

MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18 QUARTERLY MEETING
March 17,2006

IN ATTENDANCE: LuAnn Chambliss, President

Carol Barthel
Barb Hemmer
Dave Massman
Vollie Sanders
Betty Sanders
Joe Swenson
Mary Ann Neuman
Kathy Hanson

Al Barthel
Dave Hemmer
Sally Bolster
Paula Trapp
Ruby Wilson
Jan Swenson
Mavis Hjulberg
Pat Jeukens

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by President LuAnn Chambliss. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for those not with us and people in disaster areas.

The January 20,2006 Secretary's minutes were presented. Al Barthel made motion to approve minutes. Dave Hemmer seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Copies of the Treasurer's report were given to the attendees by Paula Trapp. Paula explained the report. Vollie Sanders made motion to approve report. Dave Massman seconded. Report approved .

LuAnn called for Committee Reports:

Maps: No Activities on placement of electronic maps this quarter due to lack of maps to place.

Question: Are there any employees who completed the "leader" training through Qwest who would be willing to use the learned skills to bring life to this project? Signed: Kathy Hanson, Co-Chair

Community Service: Vollie had talked with John in North Dakota and he would be willing to help us get started with the maps. It was also discussed the possibility of working with the schools to build the boards in their shop classes as a learning tool for the students and a way of helping an elementary school in there area. Vollie checked with Gary Greb, who has a copy of the map in Anoka and will get together with him. Vollie & Betty Sanders

Membership: Total Regular Members 1347. Total Life Members 5353. Total Chapter Membership 6700. Jan Swenson

Project Connect: Joe Swenson, No written report. LuAnn stated that we need to take a active roll on this project. Crystal wants all Chapters to have something to report. LuAnn also handed out : Telecom Challenge Timeline and Telecom Challenge Overview and Guidelines. It was discussed and suggested maybe the Boys and Girls Club would be a good place to see if there was any interest.

Calendars Many thanks to all who sold and also purchased, the 2006 Caring and Sharing Calendars. There were 1310 calendars sold. That is 51 more than what was sold for 2005.

The following is a breakdown of the 2006 Pioneer raffle expenses by type: \$24,950.00 Prize fund, \$1467.00 expense for licenses and printing, 4-\$1,000.00 Scholarships of Post Secondary Education and \$8,881.80 funds paid back to the selling councils for their Community Service Projects. We guaranteed \$5.00 per calendar sold to go back to each selling Council for Community Service Projects, the same as previous years. For 2006, The chapter also voted to give back any extra funds above expenses to each selling Council for Community Service Projects. This year,2006, Thus an extra \$2,333.00 was divided among all selling councils which equated to an extra \$1.78 per calendar. There is \$1.20 additional income into perpetual funding for scholarships.

If you have not returned your unsold calendars, please do so. They should be returned to the Chapter Office or Mavis.

The next drawing will be April 21, 2006, 4:00PM, at 6540 Shinglecreek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN. Mavis Hjulberg, Chair Calendar Committee

Winners are posted on Web Address: "<http://www.mnpioneers.com/>"

Awards: Shirley McCurdy/Sheryl Wold

Awards Committee Report

The region will be holding conference calls with the awards chairs to work on finding projects to submit for annual awards for the National convention. The first call is March 21st. We will get any information that comes from these calls to the Council Presidents.

Last year we did not submit any projects to be considered for an award and would like to be able to submit some this year.

Sheryl

Participation:

PARTICAPTION REPORT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2006

So far for Jan and Feb the hours are 3,514. I have been emailing Nancy Elifson

from Arrowhead quite regularly and she will be getting me the hours every two months.

I did send out certificates and a little thank you note to the people that send me the hours faithfully.

I have not received hours from Arrowhead or the Metro before we left so the next report will have a lot more hours on it.

Jan. emailed me and asked if I would like to be included in the region's conference calls for the PA7 reports. I said I would like to do that and so they are going to be setting up a time and date for training via a conference call with computer access. Then from what I understand we would have a conference call once a month to go over any problems that we encounter. I would like to thank Jan for including me in this.

Carol Barthel

Camporee: This 1st quarter has been quiet. Our Spring, Fall and Mystery trips are all planned.

Currently we are recruiting volunteers to work at the rest stops for the MS Tram. Our 10,000 Lakes Club will be staffing the 3rd rest stop each day.

Accommodations have been arranged for campers in Wabasha and Hastings by reserving sites at area campgrounds.

Signed: Kathy Hanson-Wagon master. 10,000 Family Campers, a member club of the Telephone Pioneers Family Campers Organization.

Web Master Over all the Web site hits are up since last quarter. Thanks for the Great Job to all reporters. Calendar Winners showed the most gain.. Current News and Projects pages also showed good gain. The reason for this is they all get updated often. We need to keep sending current information to keep people interested in checking to see what 's happening.

MS 150 MS 150 June 9 – 11

We currently have five "Qwest for the Cure" riders. Gary Greb, Al Barthel, Al & Carols daughter DeNae Sievers, DeNae's two sons Ricky & Robby, and DeNae's Co-Worker Connie Scheifels

To date the Team has collected \$250. in pledges. Central council has pledged \$500 but has not yet deposited the pledge and the Chapter is being solicited for a \$1,000.00 pledge.

I hope to travel to the various council meetings around the state to solicit pledges.

I have the following people have committed to work the Bike Corral at Hinckley Saturday night. However I have not received a firm commitment from the MS Society that we have the bike corral job locked up.

Dave & Barb Hemmer

Carol Barthel
Roger & Kathy Hanson
Ralph Judd Truck Driver
Bill Lovegren Truck Driver
Vollie Sanders – interested, no date committed
Elsa Ditty – interested, no date committed
Mary Ann Neuman – interested, no date committed

MS 60/30 Bike Tour May 13th.

Qwest employee Peter Redwine is riding in this tour Peter has recruited Anthony Stadher and is trying to get 2 other riders to round out a “Qwest for the Cure” riding team for this event.

So Far Peter has \$35.00 in pledges.

Qwest Pioneers will be supporting the MS TRAM July 23 – 28

We will not be having a riding team for the TRAM but we will be working Rest Stop # 3 each day of the week long TRAM.

The 10,000 Lakes Family Campers will be working the rest stops. We have reserved 5 RV camping spots for 7/23/, 7/24, 7/25 and 4 spots for 7/26 at Baileys Campground in Wabasha.

Also four camping reservations have been made at the Greenwood Campground for July 27

I am putting together a list of workers for the MS TRAM rest stop 3

Dave & Barb Hemmer - Rest Stop coordinator All week

Bob & Ginny Boom - Rest Stop Worker All Week

Ralph Judd Truck Driver - All week

Bill Lovegren Truck Driver or Rest Stop worker all week

Roger & Kathy Hanson Rest Stop workers July 23,24,25th

EZ Help; Gary Greb, No report given by Gary. Dave Hemmer gave report on activity in Central Council. They have collected 2413 phones and handed out about 1711 to seniors as of 3/15/2006.

Ramps: Discontinued Project. Trailer has been sold and put to good use.

Membership Drive: Barb Clark No report and not present.

Cookbooks: I still continue to go downtown for mailings. Remember cost is \$10.00 Plus Tax and or shipping. You should change back cover pricing and mailing information. Submitted by Paula Trapp.

Scholarships: Application forms are out. I have received one already - must be

post marked by May 2nd. Judges have not been contacted yet. Forms available on Web Address. "<http://www.mnpioneers.com/>" Submitted by Paula Trapp

Management Liaison: Not present

Council Reports

Arrowhead Council: Gloria Berger, Absent no report received as of April 21, 2006.

Central Council:

Since the last Chapter meeting we contributed to our community as follows:

- a. Volunteer hours 973
- b. Hug-A-Bear 409
- c. Wheelchair Bags 142
- d. Cather Bags 33
- e. Lap Robes 0
- f. We continue to collect EZ Help 911 cell phones and distribute them to our Senior Citizens. Over 150 have been collected and none distributed since our last meeting.

We will be having our spring fling on Thursday April 6th at the VFW in Sauk Rapids.

Our next meeting has not been set. Submitted by Dave Massman ,President

Hiawathaland: We had our quarterly meeting of Hiawatha Chapter18 on Wednesday 22 Mar.

Secretary & Treasure reports were read/approved.

Dave Hemmer was a visitor at the meeting. He discussed MS-150, and the camp out at Winnebago, Iowa this summer.

August 12 is our annual Pioneer picnic to be held at Medford park. During the picnic we have the bakeless food sale and pioneer sale of cookbooks, clothing. The Hiawatha land Fall Bazaar will be held on November 11th at Senior Place, West Hills, Owatonna, MN. The bazaar is open to the public where we have craft tables set up. The fall quarterly meeting is also held during this event. Also the Pioneer Dinner held at noon.

We have new project called: OPERATION MN NICE. Personal care items, small individual food items both purchased and home baked goods are sent to our troops in Iraq.

We donated: \$300 for St Marys School Owatonna for an education program. \$200 to St. Isidores School Litomysel for an education program and \$500 for the MS-150 project.

Respectfully;
Dewey (Deuel) Potter

Lakes: No report

Metro In Jan, we gave 5 Birthday in A Bag to Family Pathway's food Shelf in Forest Lake. At the Jan meeting on 1-24 had 11 members were present. Gary talked about EZ-help and may join Phone for Life after questions are answered. We met February 21st. 9 members were present plus the Osborn's who showed how to make scarves and hats as a possible project. We talked about Festival of Nations, \$100.00 was donated to White Bear Lake High School's Sister City Coffee House. Request for Hurricane Rita relief as requested by Kate Poirier. No EZ-Help update due 2 Gary being ill. Still working on Birthday in the A Bag. Council meetings will be held on Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16, Jun. 20 no meeting in July at this time, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, & Nov. 21.
Submitted by Pat Jeukens.

Arrowhead- Don Fennessy no report

Harley Forsthe Life Member Club held the following meetings:

Jan - Breakfast meeting at Perkins downtown St. Cloud. Attended by 18 Life Members.

Jan. 25th Several Life Members met and stuffed 125 Hug-A-Bears.

Feb - We had the Valentine Party/ Meeting attended by 21 Life Members.

Mar Breakfast meeting at Perkins downtown St. Cloud. Attended by 22 Life Members.

Our next Life Member function will be April 11th noon luncheon at VFW in Little Falls.

Submitted by Elsa Ditty-Harley Forsythe Life Member President

Metro Life Members - Chapter Report 3/17/06

Mary Ann Neuman-President

Remembering our Own: The following Metro Life Members passed away to date.

Frank 'Pat' Schneider 1/9
John Lucchesi, 80 1/14 Partner
Audrey M. Witke, 80 1/25
James O. Ertzgard, 82 2/6
Marvin G. Hockemeyer, 83 2/18
Geraldine D. Bramer 3/12

Meetings and Events:

January monthly business/luncheon meeting: 36 attendees. We assembled 28 Birthday Bags and donated them to N E.A.R. food shelf

47 Pioneers & guests attended the February Valentines luncheon on Wed, Feb 22nd.

35 Life members/partners and guests will be attending the March luncheon meeting on the 22nd. Our community service collection this month is: Help the Easter Bunny. We will be collecting baskets (filled or empty) cellophane grass, candy, stuffed animals, and small toys to fill the baskets. They will be donated to local shelters

The Hinckley casino trip on March 16th was cancelled because we did not get the minimum number of reservations. We needed a minimum of 40 to hold the trip.

The May casino trip to Turtle Lake on the May 3rd and the June trip to see "Church Basement Ladies" at the Plymouth Playhouse are filling up nicely.

The Senior Ms Minnesota organization will entertain for 45 min – 1 hr at the May 24th Life Member luncheon in appreciation for the contributions the Pioneers have made.

Volunteer Opportunities:

The Metro Life Member Pioneers reported the following volunteers hours: Jan 839, Feb 909

The Pioneer Store opened on March 7th for the spring season. (It was closed the latter part of January and all of February) We continue to need more volunteers for the Pioneer Store

Six volunteers sold roses for Arc in the Qwest skyway on Feb. 28th. We sold the most roses EVER at that location – could it be because we knew so many folks? . We are committed to sell roses for Arc again at that location on April 3rd.

Five volunteers helped on March 16th at the NKF's Gift of Hope celebration at the Depot Hotel.

The North and South Hug-A-Bear groups continue to meet once a month, donating Bears to HCMC and St. Joseph Home for Children. One of our St. Paul Life Members (Ada Appleby) donated 40 Hug-A-Bears to WIC along with 20 quilts.

Life Member Reps:

Life Member Reps Mavis Hjulberg and Sally Bolster have not done any traveling this winter. Mavis has regularly attended the Metro Council meetings and the Metro Life Member meetings. Sally was able to attend only the January Metro Life Member meeting. Now that spring is here they will begin their travels out state once again. Please send either one of them a copy of your meeting schedules and special events dates and they will start making their travel plans for this year.

Management Liaison: John Stanoch/Andy Schriener Not Present No report

Old Business: Trailer Sale has money been received? Checked with Paula and she had just gotten the title. See Web site for use of the trailer now and future. Picture/article from Pat Jeukens.

Still working on getting Cook Books and Trivia games moved from St. Paul to Mpls.

Meeting Location: Vollie Sanders made motion to move the meeting for June 16, 2006 to St. Cloud. Central Council will host. Location will be announced.

We are waiting for Charles Hecht to return to see about going to Jackson.

New Business: Dave Hemmer made motion to donate \$1,000.00 to MS 150 to be divided between riders. Vollie Sanders Seconded Motion voted and approved..

Betty Sanders made a motion to donate \$500.00 to "Mid West Queens" part of the Auqatenial.

Dave Hemmers seconded. Motion voted and approved.

March is Food Bank Month:

Mary Ann made a motion to donate \$350.00 to Food bank "Hunger Solutions" Vollie Sanders seconded. Motion voted and approved.

Mary Ann made a motion to donate \$350.00 to Food bank "Second Harvest" Mavis Hjulberg s seconded. Motion voted and approved.

Mary Ann made a motion to donate \$350.00 to Food Bank "Emergency Food Shelf Network" Pat Jeukens seconded. Motion voted and approved .

Jan Swenson made a motion to move \$2,550.00 from General to designated account. Sally seconded. Motion voted and approved.

Dave Massman made a motion to continue with the Calendar project with Mavis Hjulberg as Chairman. Vollie Sanders seconded. Motion voted and approved.

Up coming events. Pioneers have an opportunity to raise some money by volunteering to hand out Qwest product brochures at selected Malls throughout the State. LuAnn will get back to Crystal to get further information.

The National Beep Ball Tournament will be held in Rochester in "2007"

It was also discussed and decided to have the minutes on the Web page as soon as possible after the meetings.

Mary Ann made motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Dave M.