/178 participants since the beginning of the year.

## **Metro Council**

Note: The Metro Council has informally adopted a bi-monthly meeting schedule (or as need arises). The last meeting of the Council was March 11<sup>th</sup>, this quarter's meeting was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Jeukens and Lee Poirier were unable to make the meeting, however we did share the results of their fund raising for Ronald McDonald house. A check for over \$1400 was presented to CEO John Stanoch on May 7<sup>th</sup> (it was the same day as the Casino trip so many couldn't attend the presentation). The money was earmarked for a new washer and dryer for the main house on the U of M campus. It was timely as theirs broke shortly before the check was presented.

Discussion was held about merging the Metro Council with the Metro Life Member Club in an effort to cut down on the number of 'paying' units and streamline the organization. Since there is common leadership of the organizations, a common appointed Treasurer and Secretary; there are no administrative reasons for keeping them separate. A vote was held by the Metro Council to proceed to merge the Council & Club. A vote will be held at the next meeting of the Life Members on June 12<sup>th</sup>. (Note: I anticipate a yes vote from the Life Members. When that happens the Chapter will be informed of the decision at their meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> and the PAC will be made aware that Unit 210 Metro Life Members will be merging with Unit 200 Metro Council. We will follow the dissolution guidelines issued by the PAC)

We also discussed eliminating the Skyway Sale (Pioneer Store), Unit 205. The thought was that we really don't want to be forced to do this just to meet arbitrary performance numbers imposed by the PAC, but we don't want to drag down other MN Units either. We recognize the project is winding down, but it still is a project that makes donations into the community, it gets the Pioneer name out (one of the few things left) and members still enjoy working on the project. We are not buying new inventory, we're selling current inventory at steep discounts and will access our plans later in the year. If there was a way to keep sales going in the future as just a project (without having a Unit designation), we'd like to try that.

No donations were submitted for approval at this meeting, they were tabled until the next meeting.

Gary Greb reported to me that he donated 12 bicycles to Keystone Community Services in the name of CenturyLink Pioneers. Youth in this program are taught bike repair. In the past he had fixed the bikes before donation, with this program repair parts are purchased by the organization while the kids learn new skills themselves before the bikes are passed on from Keystone Community.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Ann Neuman**

## **PALS REPORT 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

Submitted by Carol Barthel - Since March 1 we have 5,990 hours

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### **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 this year's TRAM is.

**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". We have reviewed the rest stop locations and have chosen Wednesday at St George, MN to be our theme day location. We have reserved RV camping sites at Redwood Falls, MN for Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday and will move to Faribault for Wednesday and Thursday nights.

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 will be handed out to riders on our theme day.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

The participation/donation site is up and running for the Wheel Deals Team. There are 10 riders registered. Our goal is \$12,000.00 for the team

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. This total of 700.00 does not yet show on the MS donation page but is an assured amount. This brings our current donation total to \$3040.00 as of June 12, 2014.

Kathy Hanson received a \$500.00 donation from the Central Council Pioneers. It was received on June 12 and will be presented for accounting on Monday June 16 at the MS Society office.

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 is fundraising 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 will be petitioning MN Pioneers Chapter 18 board for a donation.

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

## 6/14/13 MNPIONEERS.COM WEB SITE REPORT

Site total	1870
Chapter Minutes	42
Councils & Clubs	22
Exec. Board	99
Projects	70
Arrowhead Council	12
Central Council	30
Lakes Council	10
Hawathaland Council	10
Mpls. Life Members	15
Metro Council	20
Western Plains	7
Current News	650
Products for Sale	44
Family Campers	120
Links	40
Calendar Winners	1450
Web Master	16
Just Pictures	99
CenturyLink Benefits	25
Go Green	15

Steady since last quarter

Steady for last two quarters but still rather low.

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

Dave Hemmer – Web Master