

Executive GR Lions Club Board Meeting Agenda



April 25, 2023
Via Zoom at 12:15

1. Secretary's report: attached below
2. Treasurer's Report: Jeff Kraai
3. President's Report: Gary Anderson
4. Vice-Presidents Report: Kyle Travis
5. Membership Report: John Rice

Old Business:

1. New Venue – any updates?
2. Shirts
3. New Address for the website?
4. Trip to Leader Dog
5. New Social Media Person – Joe Annoreno

New Business:

Zoom Link:

GR Lions Meeting Host is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Executive Board Mtg April 25

Time: Apr 25, 2023 12:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Full GR Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023
Via Zoom

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

Absent: Directors: Adam Carlson & Colleen Mulder Phelps

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Ben Eavey
2. Approval of Secretary's report from Cheryl Anderson
John moved to accept, Jeff seconded, vote and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Jeff Kraai-emailed out.
 - a. General Fund, parties, luncheon fund. \$26,724.
2 year comparison last year -5,274.27, this year -535.23 probably end the year in a surplus.
 - b. Charity Fund, not much happening. A few costs, insurance and VI Sports support. Eyeglass Program a lot of used material in California, waiting for a check, long time to get a check from them. No income, just the cost of renting. \$10,000 loss so far this year.
 - c. Summary, things are going great.
 - d. Scott Embree & Mark Kosciusko need to be dropped. Voted, dropped.
 - e. Preliminary draft of money to be dispursed in May. Any ideas of where you want the money to go, contact Jeff. Every category will probably get a bump. About \$9,000 to disperse. Kid's Food Basket, is doing ok but an idea might be Grace's Table but Grace's Table not really replacing the hunger category. Gary will talk with Sherah & Kelly if they have any ideas.
 - f. GR Community Foundation restricts our money, costs high and Jeff some issues with this foundation. Jeff thinks we should start a new foundation (July 1) that we maintain the assets, less limitation of the annual distribution b/c if we have a big event our foundation only gives us \$40 K a year. Maybe Kyle or Thad can suggest a new foundation for our money that we can access easier or something because our GR Community Foundation and the money will just keep growing. It is a donor designated fund, but the bank is managing it. We lost total control. We can never spend any of the principal, just the 4% interest. Drew suggests a committee of expertise to handle the money. Need some decent governing, by- laws over the acct. Find a low-cost way to handle the newly donated money. We need a new direction of how to handle this issue. Gary suggested to have a committee of Lions to manage and govern the restricted funds. Ben suggested a committee of Jeff, Drew,

Kyle & Thad to figure out what to do with the new funds that we collect and manage the funds. Voted to put together this committee, passed. Gary moved to accept this committee, Kyle seconded, vote and approved.

President's Report: Gary Anderson

- a. Tim Tuthill is going to be asked to be the official chaplain of the club. It is an appointed position so there is no vote required.
- b. Griffins game was a lot of fun with special thanks to Kim Gary & Mike Smallegan. The problem was that most of the people that came, were the same people that come to lunch. We agreed to cap the out of pocket cost to Kim to be \$500 and Jeff send a check to Kim to cover the remainder of the cost for the event.
- c. No VI Sports Day this year. We will need to look at another way to work with visually impaired kids.
- d. Meetings next year and where it is going to be b/c the University Club is moving. We still haven't heard about costs with to the address change. There is going to be a group of Gary, Scott, Joe and Kyle with regards to finding a place. Do we keep a noon meeting? John Rice commented that our club is split on whether a noon or dinner meeting. Ben commented the two meetings a month has been working. Kyle said, Thousand Oaks wouldn't work for us, no space right now. There is a retainer fee per meeting, which we would probably meet, the food was a little higher but we would save on parking – no cost.
- e. Build Beds was presented to our club from the DG Diane Wehby for us to participate in but it doesn't really fall under any of the 5 Lions Campaigns. There was some interest so we agreed to participate on Sat April 15. There is a large need of beds in GR. There is no cost to us, just to participate in building. The linens are donations you can make online to be delivered to a central location. Good project but really different from anything that we have participated in before. The other date was April 22 which is Craig's Memorial, hoping we get a good turnout.
- f. The State Convention and our district convention is in Muskegon the weekend of May 18-20. Thursday night there is a barbecue chicken & pork for \$15 plus free admission to see the LST393 ship. Thursday is relaxed evening. Friday starts the convention with a fun night. Saturday is the main day with the state and our own district convention incorporated in the middle of the day. Our convention will have a taco bar for lunch, then a parade in Muskegon and then we resume our convention. Our guest speaker is the Immediate Past President Douglas Alexander. So you can participate in both \$15 for MD11 & \$25 for our district convention (includes the \$22 lunch). The club used to pay for our registration. Gary is going to write a summary of the weekend and get

it to the NUDA. John said it is in the Nuda with a link explaining the events of the weekend.

- g. Club shirts is something we are going to pursue with a variety of styles. Ben suggested the club sponsor 1 shirt with our GR Logo on it. We can decide if the club wants to pay a full cost or discounted amount for the shirt. Cheryl will investigate the shirts. No surplus, just ordering the correct amount. This will help with PR when we are doing a project.
- h. Heading to Jamaica to investigate our next mission and check out the health center. The center will have an eye exam/lab area in it. This will be a permanent site and we may not need to bring glasses in the future. Signage from the GR Lions Club will be there for our donations.
- i. Gary is also headed to Oakbrook to talk about Kids Sight being a part of Lions International along with various other departments. He can report on that when he gets back.

Vice-Presidents Report: Kyle Travis

- a. The luncheon venue was already discussed.
- b. Directors Thad & Colleen come off the board and happy to report that Jim Schuyler and Anne Baird are willing to come on board. Still have to replace Drew Wessell, as he will be the treasurer and off the board. There a few younger members that are not ready right now but maybe one of them are willing to fill in for Drew.

Membership Report: John Rice

- a. Vote for Christian Celentino leaving the GR Lions. Gary moved to accept Christian's resignation and Kyle seconded, voted, passed.
- b. Guest Day is April 4, "Mission trip in Kenya". So invite people trying to be positive for the year

Director's Report:

A. Thadeus Phelps

Socal Committee: no updates

Programs: no updates

Holiday Raffle: no updates

B. Drew Wessell:

VI Sports Day-Not happening

White Cane: no updates

Blind Dinner Date: Ben reported that there is a tentative plan for Griffs Ice House. A blind hockey player that is world wide known. Tim Tuthill is doing followup Moving to December and possibly be a themed night

C. Joe Annoreno: absent, no report submitted

Marketing

Community Resource

Technology: nothing

D. Jason Brown:left, no report submitted

Calendar Raffle is dead,

Drive 4 Vision -

Service Committee,

E. Colleen Mulder: absent, no report submitted

Holiday Shopping

GR Lions Foundation

F. Adam Carlson: absent, no report submitted

Student Awards: April 18, 2023

Eyeglass Recycling : Gary reported that tonight is the reopening of the eyeglass recycling center. This reopening is to see what the enthusiasm is, whether to continue with recycling or is the club burned out. We have two missions on the horizon. Tonight, then April 11, 18 and the 25th. Every Tuesday night except April 4 – spring break. Looking at what we will be doing in the future with our recycled glasses. Looking at our options

Eyeglass Mission Trips: two trips. Jamaica, October and Suriname, February

New/Old Business

1. Whether to charge for the annual meeting? Jeff said that Wallinwood Springs was very cost effective. Gary moved to have it free to members and free for one guest. John seconded, vote, passed.
2. Mailing address is still Craig's Nobelin's address. We need to change it on our website. Also, we need to get the treasurer's address changed from Jeff to Drew. Maybe a PO Box. Drew and Jeff will figure it out, maybe in Ada.
3. Trip to Leader Dog: Tim Tuthill wants to take the Mary Free Bed Bus out to Leader Dog. Someone on the board has to follow up with, maybe the social committee. They are not opened on Saturday. It has to be on a weekday. A social event would have to cover the cost of the trip. Even drop down to Ann Arbor and see the eye bank. Or go to Bear Lake Camp, kids with disabilities. We need to investigate further. Gary will call to see if Saturday is even an option
4. Vote on new Directors: Jim Schuyler and Anne Baird. Kyle moved to nominate Jim Schuyler and Anne Baird for the board positions, seconded by Jeff voted, passed. Drew's replacement can be appointed does not need to voted on by the club. Gary is officially appointing Drew Wessell as the new treasurer.
5. New social media position. Maybe a new member/s that could work together
6. Club shirts-already discussed.

7. Afghan resettlement. There aren't any that wanted to Grand Rapids but Lions Int'l has changed to include Ukrainians. \$15,000 given to Lions Club to help all resettlements. Gary told Lions Int'l we are still interested and we would be working with Bethany Christian Services since they basically do it. We had several members collecting furniture and clothing. Nothing for now, just an interest.

Next Meeting is the Executive Board on April 25, 2023

Adjourned 1:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Cheryl Anderson
GR Lions Secretary