

Grand Rapids Lions Executive Board Meeting
April 28, 2020
Noon Zoom Mtg

In Attendance: Chairman Shawn Eyestone, President Ed Thauer, V-President Ben Eavey, Membership Chair PID Gary Anderson, Secretary Lion Cheryl Anderson and Editor John Rice
Absent: Treasurer Jeff Kraai

1. Meeting Called to Order by Shawn at 12:01 pm.
2. Secretary's report had no corrections. Ed moved to approve. Gary seconded, vote taken and passed.
3. Treasurer's report had no corrections, will wait for Jeff in May with full board to discuss distribution. Ed moved to accept. Gary seconded, vote taken and passed.
4. President's Report:
 - A. Ed commented that attendance on the Tuesday evening Zoom meetings are ok.
 - B. We did have a website inquiry from Liz Collver working with the Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, who wanted to work with us on running a blood drive together this summer. Ed was going to contact her, obviously we don't have a facility to hold this and right now, we can't do anything with the public either at this time.
 - C. Lion Dr Pat Droste is deciding to cancel the VI Sports Day Event this summer. With the coronavirus and the schools all closed, it is impossible to have the event. Cheryl will email Pat to verify that the VI Sports Day is definitely canceled so that it can be posted as canceled on the website. (update, Cheryl confirmed with Pat, the event has been definitely canceled)
 - D. Dr. Droste will have an answer on May 15 regarding the "Cars with a Cause Event" as to whether or not it is being held this July.
5. Vice President Report:
 - A. Ben is working on his replacement for the vice president position. He is very close.
 - B. The Annual Dinner will be postponed until September. Looking at the first week in September as a "kickoff" event. That first week of September is the week before we begin our regular luncheon meetings.
6. Membership Report:
 - A. Gary is working with Thaddeus Phelps to get the Pride Groups working. There are 18 teams. Gary and Thad have been working on an email to the pride leaders but it has not been sent out yet. Gary will follow up.
 - B. New Member Orientation is coming along. John Rice and Gary are working to update the powerpoint created by John so that the new member orientation could be held as a Zoom meeting for members from the past 2 years, approx 24 members. Once the powerpoint is corrected, the members will attend the virtual meeting with a follow up personal contact from the president of the club. This contact (phone call, email or text) will make it a more personal contact to answer the new members questions and make them feel more welcome. (Update, Gary and John did meet Thursday evening to make the changes to the orientation powerpoint)
7. Old Business:
 - A. Student Recognition Day??? Ed will call Ryan Smith to find out the status of how we want to handle the student recognitions this year. We can still do something for the students, maybe double their gift card to \$50, since we are saving money from our luncheon meetings.

Old Business cont'd:

B. Summer Social Event: All events are postponed due to the COV-19. Maybe later in the summer the Pride Groups can hold events for their smaller size group.

8. New Business:

A. It was brought up to the club by Lion Mary Beth Tupper to possibly reimburse Cherry Health Workers for lost wages during this pandemic. Not sure how to handle this. Even dividing up a \$50,000 donation would be a drop in the bucket for all the workers. They are receiving unemployment benefits, which in many cases, is more than they would normally get paid on a regular basis. Would Cherry Health rather have us donate to their employees or go directly to their lab project? We will put this back on Cherry Health. Ed will talk with Jeff to see if we did donate to their workers if it would affect their 501C3. Then Ed will have Jeff check with Anna Goddard and get her thoughts.

B. Drive 4 Vision is questionable at this time. The committee meets again on May 15 and at that point they will decide whether to hold the event or cancel due to COV-19

C. Gary suggested that the club consider filling some needs in the community by contributing to Kid's Food Basket Organization. Gary was going to reach out to Lion member Drew Wessell and talk with him about how to do this or which organization needs us the most in the community. Ed commented that \$500 pays for a truck full of food that delivers to a church in the community. The families have to come to the church to get it but at least there is food available. This would be a reasonable price for us to consider. On a brighter note, the schools budgets did include food until the end of the school year, so there still are meals available until the school year ends.

9. Motion to adjourn by Ed and seconded by Gary. Meeting ended at 12:41pm
Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Anderson, GR Lions Secretary