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## **Minnesota Chapter Executive Board Conference Call**

**6-15-2018**

Present: Kathy Hanson, Al and Carol Barthel, Dale Axtell, Mary Ann Neuman, Dave Hemmer, Jan Swenson

**Meeting opened** with pledge of allegiance.

**Minutes of the Feb. 16, 2018.** Jan made a motion to accept as posted on the web, Mary Ann seconded, motion passed.

**Financial report by Jan Swenson.** Discussion on how the PAC is lacking and the fact that some issues are not being resolved in a timely fashion. Discussion on dues collected of \$2503.00 through Nov. and Direct Marketing income of \$11,617.00 through April has been deposited into the Chapter account. Also So. Dakota has \$15,485.00 moved from their old Chapter to their new So. Dakota Council under Minnesota Chapter.

Following a discussion on how to split the dues & direct marketing funds between the councils, Dave Hemmer made a motion to continue giving 25% to the Chapter and 18.75% to each of the 4 councils (Arrowhead, Central, Metro, and So. Dakota) assuming each Council had there required reports in on time. Dave stated that he thought So. Dakota became a Minnesota Council on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Mary Ann seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Al Barthel made a motion to accept the financial report by Jan. Motion seconded by Mary Ann and passed.

**Old Business;** Kathy advised that on the monthly leadership calls there was concern about unauthorized bank accounts. However she stated that we are in good shape since Minnesota, Iowa, and So. Dakota all are using the Wells Fargo Account. Kathy also talked about any old Pioneer artifacts and equipment left in CenturyLink offices. She asked that everyone dispose of items in their area.

We were updated on the officers for the new So. Dakota Council. Robert Denny is President and Dale Axtell will be the Secretary/Treasurer.

**New Business;** Kathy Hanson reported on the May 31<sup>st</sup> Beeping Egg hunt at Faribault, MN. This event at the MN Academy for the Blind was a huge success. The Pioneers teamed up with a local youth group. Kathy also purchased 2 beeping Frisbees and donated them to the kids.

Jan made a motion, at Pat Jeukens request, for a \$250.00 donation to the Pancreatic Cancer Purple Ride Stride. Mary Ann seconded and the motion was passed.

Mary Ann made a motion to donate \$250.00 to The Story Theater Group to be used to purchase books, costumes, and other supplies. Seconded by Dave Hemmer. Motion passed.

Kathy requested she be invited to a Story Theater Group presentation so she could pass it on for posting on the Legacy West web page. Mary Ann advised she would provide a copy of an article she had written for the retiree newsletter (Guardian).

Discussion was held on where to obtain fiber fill for hug-a-bears.

Carol Barthel reported on the fact that all the hours have been reported through PALs. We discussed what the hours were used for and decided maybe just for bragging rights or maybe for an award.

Dave Hemmer asked if recent retiree Deb Cielinski would be receiving a life member membership card. No one seemed to know the answer.

Dave Hemmer requested everyone send him any new events or activities that could be posted on the web site.

Dave Hemmer asked if we might consider asking Nancy Ellifson to join the executive board as a representative from the Arrowhead Council. I would be nice if we could have someone from Arrowhead join our meetings.

Mary Ann asked for a clarification on whose obituary could be posted on our Pioneer web site. Dave Hemmer clarified that Pioneers and Pioneer family members can be posted on the web site.

Jan Swenson asked that we keep her informed of any Pioneer retirements, death, address, email, or telephone# changes so that she can keep the data base up to date.

Dale Axtell requested a copy of the "Signature of Approval form" Jan Swenson will send him one.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Ann. Seconded by Dave Hemmer. Motion passed.

**Al Barthel Secretary**

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**ATTACHMENT:** activity amended to the minutes conducted via email following the conference call.

**#1** Via email; On Sat, Jun 16, 2018, 12:50 PM Jan Swenson <[jan.swenson.pioneer@gmail.com](mailto:jan.swenson.pioneer@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi all,

Sorry I forgot to make a motion for the payment for the Pioneer PO box for the upcoming year. The renewal will be in either July or August and I believe it would be for \$82 since the sign in the Post Office says \$41 for 6 months. Please second and vote on the motion.

For those who don't know our Chapter's address is:

MN Chapter 18 Pioneer  
PO Box 29754  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429-0754

Thanks,

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This email request was seconded and passed by the responding members with no Nay votes.

Kathy Hanson, President  
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**#2** On Jun 17, 2018, at 4:17 PM, Dave Hemmer <[dhemmer1@mpioneers.com](mailto:dhemmer1@mpioneers.com)> wrote:

I move to donate \$300.00 for each of up to 10 bike riders on the "Wheel Deals" Pioneer riding team to the MS society. We currently have 7 riders signed up and may or may not get more riders. \$300 covers each rider's Minimum pledge for riding. The riding team has a goal of \$10,000 and already has raised nearly \$4,000. The team raises pledges at Pancake breakfasts, matching funds, selling buttons, and other fundraisers.

The MS TRAM continues to be the Pioneer project gaining the highest number of volunteer hours in MN.

This motion has been seconded by Mary Ann Neuman.  
The vote will be called for at our Sept. 13, 2018 meeting.

**#3** Clarification needed regarding the following motion.

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Although this motion could be valid as passed we need to clarify a number of items.

: When did So. Dakota become a Minnesota Council.

: When did direct marketing funds stop going into So. Dakota Chapter and start going into So. Dakota Council.

: When did collected dues stop going into So. Dakota Chapter and start going into So. Dakota Council.

Only after these items are clarified we can determine what date to implement the new funds distribution rules.

**ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS**  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS FEB. 2018 THRU  
APRIL 2018**

WE SENT SYMPATHY CARDS TO SEVERAL PIONEER FAMILIES.

QUARTERLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETING:

4 ATTENDED, APRIL 18, 2018 MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 17, 2018

DONATIONS: \$200-DAMIANO CTR; \$200 NORTH CENTRAL SECOND HARVEST; \$600 TO  
NORTHERN LAKES SECOND HARVEST; \$200 CHUM.

WE RECEIVED THANK YOU'S FROM ALL. AND FROM THE WELCOME PLACE, FERGUS FALLS  
SENIOR CTR.

DONATIONS:

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

FEB	25	0
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MAR	25	0
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APR	25	0
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HEAD COVERINGS: DELIVERED - FEB. 27; MAR 31; AND APR 28  
TO ESSENTIA CANCER CENTER.

ON VALENTINE'S DAY - 5 SMALL AND 2 LARGE HEART BEARS WERE DELIVERED TO ST LUKE'S.  
HIBBING POLICE DEPT. - 2 LARGE/2 SMALL BEARS WERE MAILED 2-1-2018.

LIFE CARE CENTER IS IN ITS NEW LOCATION, WE WILL CHECK TO SEE  
IF THEY WANT BEARS.

BIG RED BOOK SHELF-BOOKS BEING COLLECTED EVERY DAY,  
BOOKS WERE DELIVERED: 40 FEB; 35 MAR; 38 APR.

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED: JAN- 468; FEB- 512; MAR- 593

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

## CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 5/15/18

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.

We held meetings at the downtown Perkins in St. Cloud and at the Pizza Ranch in Little Falls. Each was well attended by Pioneers.

The transfer of the Iowa Pioneers into the Central Council has been completed. However the funds have been transferred but are still not showing up in our treasury report. We are awaiting answers from the Region.

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 wrapped up their Pioneer year with Breakfast meetings at Perkins in St Cloud February and March and a luncheon at the Pizza House in Little Falls in April. Our breakfast meetings are always well attended with approximately 30 Pioneers and Partner. The February meeting was held on February 13 and was a combination of celebrations—Valentine’s Day, Fat Tuesday, and Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Everyone tries to outdo others with what they intend to give up for Lent. After all the smoke cleared the number one sacrifice was asparagus and imported beer from Russia. Our luncheon in Little Falls was tremendous with over 40 Pioneers and Partners. There was a lot of talk regarding impeachment of our Council President. However, after listing all his accomplishments they decided to double his salary for this year.*

*The exciting 2018 meetings will kick off with a luncheon at Chateau Waters in Sartell August 14<sup>th</sup>. Ties and jackets will be available for those that are not properly dressed.*

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

*You will miss 100% of the shots that you don’t take.*

*Bob Lewis, Life Member President.*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – MN Chapter Report**

### **Metro Council/ Life Member Club**

**June 12, 2018**

Since our last Chapter Report, the Metro Council/Life Member Club held two membership luncheon meetings. On February 22<sup>nd</sup> 28 Pioneers and guests attended our special Valentine's lunch. At that meeting the following organizations received \$200 donations: People Serving People, JDRF Walk.

We also met on April 24<sup>th</sup> where 31 attendees made the following donations of \$200 each to: MS Tram Team, NEAR Food Shelf and MAC-V. Our April community collection was for PRISM Food Shelf and Services. We collected \$70 cash and members brought in food and household products starting with S – for spring.

Our June membership meeting is scheduled for the thirteenth. We have 24 reservations. Our community collection this month is for summer toys and clothing for the kids at Mary's Place.

Our Metro group worked to bring in income from the following activities: our May Casino trip of 44 attendees brought in \$220. Gary Greb's Cell Phones for seniors was very active sending in phones for recycling resulting in checks of \$231.00 in April and \$643.44 in May.

Our Hug a Bear group continues to meet each month donating Bears to North Memorial Ambulance Service and Hennepin County Medical Center Ambulance Service. We alternate donations each month to these groups and donate 50-75 bears a month. The new issue of The Retiree Guardian will feature an article on our Hug a Bear group, following in the footsteps of the article by Kathy about Al and his Talking Book repair activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman, President

**Date:** Sunday, July 15

- Day 1 (Monday, July 16): St. Peter to Northfield
- Day 2 (Tuesday, July 17): Northfield to Owatonna
- Day 3 (Wednesday, July 18): Owatonna to Waseca
- Day 4 (Thursday, July 19): Waseca to Mankato
- Day 5 (Friday, July 20): Mankato to St. Peter

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 2018 Team Goal is \$10,000. We have raised 32% of that or \$3,480.

Some of the things we are doing to encourage donations are writing to friends and family by all riders, Kathy is holding a pancake breakfast on July 22, 2018 at Timberwoods Resort near Annandale MN and she has a contract at that fundraiser to get some matching funds. We are selling buttons made by Dave Hemmer at gatherings with Pioneers, the Telephone Pioneer Family Campers and to anyone we can interest in donating. Kathy sold her clothing and gear from her Super bowl volunteer stint and buyers made checks out to MS for Kathy’s ride.

We still have 7 riders registered and a couple have already reached Golden Gear level in fundraising which is a rank given to riders raising over \$1,000.

**Web Site Report**

**5/15/2018**

Site total	1194
Chapter Minutes	36
Exec. Board	56
Projects	68
Arrowhead Council	20
Central Council	22
Metro Council	51
Current News	161
Products for Sale	28
Family Campers	35
Links	19
Calendar Winners	7
Web Master	32
Just Pictures	78
Go Green	12

Web hits are up since last quarter.

Projects page is doing well.

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

Current news page is up.