



## Lions Board Meeting Agenda

April 30, 2019

ABVI – Noon

1. Call to Order:
2. Approve minutes from March board meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
  - A. Allocations in May
  - B. Discuss members who have not paid
4. Old Business:
  - A. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner update-attached
  - B. Cars for a Cause- Boyd Griswold will be presenting
    - a. members to help with traffic control
    - b. members to help take tickets
  - C. Elections – 2 positions open for Director
  - D. Awards to be given out at the Annual Dinner
    - a. Rookie of the Year – description attached
    - b. Lion of the Year – description attached
    - c. Melvin Jones Recipient – description attached
    - d. Award to honor Craig Nobbelin for all his years as secretary
  - E. Website Update
5. New Business:
  - A. Annual Dinner
    - a. Shelley Irwin will be the MC and is working with the mayor
    - b. Mark Oberlin has arranged the music
  - B. Eyeglass Recycling Center (committee coming to ABVI at 1:00 to meet with the Board)
6. Adjourn



## Executive Board Meeting

April 30, 2019

ABVI – Noon

Present: Shawn Eyestone, Cheryl Anderson, Jeff Kraai, Gary Anderson, Boyd Griswold

Absent: Ed Thauer, Ben Eavey

Meeting started at 12:17pm

A. Secretary's minutes approved

B. Treasurer's Report:

1. Allocations will be distributed in May when the full board is present.
2. Gary Anderson presented three requests for medications/gas permeable contact lenses. All three fit the G.R. Lions Club criteria of vision needs. All three have gone through the process at Cherry Street Health to verify financial need. The hope is that these three will be able to get full time jobs that will include full medical benefits.
  - a. Sally Simons, lives in Grand Rapids and was referred by ABVI for our assistance. She has a severe dry eye condition, neurotrophic keratitis, that distorts her cornea, allowing best corrected vision with glasses to be right eye 20/100- and left eye 20/80. These drops cost \$760 for a six month supply and are not covered by any medical insurance. ABVI has a donor that will pay \$300 for the first six months supply. I am asking the club to pay \$360, so that the first six month supply can be manufactured and used. After six months, a further evaluation will be made as to how much success was achieved before any further steps are taken. Sally has a very reduced income as her husband has muscular dystrophy and works part time. Sally cannot see well enough to work at all. If the treatment is successful, the manufacturer has some assistance programs to help patients continue using this serum at a reduced cost.
  - b. Jairo Serrano has a congenital, hereditary condition called kerataconus which causes the front of the eye, the cornea, to thin and warp. This results in normal glasses not being able to correct his vision because of the tremendously distorted tissue. His best correction with glasses is right eye 20/50 and left eye 20/100. This does not even qualify him for a drivers license. His best option is custom made scleral rigid gas permeable contact lenses. With these lenses, we are able to bring his vision to right eye 20/20- and left eye 20/30. He is now able to work full time and support his family which includes a 16 month old son, Normally, these lenses and fitting can be billed to medical insurance because they are considered a medical necessity. Jairo does not have medical insurance yet in his job. I am asking him to pay \$300 to offset some of the costs and for the Grand Rapids Lions Club to pay a reduced cost for the lenses. The normal fee is \$788 each, \$1576 a pair and with a reduction in fees from Art Optical, the manufacturer, I am asking for the club to pay 55% of that or \$866.
  - c. Miquel Garcia is in the same situation as Jairo Serrano and we are asking Miquel to pay \$300 and the club to pay \$866 for the lenses.

Jeff moved to allocate the fund to these three patients. Shawn seconded, vote taken and passed.
3. Jeff brought up that Lion Fred Martin asked to be dropped from the club. Fred agreed to pay his outstanding dues. Gary moved to process the drop and Boyd seconded. Cheryl will drop asap.

4. There are several members that won't respond to Jeff about dues owed. Will decide at the next full board meeting whether to drop these members. Cheryl offered to reach out to these 5 members.
5. Boyd Griswold had a request from East Kentwood Public Schools to donate \$7,000 to help cover the cost of a therapy dog from Mindful Therapy Dogs LLC. The dog has already been purchased and is living with the principal. After a little research, Mindful Therapy Dogs LLC is a for profit organization. The East Kentwood students do help us a lot at the eyeglass recycling center but we need a little more information, since a therapy dog is a little out of the vision realm that the Grand Rapids Lions Club focuses on. Boyd will get more information for the full board meeting. The request has been tabled.

C. Old Business

1. Ed Thauer sent in the minutes from the last 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

100th Committee Notes

Our event will be called "100th Anniversary Celebration" and we will be hiring the local band "Mid-Life Crisis" who will play well known music as a cover band. The event will be held at the new "20 Monroe" venue on November 6th.

The Governor of Michigan and the Lions International President have been invited. if they attend we see no reason why we won't get the attendance we need to make it a very effective fundraising event for our Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation.

If the International Lions President can join us, we will attract other clubs in our District and beyond. If the Governor of Michigan attends, we will attract other City dignitaries.

We anticipate:

1 - Title Sponsor @ \$5000

3 - Featured Sponsors @ \$2500

6 - Table Sponsors @ \$1000

(These folks will all be invited to a VIP reception in the Vanguard Room from 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.)

There will also be:

5:30-6:15 p.m. cocktail reception on the main floor for dinner guests.

6:15-7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Program Speeches (Governor and International President)

7:30 p.m. Doors open for General Admission ticketholders on Mezzanine Level 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Band plays Set #1

8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Band plays Set #2

**Financials Report:**

Income Sources:

\$18500 (If fulfill all sponsorships with six tables) \$25000 (20 more tables ticketed individually)

\$ 7500 (300 general admissions tickets @ \$25)

\$51,000 Estimated Total Income

Cost Estimates:

\$6000 Room Rental (with a \$5000 bar minimum with 600-700 people should be no problem)

\$15000 Caterer

\$2500 Bar Staff

\$ 900 18% gratuity

\$3000 Promotion/Printing etc

\$3000 Band

\$29,900 Estimated Total Expenses

- 2 .Boyd Griswold spoke about the “Cars for a Cause” update. Boyd met with Deb Droste and AJ who went over the status of the event. Dell Woodwyk (son is a patient of Dr. Droste) has come on board to help with coordinating the car show. Dell Has 20 years of experience with car shows. He will be working to get the car show set up and the right decisions made to help with the event. Boyd stated that there is now a request for \$6500 to be donated to Cars for a Cause from the G.R. Lions Club to help fund the event. Checking the minutes from when Pat Droste presented the event to the club, he was asking for help with the raffle, auctions and ticket taking. GR Lions approved to pay the fee for the raffle ticket license but nothing more. It is tabled until we meet with the full board to discuss and vote.

D. New Business:

1. Eyeglass Recycling Committee came at 1:00, we moved to skip the rest of the agenda and allow them to present (1:05pm) Scott Brady, Jean Kraai, Stephen Mulder, Brent Spoelstra, Jamie and Gail Junod represented the committee.  
Scott Brady presented about the eyeglass recycling center updates. Jarmark Laboratories, where the center is housed, has been sold and we will need to vacate by June 1. There is an opportunity to stay for a couple of months longer-the space has not been rented out yet. The future holds a new direction for the eyeglass recycling center project, and the committee would like this decided asap so that come September, the recycling center committee is all set to go. The recycling center needs 2,000 sq ft to hold all the pallets, computers and boxes, and for the center to be open 5 hrs on Tuesdays to perform the duties of recycling glasses.
  - a. One option is to find space and continue as we always have, although members are really getting tired and the committee isn't getting any younger.
  - b. Another option is to have clubs take on the role of sorting & washing, then sending us the “good” glasses for us to input into our database. The discarded glasses would be sent to California and the club would split the profits with the G.R. Lions Club. Asking to reach out to clubs in the district to see if they are interested in helping with the sorting & washing.
  - c. A third option – hand it off to another club all together.
2. Annual Dinner – ran out of time.

C – Old Business Cont'd

3. Elections: No one has come forth to fill the two board of director spots. Shawn will make a few calls .
4. Awards: Rookie of the year & Lion of the year). We may not give out a Melvin Jones this year. Past President's dinner is scheduled for next Wednesday to decide the Henry Vogt award. Also it was agreed to purchase a special award for Craig Nobbelin's Outstanding years of service as our club secretary.

Adjourned 1:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cheryl Anderson