

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF CHAPTER 18 MN PIONEERS March 26, 2019

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Legacy West Pioneer Chapter Executive Board Quarterly Meeting

March 26th at 10:00 AM via conference call

Attendees; Kathy Hanson, Dave Hemmer, Jan Swenson, Mary Ann Neuman, Pat Jeukens, Al & Carol Barthel, Dale Axtell- So. Dak. & Nancy Eilefson- Arrowhead, Nick Lucy - Iowa

Approval of Nov 2018 meeting minutes Mary Ann Neuman moved to accept, Jan Swenson seconded motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer Report by Jan Swenson. Motion to accept by Al Barthel, Neuman seconded, motion passed

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy announced she will visit the Little Falls VFW to see if there is a way we could show our appreciation for the volunteers who Help out on the “Wreath across America” project.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy announced the association would like our Chapter to report the amount that we have approved to pay for vehicle mileage expenses. Following some discussion it was decided to make a motion to continue at the same rate as we had paid in previous years. We felt having it as a motion would get it into the minutes for easy reference.

Motion by Hemmer to continue paying .36 per mile. The only approved mileage expense is travel to Chapter meeting if over 50 miles one-way. Any other mileage expenses would have to be approved by the Executive Board.

Seconded by Mary Ann, motion passed.

Kathy advised that at the conference it was discussed that Councils could have regular members assigned to approve vouchers, and that spouses or family members could not approve vouchers for each other.

Also it was learned that we could not accept non monetary donations and receive credit for donating them to charities by using the voucher form to receive & disperse them. This will help us maintain or 65% charitable goal. The common value of food items is \$1.00 per pound. Discussion held on preparing the voucher form and decided we may need PAC assistance for the first few vouchers.

Kathy met with vendors at the annual meeting reports that Office Maxx, Office Depot offer a discount card worth up to 80% off store prices including printing.

She also reported on the community service project at the annual conference. Participants brought socks, toothpaste, and other sundry items for sharing with homeless people.

Kathy provided an update on the progress and future locations for Central Councils “Building readers one book at a time” project.

Al Barthel talked about his dissatisfaction with the PAC. They made a lot of promises when they took over our banking but haven’t followed through. He thinks they should give us back our money and banking and just to the accounting. Al is very disgusted with the PAC.

We learned that we can now accept non-employees such as friends and relatives as Pioneers with no dues unless they hold office.

Nick Lucy reported the Dubuque Iowa Pioneers are having regular luncheons, but he doesn’t hear from any of the other Iowa Pioneers.

Motion by Jeukens to send \$100 to Hope Lodge. Second by Mary Ann, motion passed.

Motion by Jeukens to spend up to \$350 for meals at Ronald McDonald house. Second by Mary Ann, motion passed.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn meeting.

Al Barthel recording secretary

**ARROWHEAD COUNCIL TELEPHONE PIONEERS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

**SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND PROJECTS NOVEMBER, 2018 THRU
JANUARY, 2019.**

WE SENT SYMPATHY CARDS TO SEVERAL PIONEER FAMILIES.

QUARTERLY ARROWHEAD COUNCIL MEETING:
6 ATTENDED, MEETING JANUARY 16, 2019
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 17, 2019

DONATIONS:

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

NOV	25	0
DEC	25	0
JAN	25	0

ALSO, DELIVERED 30 CHRISTMAS BEARS.

LIFE CENTER NO LONGER WANTS ANY HUG-A-BEARS
HEAD COVERINGS: NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME AT
ESSENTIA CANCER CENTER.

HIBBING POLICE DEPT. - HUG-A-BEARS AS REQUESTED

NOV. - WE DELIVERED THIRTY-TWO HATS, ONE PAIR BOOTIES, ONE T-SHIRT, CHRISTMAS CARDS,
2019 CALENDARS TO CHUM.

BIG RED BOOK SHELF-BOOKS BEING COLLECTED
BOOKS WERE DELIVERED: 30 DELIVERED IN OCTOBER.
ALSO SPENT TIME CLEANING/STRAIGHTENING UP THE BOOKSHELF.

WE PURCHASED BAGS FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL CANCER
CENTER.

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED: SENT IN BY NANCY EILEFSON
OCT. - 411; NOV. - 357; DEC. - 244.

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

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 3/26/2019

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.

maintaining the MN Web site, volunteering & donating to the MS TRAM, providing Computer Assistance,

volunteering at the VA Hospital & Cemetery, building wheel chair Ramps.

Dec, Jan, and Feb. we held breakfast social and meetings at Perkins in downtown St. Cloud. These were well attended even during periods of heavy snow storms.

Our Community service project about providing books, bags, & treats to local Libraries is going well.

We held our second event at the Foley Library on Friday Dec. 7th. Our next “Building readers one book at a time” event will be held on March 23rd at the Becker, MN Library. Kathy Hanson was successful in securing a grant from the region to fund the next few library events.

We continue to support the Pioneer Family Campers planned bus trip to Renfro Valley KY. We now have about 30 travelers signed up for this event. All Pioneers and friends are welcome. More information is available on the web site.

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.

2019, Luncheon at Little Falls. All our welcome.

Due to personal conflicts there is no detailed Harley Forsythe Life Member Club report this quarter

Bob Lewis, Central Council Life Member President

First Quarter – 2019

Chapter Report – Metro

March 21, 2019

The Metro Council/ Life Member Club held its Holiday Luncheon on 12/4 with 38 folks in attendance. We had a Secret Santa exchange amongst the attendees and also collected a great deal of presents (toys, books, games, clothes, etc.) for Mary's Place plus a cash donation to them of \$110. At the meeting \$200 donations were made to: Minnesota Military Family Fund, Salvation Army, Wreaths Across America, Union Gospel Mission and Tubman Family Services.

During 2018 the Metro members reported 3223 volunteer hours to Joanne Kennedy (others may have reported directly to Carol via the web page). Those hours came from the efforts of 349 participants.

The Metro club didn't start 2019 with a bang. Like the rest of the Minnesota, we got hit with weather issues in February. Our 2/6 Casino trip to Treasure Island was cancelled due to weather conditions. However, it was re-scheduled to March 6 and 39 people tried to hit the jackpot – none did.

The Metro group loves a good party, so we held our annual Valentine's lunch on 2/21 (always after the big day – cause we can get the candy and flowers cheaper). This year we had 30 folks attending. \$200 donations were made to each of the following organizations: Avenues, Inc., Pinky Swear Foundation, JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes), and Meals on Wheels. And in keeping with March's designation as Minnesota Food Share Month we donated \$100 each to: NEAR, PRISM, Family Pathways and Neighbors, Inc.

Future plans include a May 1st casino trip and most likely a June picnic lunch. Stay tuned!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman, President

South Dakota Council 1st Quarter notes

Everyone is trying to stay warm and keep up with the snow.

On January 16, 2019 a small group went to Century Link building. We went through the rooms of Pioneer stuff. A few things were taken by the persons there. One of the persons there is willing to take everything in the building. The person in charge for Century Link has still not given the go ahead for that to happen. Century Link may want some of the stuff to stay. More later.

Next meeting March 7, 2019.

South Dakota Council meeting

Minutes for South Dakota Council December 6, 2018.

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm at Pizza Ranch.

45 Pioneers, partners, and other telephone persons were present.

Minutes of last meeting were approved. Motion by Lyle, second by Verla.

Treasurers report Balance \$16862.08. Banquet \$1054.39.

Donation to Senior Center \$250.00. Motion Gordon. Second Lois

Old business.

Talked some more about Pioneer stuff at Century Link building. Banquet for next year will be October 22, 2019.

New business.

I talked with Darcy in Rapid City, as to Pioneers in Rapid City. She said that Gordon (past president) was not doing well.

Talked about having some ideas at next meeting to give some donations to. Some suggestions at this meeting were Children's Home, St Francis House, and local veterans groups.

Next meeting will be March 7, 2019.

Motion to adjourn by Faye. Second by Bev.

Secretary-Treasurer

Dale Axtell

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Web hits are down since last quarter.

Chapter Minutes page and Current News pages are doing well.

Dave Hemmer – Web Master