

Full Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Minutes

Attendance: Chairman Ben Eavey, Vice President Kyle Travis, Membership Chair John Rice, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Treasurer Drew Wessell
Directors: Bob Younger, Jim Schuyler, Anne Baird, Adam Carlson
Absent: Pres Gary Anderson, Directors: Joe Annoreno, Jason Brown

Called to Order at 8:07pm by Chairman Ben Eavey

Secretary's Minutes no additions or corrections, Bob moved to accept, Jim seconded, voted and approved.

Treasurer's Report, Drew Wessell: In the General Fund, the net ending number is close to last year's number. The Assets & Liabilities look pretty much the same. Our profit and loss statement is pretty close just behind with dues that are owed. Expenses were a little higher due to the Holiday Dinner. It was a full dinner vs last year was just appetizers. Raffle brought in \$1,140. We have a handful of people to follow up regarding that owe dues. Drew just sent out notices but still waiting. A couple may be paying through their work, so Drew will need to check. Dan Crane moved and need to get him off the list. John Rice moved to drop Kathy O'Bee, Harry Jones and Dan Crane. Seconded by Anne, vote taken, passed.
Charities Balance Sheet: Assets & Liabilites are inline. The Meijer Shopping needs to be updated but Drew will check with Jeff. A concern is that our General Fund banking is at 5/3 Bank and the Charities funds are at Chase. Drew would like to consolidate both accounts to Lake Michigan Credit Union. There is no cost to us and we can get a credit card through LMCU.
Kyle moved to consolidate both 5/3 & Chase to LMCU, with a credit card giving authorizing to both Drew Wessell (treasurer) and Cheryl Anderson (secretary) John seconded. Vote taken and passed.

President's Report: Gary Anderson absent but sent in a report (attached below) that Jacqueline Smart is still in but Kathy O'Bee can't be located so she should be dropped. Harry Jones is another one that can't be located. Gary is looking for feedback from the Holiday Inn. Food is good, room is good, easy accessibility from the hwy and the parking is great. Cheryl did talk with the cook about getting the menu in advance to send out to the club. (pork was an issue at the last meeting). With the free parking, the cost is about the same as the University Club. The only negative is signage. Cheryl will inquire about getting a sign out in the lobby.

Cheryl Anderson has accepted the position of 1st VDG for the district. Lastly meeting with the Rockford Lions Club and they are considering taking over the recycling center and moving it to the Rockford Area. We would still mentor and help them. Gary would still lead the vision mission trips/teams.

Vice President's Report: Kyle Travis: Working through the vacancies of the directors: Jason Brown and Adam Carlson. Jim Schuyler has stepped up to being named Vice-President. Now we have to fill the remainder of his term as director. If anyone has any names for these vacancies, please send them to Kyle. Jim suggested Dr. Meagan Baker and Tim Tuthill.

Annual Meeting is in June. Kyle wants to hold it at the Holiday Inn. He will inquire for more information. Cheryl will cancel the hold at Wallinwood Springs for our annual meeting.

Membership Report, John Rice: Two new members Kevin Carlson & Steve Oberlin they have both been inducted and oriented.

Directors's Reports:

1. Joe Annoreno: absent, no report.
Technology – Bob Snyders is getting us a screen for our meetings.
2. Jason Brown
Drive 4 Vision - Jamie Junod is kind of taking over the chairmanship. The first meeting is Feb 20. Coming up with a new format.
Service – Feb 14 – Kids Food Basket
3. Adam Carlson
Eyeglass mission – 2 weeks away from the mission trip to Surinam, South America.
4. Jim Schuyler
Blind Dinner Date, preparing a follow up report for next board meeting.
Thanks to Drew for his help especially with EventBrite. Looking forward to Jan 30. Currently 65 attendees, taking people up to walking in the door, Jan 30. Platinum Sponsorship \$5,000 Retina Specialists – through Meagan's contacts. Next year, may alter the price of the ticket b/c of the percentage EventBrite takes from each ticket. However EventBrite gives us a bigger audience.
5. Bob Younger
Social/programs – nothing
Holiday Raffle went well at the Holiday Party.
6. Anne Baird
Lions Foundation – no report today but the foundation report was given by Pat Mullen and Lynn Francis at the Holiday Party.

Holiday Shopping – 49 kids, (last year 35) pleased with the volunteers. More family members made it really nice. Ben thanked Anne for her job! Anne is already stocked for wrapping items. Both Jim Baird and Don Jakel got a shout out for their help,

Old Business:

John Rice – we need to change the address on our website from Craig to Drew’s business address; 5110 28th St SE , Ste 1029 , Grand Rapids MI 49512

New Business:

No new business

Next Meetings – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 27, 2024 is an Executive Board Meeting

March 26 is the next Full Board Meeting – we need to discuss Lion of the Year & Rookie of the Year.

Adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cheryl Anderson, Secretary

Submitted by Gary Anderson, Presidents’ Report

1. Jacqueline Smart-Parish wants to remain as a member.. Kathy O’Bee should be dropped as I cannot find her and if she is off with her son in another state or Canada, she won’t want to still pay dues.
2. Feedback on Holiday Inn. Need feedback from attendees on any meal issues.
3. Cheryl has accepted an appointment as or District’s First Vice District Governor, which will lead to her being District Governor 2024-2025. This will not effect her position as our Club Secretary.
4. We met with Rockford Lions Leadership at our recycling center and they are very strongly considering taking over leadership of the recycling project. The location would change to a Rockford location, but our club would serve as mentors in the running of the new center location and we would encourage our Lions to perform the same recycling service there. We (GR Club) would still lead the vision missions yearly with glasses supplied by the new center location.