



Grand Rapids Lions Club Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
12:00 PM, ABVI

Meeting called to Order at 12:13 pm by Chairman Shawn Eyestone.

Present: Pres. Ed Thauer, VP Ben Eavey, Treasurer Jeff Kraai, Directors: Anna Clifford, Gary Anderson, Boyd Griswold, Colleen Mulder, Kyle Travis and Cheryl Anderson

Absent: Pres Ed Thauer, Jim Baird, Thaddeus Phelps

Guest: Dr. Renee Mika, Cherry Street Health Services

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Jeff Kraai emailed his report to all directors. Went over the report. Kyle Travis moved to accept the treasurer's report and Gary Anderson seconded. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Leadership Institute:

VP Ben Eavey will be attending this year.

Presentation:

Kyle was unable to be at the annual dinner this past June, so he was presented his "Lion of the Year" plaque.

VP Report: Ben Eavey had nothing to report.

Guest Proposal: Dr. Renee Mika is in the process of creating a "Centennial Lions Club Lab". The in-house lab would be mainly used for the uninsured. This lab would help with the turnaround process to receive eyeglasses. Currently Cherry Street Vision Services does 12,000 eyeglasses per year. 65% of those that walk in the door are Medicaid. The Center used to receive a \$20 fitting fee, but that has been cut by the government, which has cut down their income. This lab would be used for the 3 sites of Cherry Health and could become a Medicaid Lab, so other agencies may order additional service through this lab. There is a space available with minimum overhead, the electric and plumbing is already there. Dr. Mika handed out an explanation of the costs. Cherry Street is asking for a large sum of money totaling over \$100,000. (\$55,000 is equipment & 65,000 for furniture/computers/software for the computers). This lab would definitely be a savings for Cherry Street and the equipment is good for 8-10 years. This lab could potentially generate \$11,000 which would offset the \$20 fee that was cut. Currently the GR Lions have our White Cane collection of \$9800 that the GR Lions would move and allow to relocate these funds toward this lab project. Moved by Gary Anderson, 2nd by Kyle Travis, Vote taken with 1 abstention due to conflict of interest. The Lions will look into ways to help with funds for the project.

Eyeglass Recycling Center:

Kyle Travis reported that a new place is just about secured. It is located in the back of an existing company near 29th & East Paris. It will be finalized by Nov 1. Right now, there is no time to prepare glasses for our February trip to Mexico, so no trip this February.

Cars for a Cause Update:

Boyd Griswold will further check on the final numbers and report at our luncheon meeting on Sept 17, 2019.

Membership Report:

Gary Anderson reported that there will be a pre-orientation meeting for all prospective members. This will give them information about the club and expectations before they join, thus retaining the new members. Hoping to get a short YouTube video with Shelley and Gary to put on our website to attract new members.

Motion by Anna Clifford to adjourn, 2nd by Boyd Griswold. Vote unanimous to adjourn.

Adjourned at 1:51pm

Next Full Board Meeting is Tuesday, Nov 26 @ noon, ABVI

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Anderson