

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF CHAPTER 18 MN PIONEERS March 17th 2020

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Legacy West Pioneer Chapter Executive Board Quarterly Meeting

March 17th 2020 at 10:00 AM via conference call

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

President Pat called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM VIA conference call.

Minutes of the last meeting were posted on the Web Site. Kathy motioned to accept the minutes as posted. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was sent out, Mary Ann motioned to approve the report, motion passed. Jan mentioned that the Chapter did not donate enough money to charity to reach the 65% goal for 2019 and will be more diligent in 2020.

Old Business; Kathy and Mary Ann discussed "Brailer parts" and what to do with them. Al referred them to the MN State Services for the Blind.

New Business; Pat talked about distributions and grants from the region. She has taken no action on grants because the region only gave her one day to act. Maybe next year.

Pat reported that Sharri had some report on the PAC. There will be a new leader over the PAC associates.

Jan reported that the new PAC training on PALS was lacking. Carol agreed. Carol gets her PALS training from Barb Palmer.

Kathy & Pat talked about friends and family are welcome to join Pioneers for free and only need to pay dues if they wish to become an officer

Kathy talked about trying to spread our donations around all of our areas, including outstate, Iowa, and South Dakota.

Dave commented about his frustration with the PAC. Everyone agreed that they are unresponsive and very slow.

Kathy Motioned to donate \$250.00 to Owatonna food shelf. Seconded by Dave. Motion passed

Jan motioned making a donation of \$250 to the Second Harvest food bank, seconded by Dale. Motion passed.

Dale motioned making a donation of \$250 to the Feeding So. Dakota food shelf, seconded by Kathy. Motion passed.

Nancy motioned to donate \$250 to Northern Lakes 2nd Harvest food shelf. Seconded by Nick. Motion passed.

Kathy discussed the beeping egg hunt and advised there will not be one at the Minnesota School for the Blind. She also brought up the beeping baseball project. It will be in Ames Iowa this year. Dale wondered who sponsored it and Nick would like us to donate towards it. After discussion we decided to table the donation until next meeting when we will have more details to work with.

Kathy motioned to adjourned, seconded by Dave. Motion must have passed because everyone hung up.

Al Barthel recording secretary

Arrowhead Council Telephone Pioneers

Duluth, Minnesota

Summary of meetings and projects

On March 10, 5 pioneers got together to stuff 52 hug a bears.

25 bears are given to St. Luke's Hospital each month.

We continue to meet quarterly. Our next meeting is April 15. All pioneers and guests are welcome.

We donated monetary gifts to CHUM, Second Harvest Northern Lakes and North Central Food Banks, Union Gospel, Salvation Army and Damiano Center food shelves for the March Food Drive.

Our volunteer hours reported via email to Nancy are dwindling. We hope that additional hours are reported through the computer system. We appreciate Carol - she keeps us on track with hours.

Nancy Eilefson

Arrowhead Council

1st quarter notes South Dakota Council 2020 Meeting was held March 5, 2020 with 45 persons present. We talked about weather, a bit windy on meeting day. Overall winter here in Sioux Falls has been pretty mild, with not a whole lot of snow. At meeting we talked about thinking of ideas for donations for this year. Next meeting June 4, 2020.

Minutes for South Dakota Council March 5, 2020 meeting. Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm at Pizza Ranch in Sioux Falls. 45 Pioneers, partners, and other retired telephone persons were present. Minutes of December meeting were read. Motion to approve by Joyce and second by Lyle. Treasurers report of \$14,059.32 was approved. Motion to approve by Bev and second by Verla. Old business: none at this time. New Business: I asked persons present to start thinking of ideas fo where to make donations this year. Roseanne asked if the county museum had contacted me about Pioneer stuff. I have talked with one person, she was to get back to me but hasn't of yet. Next meeting June 4, 2020. Motion to adjourn by Jack, second by Rich. Sec.-Treas. Dale Axtell

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORT FOR 3/17/2020

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.

Central Council's monthly breakfasts & luncheons are underway. Our last breakfast was held at Jimmy's Pour House in Sauk Rapids, MN. Members were treated to a box of Girl Scout Cookies collect needed items of clothing and grocery provided by the Council. Our next luncheon will be at Little Falls, Pizza Hut on April 14th.

Central Council products as well as cash for the "Pathways4youth" organization in St Cloud. Our members donated over \$1200 in funds and more than \$600 in goods to serve client needs.

Currently we are making donations of \$500 to the MN. MS Society and \$500 donation to the Iowa MS Society in the form of pledges to rider Kathy Hanson who will be riding in the MS Tram this summer.

Plans are in the making to conduct a food drive and make a cash donation to a food shelf in the Little Falls area when we meet in Little Falls April 14th. Details will be provided latter.

Central Council reminds all Pioneers are always welcome at our luncheons & breakfasts and are encouraged to bring along friends, relatives, or other Pioneers.

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 Harley Forsythe life members enjoyed a breakfast meeting at Jimmy's Pour House on November 12. Twenty one Pioneers and Partners were in attendance. Our Christmas meeting was held on the second Tuesday of December at Jimmy's Pour House where we collected toys and food items for the less fortunate. We are always pleased with the generosity of our members. January and February we had breakfast meetings at Jimmy's Pour House. With seventeen and fifteen Pioneers and Partners in attendances. Our March breakfast was a early celebration of St Patty's day. The wearing of the green was in evidence. At this writing we are all concerned with the Coronavirus that seems to attack the more mature members of our society which reminds me of a sign in a store window—"No Senior Discount----You've had twice as long to get the money". We will rap up the Pioneer year with a luncheon at the Pizza House in Little Falls on April 14th.

Bob Lewis, Central Council Life Member President.

Metro Council – Life Member Club

March 14, 2020 – 1st Quarter Report

The Metro Council held the following events since our last report of 2019

Our Metro Holiday Luncheon was attended by 46 Pioneers and friends. At our holiday lunches we've always had a Fun and Fuzzy collection of toys, games, books and clothes we donate to a local shelter. This year our in-kind donation to PRISM totaled \$608 in value. In addition to that donation we gave \$200 to each of these organizations: Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, SAVE, Caring and Sharing Hands, NEAR, Meals on Wheels, Union Gospel Mission and Our Lady of Peace Hospice.

The next gathering of Metro Pioneers was our annual Valentine lunch. Thirty-six folks sat down at beautifully decorated tables (with flowers and a sweet goodie bag) for a great meal. We voted to donate \$200 to each of the following groups: JDRF, NEAR, PRISM and Family Pathways (for personal care items via purchases Pat Jeukens made.)

The Metro Council's first casino trip fundraiser for 2020 was held March 4th. Forty-eight lucky and not so lucky folks rode the bus to Treasure Island. Our profit from that trip was \$360. More trips are scheduled for May, August and October.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Neuman, President