

2017 4th Quarter Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order by Kathy Hanson, Chapter President.

In attendance; Jan Swenson, Kathy Hanson, Dave Hemmer, Barb Hemmer, Carol Barthel, Al Barthel.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Dave and seconded by Jan to approve the minutes of the last meeting as posted on the web site. Motion passed.

Jan passed out and read the financial report. Motion by Al and seconded by Dave to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

The budget report for 2018 was read. Motion by Dave and seconded by Carol to approve the 2018 budget. Motion passed.

Merger of Iowa and So. Dakota with Minnesota was discussed. We learned that 4 Century Link buildings still have Pioneer items in the buildings that need to be removed. Board members question what items are left and what is the volume of the items? Because the letter came from Debra Peterson it was decided that Kathy should contact Debra for more details. No action will be taken at this time.

Jan Swenson was under the impression that the region would contact the Iowa & So. Dakota members regarding the merger because so much of the contact data was outdated.

After much discussion we considered a number of actions:

- US mail maybe in the form of a post card with a web link to details about how the merger would be handled.

- We question who should pay for the mailing?

- We also discussed using email as the form of contact when we get an updated email list from the region.

- We decided Dave will begin work on a web page to inform the Iowa members of the pending action.

- We reviewed the "Merging of Pioneer Units" documents

No firm action plan was settled upon at the meeting.

Further discussion settled around the fact that Iowa has some money in their treasury. We decided that if Iowa was unable to meet the Region requirements for a viable Council by 12/31/2017 they would become part of the Minnesota Central Council and their funds would be transferred to Central Council. Central Council President Dave Hemmer advised that once the money becomes Central Councils the Council would not just be issuing vouchers to spend down the money but would consider requests for Iowa donations that could be substantiated as charities that Iowa has regularly donated to in the past couple years.

President Kathy Hanson requested we put our thoughts in the form of a motion to make it part of our legal record.

Motion by Dave and second by Carol that if Iowa is unable to meet the requirements to form a Council by 12/31/2017 they would become members of Minnesota Central Council. Motion passed.

Merger talks for So. Dakota will be tabled until more information is obtained from the region.

2018 Chapter meeting schedule. Tentatively set for Feb 16, 2018-Skype, June 15 2018-Skype, Sept 13, 2018-at Coon Rapids VFW and Nov 30, 2018-Skype. All meetings are scheduled for 10:00 AM

Dave pointed out the fact that there is a Legacy West Pioneers web site. www.legacywestpioneers.com

Motion by Carol and seconded by Dave to donate \$250.00 to the VFW Post 9625 for charitable causes. Motion passed.

Motion by Dave and seconded by Carol to authorize President Kathy Hanson to donate \$300.00 to any donation associated with "give to the max day" and receives matching funds. Motion passed. **(Following the meeting Kathy was unable to find a charity with a matching program so the money was not spent.)**

Motion by Pat Jeukens via telephone and seconded by Jan to donate \$200.00 to the Salvation Army on a day when this donation can be matched. Motion passed.

Motion by Dave and seconded by Carol to adjourn. Motion passed 1:30 PM.

Minutes recorded by Al Barthel

ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS SEPT. 2017 THRU
OCT. 2017**

WE SENT SYMPATHY CARDS TO SEVERAL PIONEER FAMILIES.

QUARTERLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETING:

5 ATTENDED, OCT. 25TH MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 17, 2018

DONATIONS:

VOTED TO DONATE \$300.00 TO CHUM TO HELP FEED
250 FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING.

VOTED TO DONATE \$100 EACH TO:

PELICAN RAPIDS SENIOR CENTER, PELICAN RAPIDS FOOD SHELF, FERGUS FALLS
SALVATION ARMY, SOMEPLACE
SAFE PARENTING TIME CENTER, DETROIT LAKES
SENIOR CENTER, FERGUS FALLS SENIOR CENTER,
DETROIT LAKES FOOD SHELF, FERGUS FALLS WOMEN'S
SHELTER, ANISHINAABE CENTER IN DETROIT LAKES,
**AND, \$200 EACH TO WELCOME PLACE (DETROIT LAKES
AREA) AND CIRCLE OF HOPE (DULUTH).**

DONATIONS:

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

SEPT 25 0

OCT 25 0

HEAD COVERINGS: SEPT. - 77 AND OCT. - 39

WINTER HATS WE GIVEN TO CHUM - 28 HATS

LIFE CARE CENTER IS MOVING, WE WILL NOT BE MAKING DONATIONS AGAIN
UNTIL SEPTEMBER, OR LATER.

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

RECEIVED A THANK YOU FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB FOR OUR \$500
DONATION.

BIG RED BOOK SHELF-BOOKS BEING COLLECTED EVERY DAY,
BOOKS WERE DELIVERED: SEPT. - 10 BOOKS; OCT. - 0
VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED: JULY 505, AUG. 350, AND SEPT. 489

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

Central Council report

Central Council continues to volunteer for many projects;

Wellness bags, Nursing homes, Knitting caps for homeless, Red Cross, Chore Club, assisting Elderly, Options, Talking book repair, Place of Hope, maintaining the MN Web site, volunteering at the MS TRAM, providing Computer Assistance, volunteering at the VA Hospital & Cemetery, building wheel chair Ramps.

The Central Council met at the Palmer House in Sauk Centre on Tuesday, October 10th. Twenty six Pioneers and Partners attended. A business meeting was held and the membership approved our 2018 budget. The budget approved over \$6,000.00 in charitable giving that will put the council over 90% of income to charity.

We also discussed the fact that South Dakota and Iowa both have no officers and may have to disband. The members agree that Central Council would welcome our neighbor states into our Council.

Kathy Hanson thanked the Council for their support of her riding in the MS TRAM.

We collected food donations for the 301 food drive challenge. These donations along with others collected by Kathy Hanson and Dave Hemmer were donated to the Clear Lake/Clearwater food shelf.

On November 14 we met at Perkins in St. Cloud. 23 members attended. We voted to include Toys for Tots and Food Shelf donation to be part of our Christmas Party meeting on Dec. 12th.

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.

The Central Council Life Members met at the Palmer House in Sauk Centre on Tuesday, October 10th. Twenty six Pioneers and Partners attended. I am proud to announce that the Police were not called and all participants behaved in a civil manner. I think it must be the age thing that's catching up with us. What our mind thinks and wants isn't always what our body is willing to do.

Our November meeting is scheduled November 14th at Perkins in downtown St Cloud, All of our winter meetings are scheduled for 9 AM Breakfast at Perkins in St Cloud. It's easy to get to and it doesn't take up the whole day. Perkins breakfasts are always well attended.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month and all are welcome, especially the cute Chapter Officers.

One of our spry Life Members had the following on their answering machine---"I'm not available right now but thanks for caring enough to call. I'm making some changes in my life---please leave a message at the beep. If I don't get back to you---you are one of the changes".

Bob Lewis, Life Member President.

Where there is a will, I want to be in it.

Metro Council/Life Member Club - 4th Quarter Chapter Report

Since the last report was submitted on September 14th the Metro Council and Life Member Club has held the following events:

September Luncheon and Business Meeting - 22 Pioneers and spouses attended the lunch on September 20th. Our Community Collection was food and cash for NEAR food shelf. 68 pounds of food and cash donations were dropped off at NEAR. Donations of \$200 each were made to: Family Pathways, Second Harvest Heartland and St. Joseph's Home for Children.

Cell Phone for seniors – Gary Greb and Mary Ann Neuman participated in a Senior Expo held at the Anoka Country Court House on September 27th, hosted by MN State Rep. Jim Abeler. Cell phones were handed out to interested seniors in attendance. In addition Gary has received permission from his employer to turn in hundreds of their surplus phones for cash rebates. All we have to do is ship them.

Hug A Bears – 16 Life Member Pioneers attended our October 10th regular monthly work session. We cranked out 84 Bears that were delivered to HCMC and North Memorial ambulance services. We normally make about 50-60 Bears per month and alternate between the two as to who gets them that month. In addition Paula Trapp brought the felt Christmas stockings that she and 2 of our Hug a Bear ladies (Idalene Stedman and Sally Fuchs) had sewn. Our members began decorating them. She will bring them to the group again in November and distribute them to Metro homeless shelters, crisis centers and social service agencies in December. The highlight of the meeting was the once a year appreciation luncheon (provided by the MN Chapter) we had the facility where we meet, The Heathers, cater a lovely lasagna lunch. It was delicious and our members really appreciated it.

Treasure Island Casino fund raiser on November 1st. Forty-nine Pioneers, spouses and friends traveled to Treasure Island for a day of fun and games (at least for some – others not so much!). The Metro Club earns \$5.00 for each attendee. \$245.00 was added to our treasury for donations we'll make in the coming months.

Future Events planned are: Daytripper Luncheon Theater 11/28 – a fun event to watch a holiday themed musical comedy, *The Nutcracker's Nuts*. And of course we'll be holding our Holiday Luncheon on 12/13. The Community Collection for that meeting will be *a Fun and Fuzzy Collection* for St. Joseph's Home for Children. Attendees are asked to bring a toy or a warm item of clothing for the kids at St. Joe's – tots to teens. Reservations are still open for both events.

Volunteer Hours: To date hours reported from the Metro group via Joanne Kennedy total: 3035 hours from 316 participants. As with most hours reporting, this figure is most likely under reported. Some may have reported their hours via the web.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman, President - Metro Council/Life Member Club

Web Site Report

11/16/17

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| Site total | 612 |
| Chapter Minutes | 31 |
| Exec. Board | 8 |
| Projects | 19 |
| Arrowhead Council | 0 |
| Central Council | 10 |
| Metro Council | 24 |
| Current News | 85 |
| Products for Sale | 15 |
| Family Campers | 18 |
| Links | 13 |
| Calendar Winners | 5 |
| Web Master | 6 |
| Just Pictures | 81 |
| Go Green | 7 |

Web hits are down since last quarter.

Just Pictures page is doing well.

Calendar Winners hits are still coming in even though we no longer have calendars.

Current news page is good.

Dave Hemmer – Web Master

Chapter report Nov 16 2017 – MS Bike Tours MS TRAM

Bike MS: TRAM Ride 2018

Date: Location and dates for the 2018 MS TRAM have not yet been announced

This year the Pioneers will be volunteering at the MS TRAM ringing the bell to cheer on the riders and selling buttons to raise funds for the MS Society.

Submitted by Dave Hemmer

Pioneers ride team “Wheel Deals” report.

The 2017 MS TRAM is now history. Your Pioneer sponsored ride team Wheel Deals had a successful week of riding. Our fundraising efforts were successful too and many thanks to the Legacy West Pioneers for their generous supporting donation.

The team of seven riders attained 115% of the goal we set, which was \$10,000

There were 108 separate donation posted to our tally page. Letters, pin sales, fundraisers and personal donations all helped reach the \$11, 545 donation total.

We hope to field a 2018 team of riders.

Submitted by Kathy Hanson, Wheel Deals team rider and proud Pioneer

Submitted by Kathy Hanson