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MN LEGACY WEST PIONEERS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of meeting 2/2/2017 – Called to order by President Kathy Hanson at 10:00 AM

Also in attendance- Pat J., Jan S., Mary Ann N., Dave & Barb H., Al & Carol B.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting was discussed, Motion by Dave, Seconded by Jan to approve. Motion carried.

Financial report was give by Jan. Motion by Dave, seconded by Carol. Discussion held about Caring and Sharing Hands.

Decision made to send a letter to Mary Jo Copeland about our donation made in Dec. 2016. The financial report was approved.

Old Business;

Discussion held about where all books such as story books, cook books, etc. went after CenturyLink clean out. Kathy needs to know so she can talk about it at the association meeting. Kathy also wanted to know where other items were donated to from the clean out of CenturyLink buildings.

Jan reported on Amazon Smile or Smile Amazon reward program offered by Amazon.com. Where does this money go that is collected by the Region? Dave would promote this on our web site if we determine that our Chapter benefits.

Carol talked about volunteer hours. A couple years ago our chapter reported 80,000 hours, now there is only 11,000 hours reported in the same period. We also discussed who does what?

New Business;

Pat talked about the upcoming meals for Ronald McDonald house. One on April 23rd and one in Oct. The Menu in April will consist of a salad or food bar.

Kathy reported on the Beeping Eggs. Kathy will take eggs to the Becker Senior Center and explain the Beeping Egg project to the seniors.

Kathy reported that the annual meeting of Telecom Pioneers will be held at Hilton Head in So. Carolina. A motion was make by Mary Ann to pay for Hotel and Travel expenses associated with the annual meeting for Kathy. Motion passed.

(Corrected per Al's recording of the meeting) Kathy also reported that the 2018 annual meeting would be for just our 14 state areas (Legacy West Pioneers). Before CenturyLink stopped supporting Pioneers there was about \$300,000 in funds but CenturyLink spent \$100,000 on mailings to advise employees and pioneers of its decision to stop supporting Pioneers. Now there is only \$200,000 left in the region coffers.

Kathy reported on states that have no officers and no active Pioneer meetings. We discussed merging with So. Dakota and Iowa. Motion by Dave and Second by Jan that we merge with So. Dakota and Iowa with the stipulation that the region cover any initial expenses such as mailings associated with the merger. Motion passed.

Kathy talked about shirts with Legacy West Pioneer logo. No action was taken.

Dave suggested we might consider having a SKYPE conference call for our June meeting rather than all travel to St. Cloud. A discussion was held and we agreed to try it. Pat advised she would participate with audio only no camera.

Dave would like everyone to install Skype on their computer or smart phone and test a Skype connection with him to make sure everyone will be able to get on the call.

Dave made and Mary Ann seconded to donate \$300.00 to St. Jude Medical. Motion passed.

Dave reported on the web site activity.

Dave gave a report on MS TRAM for 2017. Dave made a motion and seconded by Al to donate \$300.00 per rider on our ride team, not to exceed 10 riders or \$3,000. Discussion followed. Vote was called and passed 7 for and 1 against.

CORRECTION PER PAT J. EMAIL – Due to the amount of this expense it falls under our 90 day rule so this motion will be held until after 90 days (May 4th) at which time the motion will be called again.

Jan gave a report on direct marketing. Some confusion over direct marketing and royalties. Question needs to be asked again will we get a portion of these funds left over from funding the PAC?

Mary Ann requested a 2017 budget for charitable funds.

Mary Ann made a motion, seconded by Pat to give VFW post 9652 a donation of \$100.00. Motion passed.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled to be on SKYPE – June 6th at 10: AM.

Motion to adjourn by Al, seconded by Dave. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Barthel, Secretary

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

05/14/2017

This is an addendum to the minutes of the MN Legacy West Pioneers executive board meeting held on February 2, 2017.

Dave Hemmer made a motion to donate to the Upper Midwest MS Society \$300 per rider, up to a limit of ten riders, on a ride team called Wheel Deals in a fundraiser called the MS TRAM. Board member Al Barthel seconded the motion. The motion was subsequently tabled for at least ninety days.

On May 9, 2017, President Kathy Hanson called for an e-mail vote from all executive board members on the tabled motion with a vote deadline of May 13 2017.

Six votes were cast in favor of the motion and two members abstained. The motion was passed.

Kathy notified the Board of the outcome on May 14, 2017 via e-mail.

Submitted by Kathy Hanson

ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS DEC., 2016 THRU
JAN., 2017**

WE SENT SYMPATHY CARDS TO SEVERAL PIONEER FAMILIES.

QUARTERLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETING:

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEB. 13, 2017.

DONATIONS:

CIRCLE OF HOPE \$200; VFW \$200; SALVATION ARMY \$200.

DONATIONS:

HUG-A-BEARS TO ST LUKE'S AND LIFE CARE CENTER		
DEC	25	24
JAN	25	24

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

HEAD WRAPS:

HEAD WRAPS. DEC. 38; JAN. 38

BIG RED BOOK SHELF-BOOKS BEING COLLECTED EVERY DAY, DELIVERED

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

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2/6/17

Central Council continues to volunteer for the following projects;

Wellness bags,	79 hours	157 bags
Nursing homes,	20 hours	
Knitting caps for homeless,	31 hours	
Red Cross,	10 hours	
Chore Club,	51 hours	
EZ Help cell phones, assisting Elderly, Options,	6 hours	
Talking book repair, Place of Hope,	18 hours	7 sent in
maintaining the MN Web site,	5 hours	
volunteering at the MS TRAM, providing Computer Assistance,		
volunteering at the VA Hospital & Cemetery,	4 hours	
building wheel chair Ramps.	7 hours	

We have changed our annual agenda to eliminate our Feb Valentine party, our Aug Riverside park picnic, and our Dec. Christmas party. Each of these events will be changed to a Life Member Breakfast at Perkins in downtown St. Cloud

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. A tradition that will someday be nothing more than a memory.

The hardy Pioneers of the Central Council met at Perkins in downtown St Cloud on Tuesday, December 13th. The election was over and by the most part, Democrats and Republicans were civil to each other. President Dave Hemmer conducted a short meeting covering our plans for 2017. The Hawaiian retreat for officers of the Council was tabled.

Looking ahead we have scheduled a breakfast meeting at downtown Perkins for our February 14th and March 14th meetings. We will attempt to solve our immigration/refugee problem that will lessen the burden on the poor people that have to march in protest. Life's greatest gifts sometime come wrapped in adversity.

Our April 11th meeting is in Little Falls at the Pizza Ranch. There is always a great turn out at Little Falls. Spring is in the air and we are all looking forward to the summer where the liven is easy.

Lord keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

As always, the cute Chapter Officers are always welcome.

Bob Lewis, Life Member President.

Metro Council/Life Member Club

1st Quarter Report ---- January 31, 2017

At this early date in the quarter, the Metro Council/Life Member Club doesn't have a lot to report, as we have not held any club-wide events.

What have we done so far you ask?

I guess the biggest thing we did was survive 2016.

No not the election, although that was difficult. We survived getting dumped by CenturyLink, removing all manner of Pioneer materials from CenturyLink buildings with a lot of help from Pioneer volunteers and some key folks from CenturyLink. We re-grouped and were born again as Legacy West Pioneers when we named ourselves before the New Year.

The Life Members finished off 2016 with a Holiday Party on December 7th where 40 Life Members enjoyed fellowship, collected many toys and clothes for the kids at St. Joseph's Home for Children and contributed \$80 for them to purchase additional items the kids might want. Additional \$200 donations were made to: the Salvation Army, Caring & Sharing Hands, Ascension Place and the Wounded Warrior Project.

In 2016, 192 participants in the combined Metro Club reported 2124 volunteer hours.

The newly combined (into one) Hug a Bear group meet on January 10th and finished off 65 bears. We will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year.

Life Members, family and guests also are taking their first 2017 Treasure Island Casino trip on February 1st. Forty-three folks will board the bus for the casino. As usual, some lucky folks come home with more money and others don't do so well. But we will raise \$200+ for our group. Further trips in 2017 are planned for May, August and November.

The Metro Life Member Club has their Valentine Luncheon planned for February 23rd. Future lunches haven't been planned at this time, but there probably will be another luncheon meeting later this spring, early in the fall and of course another holiday lunch. We may also try and arrange a fun outing to a local play or event later in the year.

The Metro Council - which does not have any currently employed CenturyLink members who are active in the Pioneers - will meet via conference call later in the spring. We are trying to come up with a spot (centrally located) where we could hold a face to face meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman, Metro President

Web Site Report

2/2/17

Site total	2681
Chapter Minutes	93
Exec. Board	247
Projects	98
Arrowhead Council	93
Central Council	67
Metro Council	120
Current News	385
Products for Sale	131
Family Campers	244
Links	188
Calendar Winners	389
Web Master	27
Just Pictures	238
Go Green	33

Web hits are up a little 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 Feb 2 2017 – MS Bike Tours MS TRAM

Bike MS: TRAM Ride 2017

Date: We're excited to announce the route for Bike MS: TRAM Ride 2017! **Next year's ride will be held July 19-23** and will take you on a cycling adventure through the picturesque scenery and rich history of central Minnesota. Once again, we'll offer a three-day option for cyclists who prefer a shorter jaunt! The three-day ride will span Friday to Sunday.

This year the Pioneers will not be managing Rest Stop #3.

However we 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.

Our group will be attending the MS Awards banquet Feb. 11th and more information will be available on our plans for 2017 following the banquet.

Submitted by Dave Hemmer

MS TRAM BIKE TEAM REPORT 2017 1st QUARTER

The team had 4 riders registered. The team had a goal to raise \$10,000.

We raised \$14,994 in 2016. We hope to surpass that in 2017.

There are already 4 riders registered and we've raised over \$500 thus far.

Fundraisers are planned, donations great and small are welcome!

Thanks to everyone who donated, especially the Pioneers.

Submitted by Kathy Hanson