

MINNESOTA CHAPTER 18 QUARTERLY MEETING

September 9, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE: LuAnn Chambliss, President
Al Barthel Carol Barthel Gloria Smith
Charles Hecht Leatrice Hecht Ralph Hunstad
Pat Jeukens Gary Greb Dave Massman
Sheryl Wold Win Wold Marylis Massman
Jan Swenson Joe Swenson Charles Hecht
Betty Sanders Vollie Sanders
Mary Ann Neuman Mavis Hjulberg
Paula Trapp Ruby Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President LuAnn Chambliss.
Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for those not with us
Welcome to visitors: Gloria Smith and Ralph Hunstad.

Secretary's minutes were presented and approved.

Copies of the Treasure's report were given to the attendees by Paula Trapp. Paula explained the report.
Report approved

LuAnn called for Committee Reports:

Maps - Kathy/Becky No placement this quarter.

Community Service: Vollie/Betty. Working on electronic map. Working with Old AT&T pioneers

Membership: Jan Swenson, Reports were pulled however forgotten. Not much as far as changes in numbers.

Calendars: Mavis Hjulberg the 2007 Caring and Sharing calendars are being distributed to the Out state Councils that are in attendance today and the other out state Locations will be mailed on Monday, September 11, 2006. All Metro Locations will get their calendars at the Metro Council meetings on September 19, 2006.

Harry Osborn volunteered to number and package in 25's all the calendars. Our thanks to Harry for doing this again this year.

There is a total of 1550 being distributed. Jan Swenson and I each have a supply of calendars if additional ones are needed.

For 2006 there were 1310 calendars sold. Let us set a goal of 1400 for 2007. With the earlier distribution of the calendars this is possible.

If this is going to be a 2008 Chapter project I would recommend an early start again. This year it was approved at our April Chapter Meeting.

Awards: Shirley McCurdy/Sheryl Wold have not received much from the different councils, but will be submitted and several sent to the Region within the next 2 weeks.

As you think of the projects or Individuals try to get Qwest included in write ups...Not just Telecom Pioneers.

Need award entries in by the middle of September.

Also make sure all hours are being reported to the project as they will be checking our Figures against the PA 7. Keep track of the number of volunteers involved, Retired, Active, Partner or Others. **TAKE**

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Participation: Carol Barthel

I am now able to navigate around the hour's program. I have printed out every months report and I also have a total from Jan 1, 2006 to the end of August 2006. Those hours are 30,516. Once I got used to doing the hours this way it is really easy it is also really easy to add a project. The only thing I wish is that I could alphabetize the projects. The program also tells us the percentages of hours per category. (Education, Environmental, Life and General) Also the dollar amount. Am still receiving hours from Metro, Central, Lakes and Hiawathaland. People do use the submission forms that Dave Hemmer has on the web page. I also have different organizations that send me hours that Pioneers are involved in. When I am at a function I take care of the hours. For instantance Chapter Meetings. I have printed reports of all the months.

Totals by month : Jan 2,829 - Feb 2,345 - Mar 3,159 - April 5,058
 May 2,915 - June 7,066 - July 5,539 - August 1,605

Camporee: Kathy Hanson No report Kathy at a Camporee

Web Master:

Web Site Report	6/16	2006		2005	
Web location	Total hits to date	Prev. Qtr. Total	2004 total	2005 total	12/16/05 Qtr Hits
Chapter Minutes	147	100			
Site total	15951	14957	4647	4874	1132
Meetings	1179	1141	386	310	74
Councils & Clubs	1404	1321	417	396	82
Exec. Board	1518	1391	351	498	128
Projects	2721	2640	1006	824	126
Arrow head Council	228	205	36	106	24
Central Council	211	187	0	109	23
Haw athaland Council	199	175	38	107	21
Mpls. Life Members	384	336	94	203	38
Metro Council	205	161		0	
Western Plains	170	146	0	77	40
Current New s	5254	4869	1261	1935	471
Products for Sale	1767	1700	504	357	86
Family Campers	2266	2134	657	630	132
Links	992	945	329	249	50
Calendar Winners	6083	5626	1903	2044	440
Web Master	284	277	90	83	12
Just Pictures	2328	2107	534	925	256
Qw est Benefits	260	224	0	92	92
Minnesota Chapter Web Address w w w .mnpioneers.com					
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MS 150 June 9-11 Dave Hemmer,
MS Bike Tours report - Sept 22 2006 – Jackson, MN
“Qwest for the Cure”

MS-150 . Riders: Gary Greb, Russ Urvig, Al Barthel, Al & Carols daughter DeNae Sievers, DeNae’s two sons, Ricky & Robby, and DeNae’s Co-Worker Connie Scheifels.
Final Team Collection is \$6,933.00 in pledges.

MS TRAM July 23 – 28
Minnesota Chapter and The 10,000 Lakes Family Campers operated rest stop #3 each day of the TRAM and assisted at the finish line on Friday.

We had a very successful rest stop and received many nice complements from both the riders and the MS staff. Our work team was made up of the following.

Pioneers (16); Dave & Barb Hemmer - Bob & Ginny Boom – Dave & Linda Massman - Bill Lovegren - Roger & Kathy Hanson - Vollie & Betty Sanders - Galen & Gloria Krohn - LuAnn Chambliss - Ralph & Ada Hunsted

Non-Pioneers (14); Ralph Judd - Arvid & Marjorie Benson – Dave & Deb Gnotke - Sue Anderson Rachel & Megan Brodeur - Emily Ziemer - Caroline Harris - Martha Johnson - Gayle Waylander
Gayle Fordice - Becky Booker
This team worked almost 900 hours of community service on this 5 day bike tram.

Special Recognition

As MS Bike Tours chairman, I would like to present this MS Society “Qwest for the Cure” sign to our bike riders team Captain Al Barthel.

This sign was given to our team by the MS Society for rising over \$10,000 dollars last year at the 2005 MS TRAM.

Under Al’s leadership last years team raised \$12,917 dollars and Al personally raised \$5,944 dollars.

Although the sign was presented for last year’s effort, I would like to add, that this year our team rode in the MS-150 and raised \$6,933 dollars with Al raising \$1,900 on his own.

A special thanks to Qwest for the Cure Captain, Al Barthel
Submitted by Dave Hemmer MS-Bike Tour Chairman

EZ Help; Gary Greb,
July 15 Cell Phones to White Bear Lake
30 Cell Phones to Blaine Police Department

August 50 Cell Phones to Anoka County
10 Cell Phones to White Bear Lake

September 50 Cell Phones to City of Bloomington who are going to start distributing them to seniors themselves starting in September.

Phones 4 Life Project-got the go-ahead- now waiting for paperwork from Denver to start distributing the cell phones with 100 minutes on them. We can start sending donated cell phones to them.

I have a number to call 1.818.236.2704 to request labels. They pay postage both ways. Ask for Brian or Office Manager, Gina.

Membership Drive: Barb Eisenburg not present and no report presented.

Cookbooks & Scholarships: Paula Trapp, I do weekly mailings from downtown. We still have a supply in St. Paul that needs to get moved to "C" basement, Downtown Minneapolis.

Scholarships: Paula Trapp, Paula presented a new 2007 Scholarship Application. Some changes were recommended. Paula will take changes and resubmit. List of Judges was presented

Arrowhead Council: Berger, Gloria No report

Central Council – Harley Forsythe Combine report:

9-09-2006 Jackson, MN

Life member club held the following meetings;

August 8th we held our annual life member picnic which was attended by 53 Harley Forsythe Life members and partners.

Our next Life member function will be noon luncheon on September 12th in Princeton

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

a. Volunteer Hours 4288 **b.** Hug-A-Bear 408 **c.** Wheelchair Bags 182 **d.** Lap Robes 4
e. We continue to collect EZ Help 911 cell phones and distribute them to our Senior Citizens 142 have been collected and 66 distributed since our last Chapter meeting.

Our next meeting is planned for Thursday, November 16th 5:30PM at Eastside VFW

Report respectfully submitted by: David Massman - Central Council President

Elsa Ditty – Harley Forsythe Life Member President

Hiawatha land: My computer has been down and will be off and on for awhile

Hiawatha hasn't had their meeting yet which will be the first week of October.

However we did have the annual pioneer picnic at Medford, MN on the 12th of August, Saturday at that event pioneers brought in school supplies for the current school year to be distributed to various local schools. Their was plenty to eat, beverages and munchies. The pioneer store was open with clothing and other misc. items available for purchase. Many played bingo, others socialized. Will forward the meeting minutes after our meeting.

Dewey Potter

Lakes: No report. Where are you and what are you doing? Please report can either by mail, or e-mail.

Rewilson422@msn.com or Ruby Wilson 3115 7th Avenue N. Anoka, MN 55303.

Would love to have an update on what is happening.

Metro Metro President Report: Birthday in the Bag is going great we have made up 80 bags delivered 34 to Anoka and Washington counties, Ruby did 10 in Anoka county Lee delivered 20 to Ramsey county and have 16 yet to hand out. We have had many good Qwest volunteers out working many different projects across the state and in the metro area. We did not have a meeting in July but had meetings in June and Aug with good attendance. Had Anoka Historical Representative in Aug asking for our help on their 150 year celebration. We are working on the Holiday party for Dec 16th. Also are looking into new ms ride with the blind riders no info yet from the Peter Redwine. Also we have the Diabetic Dessert Cookbook for sale 11.00 includes taxes can be ordered though the Pioneer Store, Anoka, St Paul and Wayzata. We ordered 48 when sold will order more as needed. The cost is 5.00 a book that includes shipping all money raised will be used for JDRF.

Western Plains:

Metro Area – Life Member Club

September 2006 Report

We mailed out 3128 letters and flyers about our upcoming activities to Life Members in the 7 country metro area.

Included in the packet were:

- 1 Reservation forms for our regular monthly meetings in Sept, Nov and Jan
- 2 Reservation forms for a special October lunch
- 3 Flyer for the fall Casino Trip to Turtle Lake
- 4 Order form for the 2007 Caring and Sharing Calendars.

Just as last year we will have collections at our monthly meetings:

- 1 September=sweatshirts & school supplies
- 2 November=Toes for Joe's
- 3 January=Birthday Bags

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Our South Hug a Bear group continued to meet over the summer and the North Hug A Bear group will begin meeting again this month.

The Life Members were not completely idle over the summer: Our members volunteered at the following events:

- 1 CARE mailing
- 2 DNR state fair preparations
- 3 MS Camp Courage
- 4 MS Hinckley Bike Corral
- 5 Diabetes Association
- 6 EZHelp
- 7 Pioneer Store

Volunteer Hours reported were:

May 2006	1432 hours
June 2006	580 hours
July 2006	627 hours
August 2006	No report yet

Mary Ann Neuman, President

Life Member Rep Report Since the June Chapter meeting the Life Member Reps have attended the following Meetings:

June 20 Rochester Life Member Meeting
August 8 Harley Forsythe Life Member Picnic
August 15 Metro Council Meeting

Management Liaison: Not present.

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Old Business: Discussion was held about ordering more Qwest T-shirts. Jan and Mary Ann will call Paula with number of shirts on hand. Paula will check for the price break on number we need to order to get the best deal.

Insulators will be donated to Camporee 2007 from both St. Paul and "C" basement.

Good Bye Central, Hello World we have about 160 books sell in the stores for \$2.25 + tax. Each council to receive 10 other than Metro more and rest to store.

Northwestern Bell Blue line - Put on hold until next meeting.

Gunny sack were given to Dave and Linda for special project.

Belt buckles: one set to Dave for Camporee, one set to Gloria for Museum . Rest to be sold.

New Business:

Charles suggested change Jackson Fair Ground painting to a Chapter project in stead of a Council project Chapter will then pay for price of paint. It was agreed by all.

Jan made motion to pay back to Councils money over and above expenses for calendars. Dave Sec. Approved.

Jan made motion "If we don't have Four (4) eligible applications for 2007 Scholarships the remaining money will be rolled over into 2008". Vollie Sec. Approved.

Discussion to check with State about rules.

Next Meeting: Gary requested \$1000.00 to JDRF.

Vollie requested \$1000.00 to Aquatennial for Bob Clark to be Captain.

Paula shared a Thank you note from Camp Courage.

Minnesota will host Past Presidents meeting for years 2008-2009. Get your thinking caps on so we can decide what we want to show off in our fine State.

Money from MBNA has been dispersed to Councils.

Jan Swenson Chapter President 2007

Carol Barthel President Central Council

Dave Massman Life Member President Central Council

Need new Secretary, if anyone is interested let Jan know ASAP.

Adjourn meeting at 1:10 pm.

Next meeting: December 15, 2006

Submitted by R.E.Wilson