

PHILLIPI: As State Council Vice Chairman, and per our MD 17 Constitution and By-Laws, I will be serving as Acting Chair due to the absence of Council Chair Bryce Day. Bryce is in the hospital and we send our thoughts and prayers for recovery. I call to Order the Third State Council Meeting for 2009-10. We will have singing of "America" led by Governor Terry Weldin, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Governor Susan McDonald and the Invocation by Governor Bill Fairchild.

Per our MD 17 Constitution and By-Laws, if the absence of a District Governor, a Vice Governor of that district may sit as a voting member of the Council upon the approval of the current State Council. As I am serving in this position, I would ask that Vice Governor Marilyn Sorenson be a representative of 17 I for this Council meeting.

WELDIN: S. I move that VDG Sorenson be a voting member of the Council for this current meeting.

FUNKE: N. I second the motion.

PHILLIPI: Roll Call of State Council. All Governors present including myself as Acting Chair. One Vice Governor serving on the Council. Four VDGs present, one absent.

Introduction and remarks by International Director Anne Smarsh and Past International Family.

PHILLIPI: I would ask for adoption of the agenda.

FAIRCHILD: L. I move we adopt the agenda as printed.

WELDIN: S. I second the motion.

PHILLIPI: Any discussion? Motion carried 5-0.

Parliamentarian report by PDG Chris Bauer.

BAUER: The State Council meeting will be held in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions International and Multiple District 17 of the State of Kansas. Roberts Rules of Order will also be followed. If anyone in the audience desires to address the meeting, they must first be recognized by the Council Chair and then come forward and use this microphone. All comments will be held to three minutes or less, and I will give you a signal at approximately 2 1/2 minutes so you can conclude your remarks.

PHILLIPI: You have all received the minutes of the Second State Council Meeting.

WELDIN: S. I move we approve the minutes of the Second State Council Meeting.

FUNKE: N. I second the motion.

PHILLIPI: Discussion? Motion carried 5-0. Treasurer report by PCC Hans Neidhardt.

NEIDHARDT: Written report.

**BALANCE SHEET****ASSETS**

	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2009
Cash on hand--undeposited	-	-
Legacy Bank (Checking)	89,099.86	68,669.35
Legacy Bank (CD 60043-Admin)	53,942.85	54,332.13
Legacy Bank (CD 60044-Admin)	12,916.24	12,981.03
Legacy Bank (CD 83777-KI)	39,993.64	40,592.40
Legacy Bank (CD 83776-Band)	29,171.64	29,607.64
Mid-America Credit Union (KI - CD 5291)	-	
Mid-America Credit Union (KI - CD 6459)	-	
<b>Total Assets</b>	225,124.23	206,182.55

**LIABILITIES AND FUND ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Accounts Payable (Payroll Withholdings)	447.60	949.92
Clearing Account for Projects		
Intl Convention Tour		
State/International Band Committee Account	69,124.49	57,645.02
Administrative Fund	57,466.90	50,240.84
Administrative Equipment Fund	3,424.73	4,297.12
International Convention Fund	17,309.41	20,229.70
Kansas - International Fund	45,149.27	38,706.05
Kansas Lions News Fund	1,246.90	3,453.44
MERL Fund	16,194.23	16,962.42
Mid-Winter Rally Fund	3,135.30	2,782.80
State Convention Fund	11,625.40	10,915.24
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	225,124.23	206,182.55

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND ACCOUNT BALANCES**

FUND ACCOUNTS	BALANCE June 30, 2009	DUES RECEIPTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	FUND EXPENSES	BALANCE December 31, 2009
Administrative	57,466.90	23,554.11	7,175.22	37,955.39	50,240.84
Administrative Equipment	3,424.73	872.39			4,297.12
International Convention	17,309.41	872.39	5,642.50	3,594.60	20,229.70
Kansas - International	45,149.27	2,093.70	597.76	9,134.68	38,706.05
Kansas Lions News	1,246.90	6,455.59		4,249.05	3,453.44
MERL Fund	16,194.23	3,489.50		2,721.31	16,962.42
Mid-Winter Rally	3,135.30	697.90		1,050.40	2,782.80
State Convention	11,625.40	1,395.80		2,105.96	10,915.24
<b>Totals</b>	155,552.14	39,431.38	13,415.48	60,811.39	147,587.61

**KANSAS LIONS STATE COUNCIL**  
**COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT**  
**December 31, 2009**

**ADMINISTRATIVE FUND COMMITTEES - EXPENSE ANALYSIS**

ADMINISTRATIVE FUND COMMITTEES	2009 - 2010 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2009 - 2010 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	\$ OVER/UNDER BUDGET
Audit		424.58	0.0%	424.58
Budget and Finance	47.60	447.58	10.6%	399.98
Constitution and By-Laws & Parliamentarian	128.80	511.52	25.2%	382.72
Extension	377.20	1,029.48	36.6%	652.28
Historical and State Publications	132.63	692.94	19.1%	560.31
International Convention		504.94	0.0%	504.94
K - I		149.50	0.0%	149.50
Leadership Development	75.60	561.66	13.5%	486.06
LCIF		575.92	0.0%	575.92
LEHP	380.41	483.68	78.6%	103.27
Long Range Planning and SOP		-	#DIV/0!	-
Membership	147.36	1,125.39	13.1%	978.03
Mid-Winter Rally		455.40	0.0%	455.40
Retention		742.90	0.0%	742.90
Enviromental	285.00	1,394.30	20.4%	1,109.30
State & International Band		603.52	0.0%	603.52
State Convention		611.54	0.0%	611.54
Public Relations	3,901.69	678.26	575.2%	(3,223.43)
State Council	7,611.11	15,007.36	50.7%	7,396.25
State Office	24,867.99	48,000.00	51.8%	23,132.01
<b>Administrative Fund Expense Totals</b>	<b>37,955.39</b>	<b>74,000.47</b>	<b>51.3%</b>	<b>36,045.08</b>

<b>FUND ACCOUNTS - EXPENSE ANALYSIS</b>				
- FUND ACCOUNTS	2009 - 2010 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2009 - 2010 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	\$ OVER /UNDER BUDGET
Administrative Fund	37,955.39	74,000.47	51.3%	36,045.08
Administrative Equipment Fund		2,000.00	0.0%	2,000.00
International Convention Fund	3,594.60	10,200.00	35.2%	6,605.40
Kansas - International Fund	9,134.68	7,000.00	130.5%	(2,134.68)
Kansas Lions News Fund	4,249.05	14,140.00	30.0%	9,890.95
MERL Fund	2,721.31	12,950.00	21.0%	10,228.69
Mid-Winter Rally Fund	1,050.40	1,400.00	75.0%	349.60
State Convention Fund	2,105.96	3,000.00	70.2%	894.04
<b>Fund Accounts Expense Totals</b>	<b>60,811.39</b>	<b>124,690.47</b>	<b>48.8%</b>	<b>63,879.08</b>

<b>FUND ACCOUNTS - INCOME ANALYSIS</b>				
- FUND ACCOUNTS	2009 - 2010 ACTUAL INCOME	2009 - 2010 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	\$ OVER/ UNDER BUDGET
Administrative Fund	30,729.33	50,400.00	61.0%	19,670.67
Administrative Equipment Fund	872.39	1,700.00	51.3%	827.61
International Convention Fund	6,514.89	6,200.00	105.1%	(314.89)
Kansas - International Fund	2,691.46	5,480.00	49.1%	2,788.54
Kansas Lions News Fund	6,455.59	12,580.00	51.3%	6,124.41
MERL Fund	3,489.50	6,800.00	51.3%	3,310.50
Mid-Winter Rally Fund	697.90	1,360.00	51.3%	662.10
State Convention Fund	1,395.80	2,720.00	51.3%	1,324.20
<b>Fund Accounts Income Totals</b>	<b>52,846.86</b>	<b>87,240.00</b>	<b>60.6%</b>	<b>34,393.14</b>

PHILLIPI: You have heard the Treasurer's report. Questions or Discussion?

FUNKE: N. I move we approve the Treasurer's report.

McDONALD: O. I second the motion.

PHILLIPI: District Governors reports beginning with 17 L by Governor Bill Fairchild.

FAIRCHILD: Written report.

No. of Clubs to Date: 69  
No. of Lions to Date: 1555

Status Quo Clubs: None  
Problem Clubs: None

Net Gain: Net Loss: 14

Dates to Remember:  
February 19-20, 2010 17 L District Convention, FHSU Student Union, Hays

Official Visits to Date: 39

Goals: Start one new club, work to get another club re-established. Increase membership.

Health of District: Good

PHILLIPI: 17 I report.

No. of Clubs to Date: 60  
No. of Lions to Date: 1365

Status Quo Clubs: None  
Problem Clubs: None

Net Gain: Net Loss: -31

Dates to Remember:  
January 30 Manhattan Biscuit and Gravy Feed  
January 31 Keats Soup Supper  
February 12-13 District Convention in Junction City  
March 20 Salina Sunflower Ham & Bean Feed  
June 3-5 State Convention in Olathe

Official Visits to Date: 25

Goals: To gain one new member in each club and have at least a +1 at the end of the year in membership for the district.

Health of District: Good

PHILLIPI: District 17- 0 by Governor Susan McDonald.

McDONALD: Written report.

No. of Clubs to Date: 54 and 5 club branches  
No. of Lions to Date: 1414

Status Quo Clubs: None

Problem Clubs: One - Nortonville

Net Gain: Net Loss: -8

Dates to Remember:

January 30 Cabinet Meeting in Osage City  
March 26-27 District Convention in Topeka

Official Visits to Date: 23

Goals:

1. Continue and end next quarter with a plus in membership
2. Have over 50% participation in Lions in Sight Program
3. Charter one of the four club branches.

Health of District: District O is doing well. We have had a small set back in membership numbers but will have a membership push in the first quarter of the year. We have several club branches and we will strive to have one of them chartered by the end of June 2010. Our First Vice Governor has worked hard on formation of the Wellsville Club and the club branch of the Ottawa Club will hopefully be chartered in the next few months.

PHILLIPI: District N by Governor Dan Funke.

FUNKE: Written report.

No. of Lions to Date: 1,406

Net Gain: 11

With one new club coming on in January there will be a net gain of 31

Number of Clubs: 53

Number of New Clubs: 2

Haysville Noon Lions Club and the Derby Noon Club

Net Loss of Clubs: 0

Clubs that are a concern: 6

Dates to Remember:

Derby Noon Lions Charter Night is January 22, 2010

Haysville Noon Lions Charter Night is January 30, 2010

District N Convention – Saturday and Sunday Airport Hilton and the Goddard Community Center. See our recent newsletter for reservations

Realizing that one member provides two more hands for service, District N's Leadership team believes that substantial growth will only happen through extension of new clubs and a focus on Member Recruitment and Retention. Change is part of our mission and we are changing to improve our core mission of "We Serve." We are putting into practice International President Wirfs theme, **MOVE TO GROW, In Humanitarian Service, Membership Growth, Leadership Development.**

PHILLIPI: District S by Governor Terry Weldin.

WELDIN: Written report.

No. of Clubs to Date: 49 No. of Lions to Date 1125

Status Quo Clubs: 0 Problem Clubs: 8

Net Gain: 0 Net Loss: -6 to date

Number of Clubs Visited to date: 40

Upcoming Events:

Extension Activity finishing the start up of a club in North Crawford County ASAP

The next District S Cabinet Meeting will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hillsboro Middle School at the Corner of Jefferson and Grand in Hillsboro, Kansas. Registration will begin at 9:45am with meeting at 10:00 a.m.

District S Convention March 12 and 13 in Augusta

Goals:

Provide the support and service needed so that each Lions Club may serve their community and through their example encourage others to aspire to Lions membership.

Start 3 new clubs during 2009-2010 and provide necessary support for each club in District S to demonstrate a positive service record and membership growth.

Provide Chess Clinics to 50% of the communities in which Lions clubs are located with support of the local Lions Clubs.

Health of the District:

Four Lions clubs have been cancelled by request or are in the process. The health of the district is good. Many clubs are embracing the wave of enthusiasm generated by the strong leadership example of our cabinet officers and are enlarging the memberships of their clubs and serving their communities more than adequately. According to November reports, the A Club contest has Hillsboro Noon Lions Club in the lead with 5.5% net increase in membership. The AA Club contest with Hillsboro Lions Club in the lead with net 25% increase in membership. The AAA Club contest with Columbus Lions Club in the lead with net 31% increase in membership.

The true story of how healthy District S is will be shown during the next 6 months as District S emerges from the deep freeze and the efforts for new growth continue to show results or not. Some clubs are still in need of support and with 80% of club visits completed more effort is available to invigorate the health of those clubs and District S.

PHILLIPI: Committee reports beginning with Audit Committee by PDG Marvin Funk.

M. FUNK: No report.

PHILLIPI: Budget and Finance by PCC Elfrieda Funk.

E. FUNK: Written report.

The MD 17 Budget and Finance Committee met with Treasurer Hans Neidhardt Saturday, January 16, 2010 at Ramada Inn, Salina, Kansas. Members present were DG Dan Funke, PDG Neal Nichols and PCC Elfrieda Funk. Not in attendance was member PDG David Hentges.

The financial reports presented by PCC Hans were reviewed. Several Lions came to the committee with questions or for budget clarification. PDG Neal asked how he should proceed to secure \$5000. "seed money" for the 2013 Forum. We discussed from what fund this money should be paid out and whether it would be a loan or an expense of MD 17 Lions. It was decided PDG Neal should consult with PID Ed McCormick for suggested procedure, then meet with the Council of Governors for further discussion and/or action.

Footnote: PDG Neal met with PID Ed McCormick who suggested securing this money from the KI Fund and that it should be considered a loan to be repaid by the Forum. Neal met to discuss this with the Council and in order to follow proper procedure we will act on this at the State Convention Council Meeting. EF

PHILLIPI: Constitution and By-Laws by PDG Chris Bauer.

BAUER: Written report.

The committee meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM by PDG Chris Bauer. Members present were PCC Tom McClernon, District Governor Bill Phillipi, PDG Bauer and guests, PDG Al Kimmi and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Clint Vawter.

The following information was passed out: meeting agenda, committee report from the November 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting, and an amendment summary report.

The committee reviewed the November report and the amendment summary. The committee then discussed the lack of any article pertaining to the procedure to follow in the event of a vacancy in the vice council chair position. The committee directed PDG Bauer to review Lions International legal publications for some direction and report to the council of governors at their evening review session.

Results of session with council: As LCI did not have any reference to said vacancy; they directed the committee to research the procedure. They also directed the committee to review Article 5, Section 5 dealing with the vacancy with the council chair.

The following amendments need Council approval to be placed on a ballot at the State Convention.

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Article IV, Section 5. In the absence of a District Governor, the Vice District Governor, with the approval of the State Council, may represent said district and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of District Governor.

**Amendment #1** Constitution, Article IV, Section 5: In the absence of a District Governor at a Council meeting, remove the wording "the Vice District Governor" and replace it with "the First Vice District Governor, or in his/her absence the Second Vice District Governor"

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Article V, Section 4. The Council Vice-Chairperson shall temporarily assume the duties of Council Chairperson when the Council Chairperson is unable to serve.

**Amendment #2** Constitution, Article V, Section 4: Add "And the Council Vice-Chairperson's district chair shall be considered absent and shall be temporarily filled according to Article IV, Section 5."

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Article VI, Section 6. The following State Council Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees and approved by the State Council:

**Amendment #3** By-Laws, Article VI, Section 6: Add “(8) Public Relations”

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Article VII, Section 1. This committee shall require that the Host Club Convention Committee appoint the following minimum number of sub-committees: Resolutions and Necrology.

**Amendment #4** By-Laws, Article VII, Section 1: Delete “Resolutions and”. Add “Credentials”

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Article V, Section 2(b) Kansas Lions News Fund: One dollar eighty-five cents (\$1.85) per member, annually, shall be allocated for quarterly or more publications and mailing of said newspaper.

**Amendment #5** By-laws Article V Section 2(b): Remove the wording “quarterly or more”. Replace the word “mailing” with “delivery”.

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Remove entire Article IX

## **ARTICLE IX**

### District Revenue

SECTION 1. To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses at each District, annual per capita dues shall be levied upon each member of District in two (2) semi-annual payments, on the first day of July and on the first day of January of each fiscal year. The amount of District dues will be recommended by the District Cabinet at a regular District Cabinet meeting and approved at the District Convention by ballot of delegates, or at a time set by the District Constitution billing for such dues shall be based upon the roster of each Club, as of the first day of July and the first day of January, respectively. New and reorganized Clubs shall pay prorated per capita dues beginning the first day of the calendar month following the date of their organization and semi-annually thereafter. Said dues shall be collected from each Club by the District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of the District of which the Club is a member.

SECTION 2. Said per capita dues collected in each District shall become and remain a fund of said District and shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the District as approved by the District Governor's Cabinet.

SECTION 3. The District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to make bond in such amount as shall be approved by the District Governor's Cabinet. The cost of such bond shall be paid by the District.

SECTION 4. The District Governor's Cabinet shall provide for an audit of the books and accounts for the District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer annually, or at more frequent intervals, if necessary.

**Amendment #6** Constitution. Remove Article IX.

PHILLIPI: You have heard the recommendations of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

WELDIN: S. I move to approve the recommendations and have these six amendments on the ballot for voting by the delegates at our State Convention 2010.

FAIRCHILD: L. I second the motion.

PHILLIPI: Discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

International Convention report by PCC DeAnne Heersche in the absence of PCC Tom Badger.

HEERSCHE: With the small amount of interest, it was decided for us not to pursue a tour to Sydney for the International Convention. We do have information from other states we can pass along to you. We wanted you to be aware that Qantas Airlines is reducing their cost from LA to Sydney so you might look up the cost after a couple of days and note the reduction. We would love to have more Kansans attend the Convention. If any of you are interested, please contact a member of the committee.

PHILLIPI: LCIF report will be given by PDG Kathie Bell in absence of PCC Tom Badger.

BELL: Written report.

Recently, the Lions Clubs International Foundation embarked on a new plan to increase the awareness of the Foundation by forming Development Teams. In each Multiple District (MD), a coordinator was appointed to work with each of the newly appointed District Coordinators that will function in that position for the next three years. The District Coordinators roles and responsibilities will be to educate and promote LCIF, assist in raising donations to the Foundation, and develop working relationships that will further the ability of Lions Clubs International Foundation to carry out its mission.

What is development? When we talk about development, we do not mean only fund raising. Development is a process by which an organization increases public understanding of its mission and acquires financial support for its program. Campaign SightFirst II is a good example of a plan that both raised money and public awareness about LCIF.

Campaign SightFirst II was launched in 2005 so that the SightFirst program could be continued and expanded. As I'm sure you know, CSFII has become one of the greatest successes in the history of Lionism. We not only met, but exceeded, our challenge goal of \$200 million. More than 60% of Lions Clubs participated in the campaign. Through the Campaign, several large gifts were received, including \$7.5 million from the Global Health and Education Foundation in the U.S.

This gives you a little background about our efforts to raise the awareness over the next three years. I am asking that each Lions Club in Kansas make an effort to learn more about what they can do to aid in our efforts. Each District has a Coordinator, as well as me, who will be glad to help in any way we can to reach our goal. The District Coordinators from Kansas are: PDG Kathie Bell, 17-L; PDG Daryl Stone, 17-I; PDG Peggy Jacobson, 17-O; Lion Charles Cadwell, 17-N; and PDG Chris Bauer, 17-S.

PHILLIPI: K-I report by PDG Tom Weatherd.

WEATHERD: Written report.

Present: PDG Tom Weatherd Chairman, ID Anne Smarsh, PIP Bill Wunder, PID Ed McCormick, PID Robert Tonjes, PDG Craig Donecker, PDG Joe Mayo, PDG Mike Banta, PDG Jim Ketron and DG Susan McDonald.

ID Anne Smarsh reported that her budget was within boundaries at this time. She also reported a couple of items that came up at the last Board Meeting. There are preliminary discussions started at the LCI board about possibly considering Lions Clubs in Viet Nam and Cuba. The countries mentioned would have to have a good understanding of what Lions stood for and then discussions would start about possible clubs. Also there is a kit being prepared for use by Lions Clubs that would help recruit new Lions and also revitalize current Lions. PIP Bill Wunder discussed the long process of starting Lions Clubs in China.

PID Ed McCormick talked about the Haiti earthquake and how they have visited with the local Council Chairman of Lions and he reported that many Lions were lost in the earthquake and also many of the country's leaders are lost with many government leaders dead. The Catholic Archbishop was also dead and the hospital was also destroyed.

ID Anne Smarsh is to go to Germany for the next Board Meeting. She is booked through June except for a couple of weekends in February.

There being no other business to bring up the meeting was adjourned.

PHILLIPI: LEHP report by Vern Failor.

FAILOR: Written report.

#### Diabetes Awareness/ STRIDES

I heard a large number of Clubs talk about observing World Diabetes Awareness Day and November as World Diabetes Awareness Month. Thank you for participating.

To get information from LCI about eye diseases and diabetes go to: [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

In the upper right corner enter the search mode and type (diabetes) You will find all of the files on diabetes that LCI has available.

In the upper right corner enter the search mode and type (LEHP)  
You will find all of the files LCI has on the Lions Eye Health Program

LEHP material is available by going to National Eye Institute web site  
[Nationaleyeyeinstitute.org](http://Nationaleyeyeinstitute.org). There is a cost but it is small.

In the upper right corner enter the search mode and type (Strides) for diabetes material. You will find all of the diabetes material.

LCI has new Diabetes material available (see the brochure and order sheet that is attached) These are not expensive 25/ \$2.00.

#### Kansas Yellow Dot Program

To date 40 Lions Clubs out of 54 inquiries are using the Kansas Yellow Dot Program. Remember (WE SERVE) this is a service to the local community provided by your Lions Club and it helps the emergency responders in that community know that the people with the yellow dot on their vehicle may have a medical problem while driving. Hopefully this program will aid the driver with faster medical attention in the case of an accident.

For more information please contact Lion Elaine Badger or Lion Vern Failor

PHILLIPI: Long Range Planning by Chairman PDG Chris Bauer.

The committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by PDG Chris Bauer. Members present were PIP

Bill Wunder, PID Ed McCormick, PCC Tom Badger, and PDG Bauer. Guests present were Lion Jerry Loney, Second VDG Clint Vawter, and PDG Fred Frazier.

The following information sheets were handed out: meeting agenda, committee report from the November 1st council meeting, and a PDG Survey.

The committee reviewed the report from the November 1st meeting.

The committee discussed how to identify Lions to fill future Lions leadership positions. One suggestion was to have the outgoing District Governor compile a list to pass on to the incoming District Governor. Another idea was to have LCI provide a line on the Governor's Visitation Report to record possible leaders identified during their visit. PID Ed will discuss this idea with International Director Anne Smarsh.

Another suggestion is to compile a list of Past Zone Chairpersons and Past Presidents from the Kansas Lions Directory for the last 5 to 10 years. It was recommended to check with the state office and see if that information is available in electronic format.

The next agenda item was PDG involvement. The committee will try to obtain a list of all PDG's in the state with contact information. Using this list, a survey will be sent to find out the amount of involvement they would be interested in doing. A sample copy is on the back of this report. PDG Bauer will work on this list.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM

PHILLIPI: MERL Team report by PCC DeAnne Heersche for the team.

HEERSCHER: Written report.

#### Kansas MERL Team Report

DeAnne Heersche, Peggy Jacobson, Daryl Stone, Don Cunningham, Chairs

The state MERL team members been working to support the district governors in their efforts for membership and extension.

Peggy Jacobson has presented at three district cabinet meetings this fall. In Concordia, she provided Guiding Lion training and certification to 22 Lions to support District I's extension efforts. She is scheduled to attend cabinet meetings at the two remaining districts in January. She will communicate her membership growth incentives in January.

DeAnne Heersche is setting her schedule for leadership training this spring. She is available for training or leadership support at the request of the governors.

Daryl Stone is busy visiting clubs and promoting materials from Lions Clubs about the importance of retention and ideas on how to support new members through mentorship.

Don Cunningham has a separate report on his extension activities.

We also would like to plan for MERL training at the state convention. This idea is still in the planning stages as we have not yet received permission for such a session. The strategic planning document combining the goals for all five districts, is almost completed and will be emailed to district governors and district MERL team members in January.

The MERL team is dedicated to supporting Kansas Lions in all four areas of MERL, so we will be in contact with district governors and district MERL team chairs throughout the year. Our three-year plan is basically as follows: Year 1 (2009-2010) – Organizing, Supporting Districts, and MERL training; Year 2 (2010-2011) – Creating highly-effective MERL teams at the state, district and club levels; Year 3 (2011-2012) – Expand training opportunities for all Lions in Kansas.

Extension report...PDG Don Cunningham

District Governors and Extension Teams it's time to make preparations for spring workshops. Now is the time to send in applications to LCI new clubs division. LCI will need to have applications soon for March and April workshops. It takes about 2 months to get your prep work done.

Good news - the new club in Derby will be celebrating their charter night January 22nd. Extension efforts in Wellsville have produced a Club Branch. The parent club is Ottawa. Paperwork will go in next week for a Club Branch in Frontenac. We will continue with our recruiting efforts now that the holidays and bad weather are behind us. The Manager of Home Depot contacted me and wants to join and get his store employees involved.

Baxter Springs has been working on a new club branch.

Please keep me informed of your extension plans. If I am able I would love to come and help on a workshop and canvassing for your next new club.

PHILLIPI: Mid-Winter Rally by Co-Chair Bud Gillispie.

GILLISPIE: Written report.

Mid-Winter Rally Committee believes that we managed to hold an outstanding Mid-Winter Rally. We feel we had good attendance with approximate numbers of 110 on Friday night, over 200 for Saturday's luncheon and over 160 for Saturday's banquet.

The Friday evening program of Karaoke presented by VDG Michelle Hufferd appeared to be a hit with those in attendance, and we believe it was enjoyed by all

The Kansas Lions Mobile Sight Unit was a welcome addition to our event, and we thank Lion Sylvia Reinhardt for her work on setting that up and recruiting nursing students who assisted with the screening that took place.

We believe that the selection of Secretary of State, Ron Thornburgh, was a good decision and that Secretary of State Thornburgh made an excellent presentation to the 200+ Lions and Leos in attendance. The points Mr. Thornburgh made resonated with our Lions and, at the same time, challenged us to do all we can to create the kind of communities, state, nation and world that we want and need. While the committee had nothing to do with the appearance of Congressman Jerry Moran, we felt his attendance added another dimension to our Mid-Winter Rally.

The Luncheon on Saturday did an excellent job of recognizing the Leos and the Peace Poster winners.

The other speakers on Saturday, Wendy Cain and Dave Wentworth both made excellent presentations. Arrangements for those two speakers were the result of work by VDG Tonja Wienck, and we thank her for her efforts in this regard and for the other things for which she took responsibility.

Thanks to Daryl and Leah Stone for co-chairing this event with us and sharing their experience and knowledge with us. Thanks also to the rest of our committee, the Medleys, the Brauers, CC Bryce Day, VCC Bill Phillipi and VDG Marilyn Sorenson for their work on this event. Toni Brauer took it upon herself to deal with registrations and that was a great assist to us.

In summation, we, Lela and I (Bud Gillispie), learned a great deal in this project. Those lessons will assist us in our future work with Lions in Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity.

PHILLIPI: Public Relations report. PDG Denny Smith is unable to be here but has sent a written report to all the Council and will be in the minutes.

Written report

#### 1. State-Wide PR Project-

MD17 Council Chair Bryce Day was notified in mid-November 2009, of the approval of our \$4,200 LCI PR Grant Application to produce, print, and distribute a Set of Color Posters depicting the various Service programs and Projects conducted by Kansas Lions Clubs.

The Public Relations & Media Committee was given permission and the responsibility to carry out the development, production and distribution of this project. Following the design and production of the Set of Seven original posters... a printing contract was negotiated with Staples Printing Inc. in Garden City, Kansas, for 320 sets of the posters at \$7 per Set, or \$1 each poster. (which may be viewed at the web address, below) [http://web.mac.com/outbacklions17kl/Site/P.R.\\_%26\\_Media.html](http://web.mac.com/outbacklions17kl/Site/P.R._%26_Media.html).

Dec. 3, 2009... Delivery was accepted of 320 Sets of Seven Posters. Also purchased were 315 mailing tubes for packaging and mailing the posters to the 294 Lions Clubs & Branches, plus 21 Leo Clubs in Kansas.

Dec. 12, 2009... A Service-Work Project was held by the Ulysses Lions Club where the 320 Sets of Seven Posters were packaged in postal mailing tubes & addressed.

Dec. 14-19, 2009... The 315 Sets of Posters were mailed to club secretaries of the Kansas Lions and Branch Clubs, and to Leo Club Advisors. The package also contained a 1-page Cover Letter or statement of recommendations for use of the posters to gain the maximum PR effect within their hometown communities. E-mails were sent to club secretaries & presidents of each of the Kansas Lions Clubs alerting them to the imminent arrival of the Sets of Posters, with additional suggestions and recommendations of how to use the posters for public awareness and membership promotion.

#### PR Project Extension

January 4, 2010... With support from members of the State PR & Media Committee... an e-mail letter was sent to Dane LaJoye, LCI PR Division Head requesting permission to Extend the original PR Project to include purchase of Magnetic Car Signs for display by District Governors, Vice District Governors as they travel the state for official duties. The total cost of this Extended Project will use up most of the remaining money of the \$4,200 original Grant. The request for Extension of the PR Project was approved. 42 Magnetic Car Signs for District Governor and Vice District Governor were designed by Lion Scott Cranford (17-S) and purchased from BuildASign Company of Austin, Tx. for \$609.91. (may be viewed at the same website address, given above.) The signs are guaranteed be delivered to me before Jan. 14, 2010. They will be distributed to all DGs & VDGs at our Kansas Mid-Winter Rally Jan. 15-16, 2010.

#### Financial Report Summary

All project expenditures are properly documented with receipts, and are on file with the MD17 State Treasurer. A small amount of Grant Money was not used. State Treasurer Hans Neidhardt is to be

commended for his immediate and timely support of grant funds... including the advancement of funds beyond those that had been received from LCI at the time.

I appreciate the support and timely responses of LCI PR Chairman Dane LaJoye, both with the original grant application, and with the request for the project extension. I commend the Ulysses Lions Club members for their work in packaging and mailing the Sets of Color Posters to all 315 Kansas Lions & Leo Clubs. Also, my appreciation to the MD17 Council of Governors, Vice-District Governors and Public Relations & Media Committee members for all their support and advice.

### 2. MD17 Newsletter Merit Awards-

The PR & Media Committee has concluded the newly-revised Newsletter Merit Award program for Club Newsletter Editors. No longer a “Contest” between clubs for prestige and status, this new “Merit” Program evaluates the quality of Club Newsletters based upon an established set of objective criteria, to award one of three Merit Evaluations: Standard, Excellent, Superior. Merit Awards are determined by Consensus and average evaluations of a Committee of the Five District Newsletter Editors. Nine Clubs have submitted Club Newsletters for Evaluations this year. Award Certificates were awarded.

### 3. Advance Publicity Sent-

Advance Publicity was sent to many newspapers and electronic media around the state announcing Mid-Winter Rally. Hopefully, some media outlets will carry it.

PHILLIPI: State Convention 2010 by Co-Chair Neal Nichols.

NICHOLS: Written report.

Gear up for a trip Down Under to the 2010 Lions International Convention by joining fellow Lions at the 2010 Kansas State Lions Convention, June 3-5, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Olathe.

“Growing through service around the world.” will feature an 18-hole scramble golf tournament at the IronHorse Golf Club (just a short distance from the Holiday Inn) at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 3. This will benefit Leader Dogs, KSDS, and CARES. A theme basket silent auction will also benefit these programs.

As an extension of the golf tournament benefit for the various service dogs programs, a silent auction for theme baskets will be a part of the activities at the state convention. For the past two years, there has been a single basket from each district. This year we are encouraging clubs from across the state to bring baskets. Recognition (with appropriate prizes) will be given to baskets in the following categories: most creative, funniest, prettiest, best “Bubba” basket.

Baskets will be displayed in the same area as exhibits, which will be in one of the smaller ballrooms at the Holiday Inn. They can be brought to that area beginning during the day on Friday—the earlier the better. We are asking clubs to provide a list of the contents of their baskets, along with the approximate total value of the contents.

Lion Margaret Moore of the Lenexa Lions Cub is heading up this activity. In order to plan for the proper number of tables, she needs to know how many baskets clubs will be bringing. Please contact her by May 15, 2010: e-mail: 73wes-marg36@kc.rr.com or mail: 7336 Meadowlark Drive, Shawnee, KS 66227.

Lion Eleanor Craig and students from the Kansas State School for the Blind will share experiences of their adventures along the Oregon Trail. Lion Mark Naster and Habitat for Humanity recipients will share success stories about the Habitat experience. Australia Night there will be a Friday night picnic at Sydney’s Bondi Beach.

PHILLIPI: State and International Band by PCC Hans Neidhardt.

NEIDHARDT: Written report.

Time our number one enemy. Seems just like yesterday we started the process of preparing for the 2010 Kansas Lions State Band camp and the Kansas Lions International Band trip. We now find ourselves just 4 ½ months out from the State Band camp and only 44 days away from our International Band deadline of 1 March. We continue to be in contact with both the Baker University staff and World Travel staff. Flyers have gone out, our District Governors have helped spread the word, we have highlighted both programs in the Kansas Lions News, and updated information has been placed on the Kansas Lions website. For the time being, coordination goes into neutral and we must wait for the applications to roll in. On the bright side, we received our first State Band (and possible International Band) application on the 10th of December. Matthew Kelso, sponsored by the Eudora Lions Club was the first application to be received. At the present he is unsure if he will be able to participate in the International Band, but we keep our fingers crossed. Remember, we have set the minimum number of participating/paying students at 45. As a reminder, cost of the State Band camp is \$225 per student and \$3950 for International Band (which includes the fee for State Band).

The Band Committee will continue to plan, coordinate, and track both programs. As always we will keep you updated through your District Governors, the Kansas Lions Website, and future articles in the Kansas Lions News. The key to the Kansas Lions Band program success is you, don't hesitate to get involved. Time is short – Act now.

PHILLIPI: State Office report. Everything is going good.

Kansas Lions Foundation by President PDG Craig Donecker.

DONECKER: Written report.

The Kansas Lions Foundation held its third meeting of the 2009-2010 Lions year on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 9:30am. The meeting included reports from each of the foundation's committee chairpersons.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Camp - Lion Tom McClernon reported the camp will held July 14-18, 2010 at Rock Springs Ranch, KS. The committee, along with the counselors, is planning to expand this year's camp with increased publicity. Lion Tom requested monetary assistance from the foundation for this year's camp and that request was approved by the Board of Directors.

Leos - Lion DeAnne Heersche reported that 36 Leos and advisors from five clubs attended this weekend's events. The Leos learned about working as productive teams and how to run an effective meeting on Saturday morning. The afternoon was spent organizing 100 pounds of food at the Salina Food Bank which was donated, along with \$50.00 cash to the organization by the Leos. The Leos of Kansas now have a Facebook page that will serve as a basis for statewide communication between the members.

Quest - Jerry Loney reported Quest Training seminars have been held and 12 people from five school districts have been successfully trained. Additional seminars are scheduled this summer. Additionally, work is under way on obtaining two grants to fund the program here in Kansas.

Youth Exchange - Peg Gilbert reported that our first exchange student for this winter was Kate McFayden, from Australia. She spent time with PDG Wally Severson and his wife Carol, of Gem, KS through December 21. Our Peruvian exchanges are due to arrive January 19, and will be in the state until February 27.

We will soon need to line up host families for this summer's exchange students from Italy, Finland and

Japan. If you are interested please contact Peg Gilbert for an application.

Peace Poster - Peg Gilbert also reported on the difficulty of judging this year's Peace Poster Contest. The judges consisting of an art center director, two professional artists, and two high school art teachers deliberated for 2 ½ hours before reaching a decision. First place went to the poster from District I, drawn by Davis Thomas. A tie for second place went to the poster from District O, submitted by Kate Albrecht and the poster from District N, submitted by Madysn Mitchell. Honorable mentions went to the posters from District L, submitted by Madelyn Morris and District S, submitted by Trent McDaniel.

ALERT--Tom Smarsh reported that due to his commitment of Vice District Governor, and with the amount of traveling he will be doing with the International Director it was best for the foundation if he step down from his position as Alert Co-Chairperson. After some discussion Lion Tom's resignation was accepted and Lion Daryl Stone was appointed as Alert Chairperson for the remainder of the term.

Unfinished business--Laura Olsen Oxley reported the marketing committee continues to fine tune plans and will have information at the next meeting.

Lion Marvin Funk reported that development of the SOPs were ongoing.

New business - It was approved by the Board of Directors that the Official Minutes of the meeting be completed and e-mailed to all Board of Director members, Officers and Committee Chairperson within two weeks after the foundation meetings. It was also approved that the treasurer report and all committee reports under the umbrella of the foundation be submitted to all Board of Directors and Officers not less than two weeks prior to the next KLF meeting. This should improve communication and streamline the meetings.

A Strategic Planning Meeting will be scheduled for later in the spring for the purpose of establishing both long and short term goals for the foundation. The time and date of the meeting is to be decided.

There are three Wunder fellowships to be awarded at the Saturday evening banquet. They are as follows: Kathie Bell, Connie Craft- Maize Lions Club, and Tonja Wienck. Additionally, there are six Pink Lions to be awarded. They are as follows: Harry Malnicof, Assaria Lions Club, Derby Lions Club, Windom Lions Club, Clyde Lions Club, and the Scranton Lions Club.

PHILLIPI: Kansas Lions Band Foundation by President PDG Willie Tolle.

W. TOLLE: Written report.

The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their third directors meeting, Saturday January 16, 2010, at the Ramada Inn, Salina, KS at 7:30 AM. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as e-mailed to the directors. The Treasurer's report was given and approved. Hans gave a report about costs for the band trip to Australia and the state band at Baker University. He had one international application.

Old business

1. New Band Foundation Pins are in and were distributed.
2. Theme Baskets for MWR – ticket selling was discussed and agreed upon. The baskets will be given away at the end of the auction.
3. KMEA booth will be Feb 25-27. Help should be covered.

Discussions:

1. There was a discussion about per capita donation.

2. Reviewed the Country Store and Auction. The auction will start at 3:30.
3. Quantity of concert programs.
4. Possibility of putting the Band Foundation on facebook.

Post auction notes:

1. A thank you will be extended to Terry Zimmer and Tom Oswalt for auctioneering.
2. The Country Store raised \$23.00, the auction netted \$1645, and the Theme Baskets brought in \$563 for a total of \$2231.

PHILLIPI: Kansas Lions Sight Foundation by PID Gene Vogel in absence of President Joyce DeVore.

VOGEL: Written report.

The MSU continues to be the best advertisement for the Kansas Lions and KLSF. We already have 21 bookings between now and the end of the fiscal year. In recent years, we averaged around 30-35 screenings per year. We also have a few bookings for the beginning of the 2010-2011 year. Marlou Wegner, Manager, Community Relations, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation, spoke regarding their partnership with KLSF to fund the MSU.

Other guest speakers were Dr. John Sutphin, KUMC Ophthalmology Department, and representatives from Audio Reader, Peggy, Brenda and Janet. Dr. Anne Nielsen spoke concerning the KSSB Low Vision Screening project that we have been helping to fund.

A goal of the SureSight Screener committee is to write and obtain grants to enable us to fund additional screeners. The objective over the past many years has been to cover all the Infant-Toddler programs in the State. We currently have placed screeners in most of the rural area offices.

The used eyeglass project continues to do well under the leadership of PDG Mark Doyen. Lion Mark spends untold hours sorting and distributing the glasses. Due to budget cuts in the State Correctional System, some of the facilities are no longer grading the glasses for us. Thank you to the Lions of Kansas for their continued support.

PHILLIPI: Any unfinished business? None.

New Business? ID Anne Smarsh.

SMARSH: I would like to remind you Governors of a quote..."Being a leader is like being a lady....If you have to keep telling people you are....then you are not." Keep being leaders! Lions, give them support.

PHILLIPI: Thank you. I would like to thank all of you for your support this weekend.  
We are adjourned.

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## ATTENDANCE

Vice Council Chairman

Bill Phillippi

### **DISTRICT GOVERNORS**

Bill Fairchild, 17 L  
Susan McDonald, 17 O  
Terry Weldin, 17 S

Bill Phillippi, 17 I  
Dan Funke, 17 N

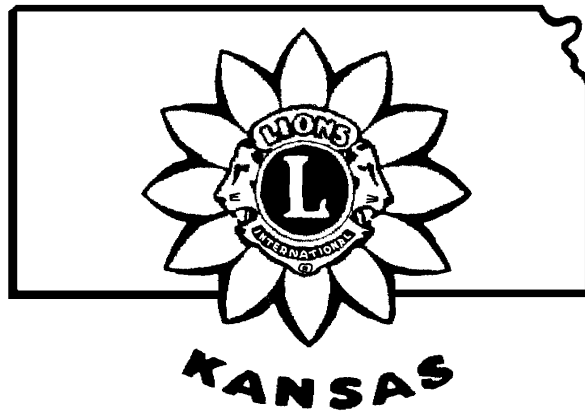
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Gene Vogel  
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State Secretary  
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## **MINUTES**

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