



Full Board Meeting
Zoom Meeting
1/26/2021

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

In attendance: Ed Thauer, Ben Eavey, Gary Anderson, Jeff Kraai, Cheryl Anderson, John Rice, Anna Clifford, Jim Baird, Thaddeus Phelps

Absent: Colleen Mulder & Boyd Griswold

Secretary's Minutes from November and December: No corrections needed. Motion by Gary to approve, Anna seconded, vote taken and approved

Treasurer Jeff Kraai: General Fund is in good shape. Last year we were at \$8,243.71 this year we are at \$14,781.97 from the last 6 months of not being at the University Club. The healthiest we have been in for 25 years. 2-year comparison-revenue is down but our expenses are down too. Gary contacted Mark Kosciusko but did not hear back from him about his dues. Revenues category only has Dive 4 Vision and White Cane. We did get a \$616 donation from an estate and it went into the foundation. We will need to disperse the \$12,000 funds from the 2020 Blind Dinner Date Funds. Jeff will check into getting our deposit back since we are not going back to the BOB in 2021. We did receive \$50 from a past GR Lion that passed away. Proposal on Secretary, Treasurer and Editor pay. Current pay is \$1,687.56 and would like to raise it back up to \$3,375 It will cost us \$2,700. It won't affect us financially for 3-5 years. Ben moved to approve and Anna seconded, vote taken and passed.

Jeff wants to propose at the next meeting to discount the dues to luncheon members because of not meeting at the University Club. Jeff stated we are financially secure for 3 years.

Lab Project: We need to keep the money (\$15,000) in our account and we don't want to give it to Cherry Health just yet. It is still our money and when the grant comes through, then we give it to them. If we give it to them now, it won't count as matching funds. It was given by the public and it will back out to the public. The grants are slow at LCI due to all the needs with COVID.

President's Report, Ben Eavey: On our website, google etc; the address is still Craig's Nobellin. Where can we make the address? It is usually is the secretary's address. The problem is if someone googles us, it will show up as Jenison, that is not right.

This is our presence on the internet. John Rice offered a suggestion of a PO Box, approx. \$120/year. Someone does have to check it. Anna suggested there is a mail alert as to when mail arrives. Jim Baird said PO Boxes don't accept IRS information. Jeff will still use his address for IRS and other documents. Gary said he could check the PO Box. Jeff doesn't like the PO Box and suggested the University Club. Ed said, how much long are we meeting there? Ben suggested is the University Club open to receiving our mail? Ed asked, how much mail do we get? Cheryl will check with the University Club if they will accept our mail. There address will be listed on the internet and they could get spam and junk mail as well as a letter. Cheryl will also check with Craig as to how much mail he gets. John Rice has some suggestions for his membership stuff on the website ie join tab, donation tab and wants the website to be updated. Ben will start with things he has been approached about and check with the web place. A cap of \$2,000 to be spent on these updates is the suggestion. Jeff moved and Jim seconded, vote taken and passed. Cheryl will send an email to members asking for any suggestions about the website they would like added or changed.

Ed Thauer is still checking with Jeff and Kim Gary about a new place to meet. Kim has looked at other places if we need one.

Membership Chair, Gary Anderson: He resigns as membership chair due to taking on the role of Vice President. Membership is an elected position and is a 2-year term, so leaves us an opening to appoint John Rice to fill out that position. John brings a lot to that position with being a past president, helping with membership and has a ton of ideas. Jeff needs to know if he needs a budget. Mostly the website changes will fulfill what is needed. Jeff offered a \$1,000 budget to cover any costs. Moved to accept John by Gary , 2nd by Anna, voted and passed. Gary, Motion to approve \$1,000 budget for misc operating costs. Jeff seconded. Vote taken approved.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Thaddeus Phelps: No updates from Kim or Mark. Pride Groups have a zoom meeting on Friday.

Colleen Mulder & Boyd Griswold not here

Kyle Travis: Holiday Party was canceled. High School Honors is on hold. Eyeglass Recycling: talked with Scott Brady about a plan for reopening. There is a long term

plan and Scott may come to a future board meeting to discuss it. Mission trips are on hold until we can do a safe mission.

Jim Baird: VI Sports Day is canceled. White Cane was in October and done only through the mail. We collected \$4,275. Anne Baird wrote a personal note to everyone that donated. October is LCI vision month, so planning again this year in October. Community Resources, a child who wanted an update on her equipment. This child is going to a private school whereas if they are in public school she would get the money for new equipment or update from the government. Hard to give money for an update when they are paying for private school.

Anna Clifford: Technology is Ben and thankful for that his presence on our meetings to help. No updates on Marketing. Blind Dinner Date is moving forward. Another meeting in a week and looking at an event outside so that we can have an event together. A fun new refreshing event on August 19. Awards presentation will take place at this event. Jeff asked if Anna could write an article on the Kenosha Early Childhood Program, what it is and how it works for the Nuda to get to our members.

New Business: nothing

Old Business: nothing

Adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Executive Board Meeting 2/23/21