



Full Board Meeting  
May 25, 2022  
Zoom Mtg-12:15 pm

1. Called to order by Chairman Ed Thauer

In attendance: Ed Thauer, Ben Eavey, Gary Anderson, Cheryl Anderson, Jeff Kraai, Jim Baird, Thaddeus Phelps, Anna Goddard, Jason Brown

Absent: Colleen Mulder, Adam Carlson

2. **Secretary's Minutes**- both March (full board) April (exec board) minutes were moved to approve by Jeff Kraai and seconded by Jim Baird, voted & passed with no corrections.

3. **Treasurer's Report**-Jeff Kraai

Jeff sent out his reports separately so they are not attached. Robert Clayton Smith gave money from his estate (\$38,525) to Welcome Homes but since Welcome Homes no longer exists it came to our Lions Club which will go into our foundation account. Financial statements: Losing a little money but still have \$23,000. Activity fund, just winding up Drive 4 Vision. We did get \$5,000 from recycled material, three years ago would have been \$18,000. We have \$35,000 to give out to our charities. Proposal is for our two biggest charities (ABVI & Cherry Health) to get the bulk of our giving. Thad suggested to include Kids Food basket in our end of year giving. We bumped up our giving a little this year. There was a discussion regarding where our donations go. Gary stated that Lions have 5 campaigns and we should look at anything that involves the 5 campaigns. Thad suggested that we should give locally. Gary pointed out that the charities we give to are all local or in Michigan. Thad had no idea who our charities are and where/what they do. Jeff suggested to put an article in the Nuda for all to see and how they impact someone local. Ben thought to put something in the Nuda every year and who was impacted. Gary commented that the Lions Project Night does have all the projects at this event. They all explain what they do and their purpose but people don't go to Project Night. At the multiple convention the projects give presentations about who they are and what they need money for but again you have to attend. Gary said he could get a small summary about the projects. Ben asked if we needed to do better communication with our members. Gary said all the information is in the Lion Pride Magazine but who reads it. Anna said she doesn't think she gets it but that she is really only interested in what we as Lions do. Thad made a motion to add a \$1,000 donation to Kids Food Basket to our list of the end of year charities. Ben seconded. No further discussion, voted, passed.

Gary moved to approve the club donations to the various charities. Jason seconded. No further discussion, voted, passed. Jason to approve financial statements and John seconded, no further discussion, voted, passed.

#### 4. **President's Report**-Ben Eavey

Rookie of the Year, discussed the list of qualified Lions. It was agreed Pam Vanoverloop has been a little more active than the others. She has also taken on a leadership role of the Transport Service when Kathy is out of town. Vote taken and passed.

Lion of the Year, who has made a difference. Lions were discussed. Jim nominated Kathy Oberlin, Gary seconded that Kathy Oberlin is qualified. Voted , passed. Also discussed co-awardees but that takes away from the award Melvin Jones Fellowship, this can be awarded to any person Lion or not a Lion. It is a recognition award. For every \$1,000 we can give a Melvin Jones. Last time we gave one was in 2018-19. Jeff suggested Kyle Travis. Cheryl suggested Anne Baird. Gary moved to give Anne Baird a Melvin Jones, Ben seconded. No discussion, voted, passed. Gary will take care of getting that award.

#### 5. **Vice President Report** - Gary Anderson

Annual Dinner: Place, date, time and food all set. Invitations going out soon.

PID Dr.Dennis Cobler will be the MC and he will do the installation of officers

Unified Gift Cards: We voted on supporting the food gift cards last meeting.

The Unified Cup is the soccer teams from around the world in Special Olympics. It is the first week of August. There will be a bus going over one day if you want to volunteer, details to follow. Gary will buy the cards and get reimbursed later. The cards will be sent to one central location.

Grant Update: Shawn Andrus gave a presentation at our district convention regarding the vision clinic, where the money goes, the effect of the clinic and services to the public. The grant (2019) for the lab has changed because of personnel and equipment costs have changed. So once he has new numbers, Gary will present it later to the Lions International board. The grant is sitting in Shawn's lap.

Afghan Refugee: We would work with Samaritas and Bethany to co-sponsor with these refugees. Currently the process is being held up due to funding and due to private funding. The money will still come to our club and we will then send it out to where it is needed. We are waiting for more refugees to arrive. However, because of other countries like Ukraine, Sudanese and other countries Lions International is trying to develop a plan as to how we can help other country refugees.

Elections: Two board members and a Vice President. Gary is working on Kyle Travis for VP. His concern is the Drive for Vision but he could get a co-chair. Sherah told Gary it is best to be president when your kids are really young (no sports or school stuff) or over 50. Kyle's kids are young so this could be his time. Ryan Smith declined but would be interested in the future. Director prospects are 1. Joe Annoreno who wants to get more involved with the club and has some ideas. 2. Drew Wessell is the other prospect. Tony Zoellner declined a board position. Currently too busy, maybe in the future. There are two other prospects, but not saying anything right now. An email will go out once the slate is complete for the club to vote. It will be complete this week.

6. Membership Report-John Rice

Orientation was held for Dr. Shawn Andrus and Dr. Autumn Kilop. All Lions were invited but they were the only ones on the zoom orientation. They will be inducted at the annual dinner.

7. Board Member's Report:

A. Jim Baird – nothing to report

B. Anna Goddard – not much to report. The blind dinner date will be August 11, please plan to attend

A. Colleen Mulder-absent

B. Thaddeus Phelps-Kim Gary, social chair, was kicking around the idea of a summer picnic.

C Jason Brown-nothing to report at this time

D. Adam Carlson-absent, Gary reported that recycling is happening on a limited basis. Student Awards luncheon went well. Holiday Raffle coming in December

**New Business** - Gary talked about doing activities for families and kids. A day activity for everyone, maybe on a Saturday this summer. Not just for our club members. Trying to get outside people interested in Lions. Nothing set yet, just an idea.

**Old Business**-nothing

**Next Meeting** – Annual Dinner, June 14, 2022 7pm Wallinwood Springs Golf Course

Adjourned-1:13pm

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cheryl Anderson

Secretary Grand Rapids Lions Club