



Full GR Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2022
Via Zoom

In Attendance: Chairman Ben Eavey, Pres Gary Anderson, VP Kyle Travis, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Treasurer Jeff Kraai, Membership Chair John Rice, Directors: Jason Brown and Drew Wessell

Absent: Directors: Joe Annoreno, Adam Carlson, Colleen Mulder, Thaddeus Phelps

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Ben at 12:17pm

2. Approval of Secretary's report from October, John motioned & Kyle 2nd, vote taken, approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Jeff Kraai

A. General Fund (lunch Fund) \$33,000 cash. \$20,000 fund balance at the beginning of the year and lost \$106, compared to last year, we had a \$4,000 loss. This year it is estimated that we will lose \$3500. No problem.

B. Comparing the revenue from the last two years. This year our Rev is \$9669, last year \$9591 (we gave a COVID discount to lunch members)

C. Expenses, meals went up last year a little, attendance down so it balances out. Saved money on the installation meeting/meal this past June so we are in way better shape.

D. Dues: Scott Embree, Mark Kosciuszko & Renee Mika need someone to contact them. Adam Carlson and Boyd Griswold should be paying.

E. Activities Fund; In November transferred some money into this acct. There is a surplus for Cherry Health just waiting on the lab grant.

F. Liability: \$45,000 to Cherry Health, (lab) also \$1200 white cane money for two years for the early childhood eye program, until they send us a report as to what they do with this money, we are holding on to it. It just seems that both Cherry Health and ABVI are a little behind the times due to the new hires at the upper level.

G. Blind Dinner Date brought in \$23,00, \$10,000 was our cost. Dispersed \$5,736.38 to ABVI, \$4,268.93 to Cherry Health, \$1,344.04 to the GR Lions Foundation and \$2,001.06 to Early Childhood eye program.

H. Expenses: \$6,000 rent on the Eyeglass Center.

I. \$44,000 to spend in the current year. Mkt value will go up and down.

J. Assessed \$750 to all members from the University Club, that we have to pay.

K. Tom Murphy will do a final inspection of the books for the year.

Gary moved to approve, 2nd by Kyle, voted & approved

President's Report: Gary Anderson

A. Gary checking on the lab at Cherry Health, the status etc.

B. ISSA Trust in Jamaica is putting in a pediatric clinic and putting in two rooms

for eye exams, 1 room for eye exam equipment and 1 room for a lab. It is starting to break ground in January to build this bldg. The ISSA Trust has already raised \$500,000 from a fundraiser held in January. Gary talked with LCI to help in raising money with a matching grant. The lab would continue to function after we left to be housed by an eye doctor & locals for the lab.

- C. Gary and Cheryl are going to Kenya in February to do an eye mission. This is an opportunity to meet with people/company that has the equipment we want to purchase for the lab in Jamaica, plus check on a future mission to Kenya. Jeff brought up the funds waiting disbursements to the lab at Cherry and should we consider moving or creating a fund for international vision (i.e. Jamaica). Change the payout from Drive 4 Vision and Blind Dinner Date to include a 10% cut to go to an international vision fund or would that hurt our relationship with our local major donors with our events. Gary will reach out to Colleen Mulder to see how she felt regarding changing up the appropriations. The idea for this new fund is to put in something that is sustainable and for future use when we go back.
- D. Craig Nobbelin passed and was in the newsletter. Just waiting on information for his memorial service
- E. Holiday Party, looking for volunteers to do a 2 min skit. (Ben & John)

Vice-Presidents Report: Kyle Travis

- A. Organizational Chart is up to date. Ben will put it on the website.
- B. Need to get two nominations for the directors going off the board.

Membership Report: John Rice

- A. Not a lot to report, 78 active members. Started the year with 82 members, 2 passed away & 2 moved. Lots of room for growth.
- B. Guest Day will be Jan 3, with the police chief as our guest speaker

Director's Report:

- A. **Thadeus Phelps**; absent, no report.
Holiday Raffle, Cheryl contacted Ryan Smith and he is all set
- B. **Drew Wessell**
Events are too far out for any report.
- C. **Joe Annoreno**: absent, no report
Marketing – Gary has not yet reached out to either Mike Murphy or Pat Mullen and Gary will talk to Pat at the Holiday Party.
- D. **Jason Brown**
Calendar Raffle is dead,
Drive 4 Vision – too far out
Service Committee – still going on. Dec is Holiday Shopping.

E. **Colleen Mulder**-Absent, no report submitted

Holiday Shopping, Anne Baird is in charge and under control

F. **Adam Carlson** -not there, Gary gave his report

Student Awards – too far out

Eyeglass Recycling – still going on in a small way. Readers being given out to the local missions and very much appreciated. Jeff asked if we could get a schedule at the eyeglass center, Lions are asking to work out there. Gary will reach out to see if there is a consistent time. There was a dinner meeting at the old center but not sure there is room to hold a dinner here. We can get notices out via email & newsletter.

Missions - Jamaica working on later in the year. Also working on a mission in Suriname. They wanted us in April to see 5000 people at a few different sites. We normally see 2400. Gary zoomed with the committee and told them the cost of working with the mission group. Trying to figure out when and where to hold the mission. They are not ready for us yet and checking on airfare rates to see if that is even feasible. Poor place but active Lions that are enthused for us to come down there.

Old Business – Nothing

New Business

A. Nancy Ozinga requesting money to purchase video players and audio equipment for her visually impaired students totaling \$469. 3 classrooms with 10 students each at Lincoln Developmental Center. Jeff said to reimburse, that way they can buy what they need. Gary Anderson moved to purchase the equipment and we will reimburse them up to \$470. Jason seconded, voted and passed

B. No other new business.

Next Meeting is the Executive Board Dec 27, 2022

FULL BOARD meets January 24, 2023

Adjourned at 1:14pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Cheryl Anderson

GR Lions Secretary