

District Cabinet Meeting – Sunday January 12, 2025

Wisconsin Lions Foundation Report



The WLF Board of Directors met at your Lions Camp on Saturday, December 14, 2024. The main agenda item was the discussion and approval of the 2025 WLF Budget. Executive Director Hartvig went over the budget and answered questions from the Board of Directors. The budget of \$2.1 million dollars was approved. The budget increased slightly more than 10% over the 2024 budget. All the WLF project areas were affected by the increase.

It was announced that Project Director Keith Mueller will be transferring the Diabetes Awareness and Hearing Projects to Amanda Dehli, the Healthcare supervisor to utilize her healthcare background. Lions Club inquires about Diabetes Awareness and the Hearing projects should be directed to Amanda. Keith will still oversee the eyeglass collection and vision screening projects. The numbers in the photo above represent activity July 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024. Just a reminder to District Lions Clubs to send your vision screening reports to Scott Grover at revorg.scott@gmail.com so he can update the District numbers and file the reports with Keith Mueller.

Reservations for 2025 Camp visitor days are open now. There is morning and afternoon guided tour times available. Our District had one club visit the camp this past summer. Please talk to your members about visiting your Lions Club during the summer of 2025. It is difficult to really appreciate what a great place it is unless you make a visit to the camp.

Recent facility updates include the completion of the new storage building. Incoming collections of used eyeglasses will be stored there until they are needed in the recycling center. This will reduce the crowded area where the used eyeglasses are processed. The pontoon boats and other watercraft will also be stored in the new building. All the windows and doors in the Memorial Building have been replaced. This was a welcome upgrade because it was reported that there could be a twenty degree difference in the temperature from one side of the building to the other during winter months. Several cabins will have their doors replaced in January and all the cabins will have windows replaced in the spring of 2025. The new windows will come with a 20 year warranty on the thermo pane seals.

It's hard to believe that we are half way through this Lionistic year. As the District Lions Clubs consider the annual donations to the WLF projects please think about increasing the amount, especially for YOUR Lions Camp. Your District WLF Directors have set a goal of \$100K for the Camp from the Lions Clubs in our District this fiscal year. We are confident that the District clubs will step up to our challenge and meet our goal.

If your club would like to have a WLF presentation at one of your meetings please contact us.

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