



Executive Board Meeting Minutes
February, 22 2022
Via Zoom

In Attendance: Chair Ed Thauer, President Ben Eavey, VP Gary Anderson, Membership Chair John Rice, Secretary Cheryl Anderson and Treasurer Jeff Kraai Guest: Anna Goddard.

1. President Ben called to order at 12:15pm

2. Approval of Secretary's minutes , 1/25/22, John Rice moved to approve, Ben Eavey seconded. Voted to approve and passed

3. Approval of Treasurer's minutes – Jeff questioned the Early Childhood money (glasses for Cherry Health) being released due to an email Jeff received from Anna Goddard back in December. \$45,000 is being held for the lab. The money needed for the Grant is only \$40,000. (The full cost of the lab is \$80,000. We only need to come up with half.) So we have \$5,000 extra right now. The grant won't pay for staff & administration which adds to the total they are up to now - \$100,000. Part of the grant is that the Rockford, Wyoming and Muskegon NS Clubs are required to contribute something. This added income will help cover some of the extra costs. Anna agreed to release the money to Cherry Health Early Childhood. Jeff will send them a check.

The treasurer's reports were emailed today \$26,000 Cash on General Fund. Jan vs last year – small income. Page 5 & 6 under pandemic racking up some money but today we have a deficit. We will have to talk about the annual meeting. Last year the annual dinner was a little hefty. The Charities Fund \$52,000 but \$4500 is the designated amount for the lab grant. Nothing exciting happening. Eyeglass pallet money coming in slow. Community Foundation just came in a few days ago from December 31, 2021. Currently \$1,254,000, we can move \$43,000 to the check book, however, Jeff will leave all the money in the foundation right now. Jeff will send out the annual proposal of distribution of funds when we meet with the full board and discuss where to send the money or give more or differently.

Currently, all member's dues are paid up.

Gary moved and Ben second to accept the treasurer's report, voted and passed

4. President's Report – Ben Eavey.

a. Annual Dinner will be after our final May 17th meeting, board meeting is May 24. Ed commented it is normally in June. Then decided that VP Gary will set it up, a Tuesday on June, 7-14. Gary is in Montreal at the International Convention the week of June 21-28. Gary will try to find something that is more cost effective.

5. V-Pres meeting- Gary Anderson

a. Elections: Potential candidates, Kyle Travis & Ryan Smith, Gary will talk with them about being vice president. Two director positions: (Colleen & Thaddeus are going off) Tony Zoellner & Bob Younger were suggested by John Rice. Ed suggested Ann Zoellner. Ben suggested Gail Junod. Jeff suggested Pam VanOverloop. Gary said newer members like Mike Smallegan. They should be a member for over a year. The newer members can be steered toward a committee.

b. Afghan Refugee Resettlement, Grand Rapids has committed to this and working with other agencies. Will get back with more details. Bethany Christian Services & Samaritas are already doing this so will look into working closely with them.

6. Membership John Rice: Potential members are out there but getting stagnant. Right now nothing to report but keeping them on the radar, nothing to report about members now. The full Membership Committee met on the Feb 8th. Looking to have an open meeting April 19th, (coordinates with International's push.) Process of figuring out where to put out our information. Look at groups of people under 35-40, or newly retired around 65, who are looking for something to do. The people between 40-65 are too busy with family. The Lion dues discount ends at 40. The rule is the first 5 years until they turn 40 years old. April 19th is supported by the board for an open house.

Kelly Phelps has submitted her application. Jeff moved and Ed seconded, voted and passed. Thanddeus will be her sponsor.

Old Business:

"Wear the blue for 22" to get members to wear their Lions pin.

Ben wants stories about wearing their pin and being approached for the Nuda. Gary was stopped twice going to Lions events by the police and let him go. Teller at the bank and was asked if the "L" meant Larry, even though she had his check in her hand. So Gary explained what Lions are. Gary also had a flight attendant notice the pin and she too was a Lion in Chicago.

New Business:

Next Meeting March 22, 2022-full board

Adjourned