



Exec Board Meeting
Zoom Meeting
12/22/2020

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ed Thauer at 12:06pm

In attendance: Ed Thauer, Ben Eavey, Jeff Kraai, Cheryl Anderson, Gary Anderson

Treasurer Jeff Kraai did a comparison to our previous years. Last year, we had a loss of \$1600 at this time but this year, we have a net of \$5,000. The majority of his extra income is from not paying for lunches or parking at the University Club.

So we are building up some nice cash in our account. Not much else to report on the balances.

We had another member drop, Dr. Mark Kosciuzko. He said he was sending in a check but never did. Gary said he would call and ask for the \$192 dues and get back to us with Mark's final answer. Cheryl will drop Mark for now. If he comes back within 6 months there is no new membership fee.

The Grand Rapids Lions Club received \$616 from an unclaimed estate, unknown as to who donated it but Jeff suggested putting the \$616 into the GR Lions Foundation.

Cherry Street Health would like to redesignate their white cane money, \$14,000 from the Early Child Program into the lab building fund. The money was being raised for vision but the letter may have said Early Childhood Program. The letter didn't say anything about needing money to build the lab. Gary said if they are still doing the Early Childhood Program and paying for the needs of this program by themselves and not needing our money, then the money is better suited for the lab designation that is trying to get built. The Early Childhood Program is for the extra glasses for the children. They get a cheap pair from Medicare but Cherry Health glasses are much more durable for the children. We need to clarify what the Early Childhood Program does and how it uses the money. The new lab would make the glasses and save Cherry Health the money it costs to have the glasses sent out and made for the children. Next year, we will change our White Can letter talk about the new lab. This change in the letter will make us compliant when collecting money as a non-profit. Gary said to leave the money into the Early Childhood Program and once we get the grant approved from Lions

International, we can designate that money for the lab. When the grant is approved the Grand Rapids Lions will be responsible to raise \$50,000. The \$50,000 cannot be already specified in a building a lab fund but new money. Which means, then and only then could we move the \$14,000 from the one account to the lab account. The \$100,000 lab grant (we raise half) has been submitted but all grants are on all hold due to COVID.

Last item, is the pay raises which goes to the treasurer, secretary and newsletter. This item will go to the full board for approval. The club needs an historian. It has been Craig Nobbelin. John Rice has no interest into taking on that role. Ben suggested to put out a request to be the Historian. Ed suggested putting it into the Nuda.

Newsletter: John Rice doesn't think anyone is reading it and the newsletter isn't needed. Ben talked to John about this issue. John likes doing it and will keep doing it, if members are reading it. The Nuda is our record of the club. It has been around for 100 years. No one wants to drop the Nuda. Facebook isn't the answer. Ben will follow up with John and his value with continuing the Nuda.

University Club being closed: Opening up on Jan 15 or not. The University Club received a grant that should hold them through April. With recent closures not sure if April is still valid. Ed will have Kim Gary look at other venues for our meetings. We need an update on other options for our next board meeting.

Club Meetings: January 19th will be our first meeting at the U-Club, or will it. With enough notice January 5th at noon could be our first meeting with Zoom. Cheryl will check with Mark & Shelley to see if they have anyone. Mark had a person for an in-person meeting, not zoom. The zoom meeting will start at 12:15pm like our normal meeting. Probably end early due to no lunch. Gary suggested for Ben to do the pledge alone b/c otherwise, everyone is delayed. Ben asked to be the alternate host. Use this email for Ben: ben.eavey@rehmann.com.

Pride Groups: Thaddeus is still working on the Pride Group Leaders. There are 18 pride group leaders. He has not heard back from everyone. Thad is working on a zoom meeting for the Pride Group Leaders to explain their duties/purpose.

Adjourned at 12:40 pm.