

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF CHAPTER 18 MN PIONEERS Sept 13, 2018

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MN CHAPTER MEETING, TELEPHONE PIONEERS SEPT 13, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Kathy.

Members present, Kathy Hanson, Dave & Barb Hemmer, Pat Jeukens, Mary Ann Neuman, Jan Swenson, Carol & Al Barthel.

Motion – Mary Ann to accept minutes as posted on web. Second by Jan. Passed.

Financial report by Jan- discussed So Dakota funds, end of dues collections, and direct marketing funds.

Motion – Mary Ann to accept financial report. Second by Dave. Motion passed.

Discussed Iowa funds, President of Central Council will control the former Iowa funds that have now been deposited into Central Council account. Dave announced that since last Chapter meeting Central Council has spent \$1,000 dollars in charitable donations in Iowa.

Old Business:

Discussed MS TRAM and riders. There will not be a Pioneer riding team going forward. This year the team raised \$15,000. Motion from previous meeting to pledge \$300 per rider for up to 10 riders. This year we had 9 riders so the donation amount would be \$2,700. **Motion by Dave** to approve the donation. Second by Mary Ann. Motion passed.

Discussed the status of the Iowa and So Dakota Chapters. Kathy advised that this was complete. So. Dakota is now a Council in Minnesota Chapter and Iowa is part of the Central Council.

Pat discussed Pancreatic Cancer and announced that there are now 20 year survivors. Pat is involved in raising funds to help find a cure.

New Business

Talked about distribution of dues and direct marketing funds from the Chapter to the Councils. Some discussion over So Dakota having received part of their share from the Region already.

Motion by Dave to hold So Dakota's 18.75 share in escrow until Jan can determine what percentage they may have already received from the region, when that has been determine we would then make their distribution less any amount already received. Motion passed.

Discussion about Cook books, it has been determined that we are done with cookbooks.

Discussion on Annual meeting in March 2019. Kathy will check on prices and bring information to the next meeting. We will discuss reimbursement of her expenses at the next meeting.

Discussion of the Pioneer bus trip. Pioneers, their family and friends are invited to participate. Twisted Sisters Travel is arranging the trip. Bus will leave from Monticello and also make stops to pick up riders in Mpls & St. Paul. We need 40 people to make the trip viable. Dave handed out flyers.

Kathy talked about the literary project. She has ordered books, pencils, & bags for the Clearwater library. Central Council and Debbie Lechner have donated to the project. Oct 27th is the date.

Motion by Pat to donate \$150 to Family Pathway food shelf. Second by Dave. Motion passed.

Jan discussed a project she seen on TV about building bunk beds and providing sleeping items for low income families.

Motion by Jan to donate \$200 to Red Cross disaster relief. Second by Carol. Motion passed.

Dave advised us on web site activities. Keeping our web address visible helps get more hits on our site.

Motion by Dave to donate \$100 to VFW post 9625. Second by Carol. Motion passed.

Motion by Dave to adjourn. Second by Carol. Motion passed.

ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS MAY. 2018 THRU
JULY, 2018**

WE SENT SYMPATHY CARDS TO SEVERAL PIONEER FAMILIES.

QUARTERLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETING:

5 ATTENDED, JULY 17, 2018 MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCT. 17, 2018

DONATIONS: NORTHLAND NEWBORN FOUNDATION - \$300; CIRCLE OF HOPE - \$200;

DONATIONS:

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

MAY	25	0
JUNE	25	0
JULY	25	0

LIFE CENTER NO LONGER WANTS ANY HUG-A-BEARS

HEAD COVERINGS: DELIVERED - APRIL- 28; MAY -30; AND JUNE -29
JULY - 22 TO ESSENTIA CANCER CENTER.

HIBBING POLICE DEPT. - AS REQUESTED

BIG RED BOOK SHELF-BOOKS BEING COLLECTED OFTEN.

BOOKS WERE DELIVERED: MAY - 0; JUNE - 8; JULY - JUST STRAIGHTENED
THE SHELVES, NO BOOKS DELIVERED.

BOOKS - DROP OFF AND PICK UP - NOW OUT OF THE LINCOLN PARK CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
COLLABORATIVE AT 24TH AVE WEST & 5TH STREET.

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED: APRIL - 507; MAY - 447; JULY - 424

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

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 9/13/18

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 Chateau Waters apartments in St. Cloud and were treated to a gift bag and tour of the facility. We also met for breakfast this week at Perkins in St. Cloud. Each was well attended by Pioneers.

It was announced by Dave Hemmer that a \$500 gift was received from the wife of a deceased pioneer who had enjoyed fishing from a Pioneer built dock. The group approved passing this along in the form of a donation to a charity called Veterans to the Lake which is a 501C3 that takes veterans fishing.

The transfer of the Iowa Pioneers into the Central Council has been completed. Since our last Chapter meeting we have made \$1,100.00 in charitable donations to Iowa food shelves and other Iowa charities.

We discussed a Community service project about providing books, bags, & treats to local Library and coordinating a service day to read or have someone read to children. Pioneer Debbie Lechner offered a donation of \$150.00 from her aluminum can collection project toward this project. Central Council approved an additional \$150.00 donation for bags, school supplies, etc. to be used as hand-outs at the Clearwater Library Halloween event.

We also discussed that the Pioneer Family Campers planned bus trip to Renfro Valley KY. More information will be sent to the membership via email latter.

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.

We opened our exciting 2018 Pioneer Meetings with a luncheon at Chateau Waters. 42 Pioneer and Partners attended. Tours were offered after the meeting and several took advantage of the opportunity. Not everyone is interested in a Retirement Home but as we age many find them extremely comfortable and reassuring. I am enjoying my residence – it would be great if it wasn't for so many old people. Hearing Aids are a big topic of conversation. Most of my fellow residents have them. I refuse to acknowledge any hearing loss. I wear a wire around my neck that matches those with hearing devises and people automatically speak louder when talking to me. Don't be afraid of growing older---You'll still do stupid things—only slower.

Our upcoming meeting schedule:

September 11, Breakfast at Perkins, downtown St Cloud, 9 AM

October 9, Luncheon in Sauk Centre at the Palmer House-lunch at noon.

November 13, December 11, January 8,2019, February 12, March 12, Breakfast at Perkins, downtown St Cloud. 9 AM.

April 9, 2019, Luncheon at Little Falls.

All are welcome.

Bob Lewis, Central Council Life Member President

Metro Council/ Life Member Club

3rd Quarter Chapter Report

What I did on my summer vacation..... Since we had our last Chapter conference call on June 15th the Metro Pioneers have not done too much, yes it seems like a real summer vacation.

The Hug a Bear group still met over the summer and continued churning out our cute little critters. In fact, the last quarterly issue of The Retiree Guardian, published by the NWB-USW-Qwest Retiree Association contained a very informative article (it should be, I wrote it) about the Hug A Bear group.

The Life Member Club also hosted our summer casino trip. 42 people traveled to Treasure Island and some even came back with more money than they brought. Imagine that! Never happens to me. Each of our fund-raising efforts (4 trips per year) brings in about \$275 to our account.

The Metro Council/Life Member Club has continued the cell phone reclamation project headed by Gary Greb. Over the summer we received \$2154.84 for cell phones we've sent in.

Since the last chapter report we have donated to White Bear Lake Triad/Senior Group, Camp Gratitude, The Cookie Cart, and Pancreatic Cancer. The donations totaled \$850.

Over the summer (June to August) we reported 692 volunteer hours incurred by 86 participants.

Our plans for the remainder of the year are: Fall Council/Life Member business lunch on October 22nd, Fall casino trip on November 7 and Holiday meeting/lunch on December 4th.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman, President

Metro Council/Life Member Club

This year the ride traveled from St. Peter to Northfield to Waseca to Owatonna to Mankato and ended in St. Peter. The five day ride was held during the third week in July.

There were nine riders who rode for the team. All riders raised \$1000 in donations and reached the Golden Gears achievement level. Wheel Deals surpassed their \$10,000 goal and have a final total of \$15,081.

Members raised donations by soliciting them from community, friends, family and organizations. One Pioneer Dave Hemmer from Central Council made buttons which were sold for a free will donation prior to the fundraiser ride and during the ride each day. Our primary seller was Judy Erickson of Sauk Centre who has MS and whose husband, Roger, is a rider on the Wheel Deals team. A fundraiser pancake breakfast at an Annandale MN campground was held and proceeds were matched by a corporation. We are proud of the personal initiative and involvement and creativity in fundraising that will make a difference to people who have MS, the families who support them and that help fund research to find a cure.

The Wheel Deal ride team will be disbanding and rider/fundraisers who wish to continue the event will join other ride teams or go solo. The Telephone Pioneer 10,000 Lakes Family Campers and area Pioneers who volunteered in any way may still stay involved individually.

This was a very successful year and we are grateful to the individual Pioneers and those Councils who backed this chapter sanctioned project again this year.

Submitted by: Kathy Hanson, Wheel Deals Ride Team Member

Web Site Report

9/13/2018

Site total	2003
Chapter Minutes	60
Exec. Board	112
Projects	90
Arrowhead Council	35
Central Council	35
Metro Council	63
Current News	254
Products for Sale	41
Family Campers	64
Links	33
Calendar Winners	13
Web Master	40
Just Pictures	105
Go Green	14

Web hits are up since last quarter.

Projects, News, Pictures, Chapter Minutes pages are all doing well.

Dave Hemmer – Web Master