

Full Board Meeting  
Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023  
8 pm Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Chairman Ben Eavey, Pres Gary Anderson, Vice-Pres Kyle Travis, John Rice Membership Chair, Drew Wessell Treasurer

Directors: Anne Baird, Adam Carlson, Jim Schuyler

Absent: Joe Annoreno, Jason Brown, Bob Younger

Guest: Jeff Kraai

Call to Order: 802pm

**Secretary's Minutes** from executive meeting last month; Gary Moved to approve, seconded by Jim Schuyler, voted, approved.

**Treasurer's Report, Drew Wessell:** In line with where we should be. General Fund similar. Several delayed payments that we are following up on. Expenses are a little lower due to two summer banquets in the same Lion year. Insurance Issue for insuring our board members. It is for our protection and better to have it than not to have it. There is a comparable liability policy to what we had before. . Gary moved to purchase the insurance and Kyle seconded, vote taken and approved. Kyle moved to accept the treasurer's report, John seconded, voted and approved. Drew will pursue purchasing it

Jeff Kraai gave a report on the newly proposed Grand Rapids Lions Charities Flex Fund. "The purpose of this fund is to allow donors an alternative to donations being sent to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The donations placed in this fund will be used to support charities each year with a spendable balance of 5% of 3-year end average assts. The fund will also allow some flexibility to the Board. The Board will be able to spend up to 25% of the assets to fund special projects, but not more than once in 5 years." The donor will choose between the two foundations. The money already designated in wills and trusts prior to June 30, 2023 will automatically be put in the Grand Rapids Foundation, unless changed to the flex Fund. Community Foundations cost less (fees) and we can spend more. Gary moved to approve the plan for the new Grand Rapids Lions Charities Flex Fund when the explanation is clarified from Jeff. John seconded, vote taken and approved. Because of the conflict of interest with Drew, Jeff Kraai will chair this account for the first year or two. Jeff & Drew will get the account started and then get the reporting set up. Jeff will get an article into the Nuda and do a question/answer document. There are currently 8 Lions that have funds from their estate going to the GR Lions. So the legacy committee is going to ask these Lions along with others about their donated money and which fund the money goes to.

**President's Report, Gary Anderson:** Nothing to report

**Vice President's Report, Kyle Travis:** Nothing to report

**Membership Report, John Rice:**

**Directors' Reports:**

1. Joe Annoreno- No report submitted  
Marketing, Community Resource & Technology
2. Jason Brown-No report submitted  
Service – Water Filters only had 1 person volunteer (Kelly Phelps)  
Drive 4 Vision
3. Adam Carlson-  
Eyeglass Missions-On a mission this week (1,000 kids in the first 2 days)  
Student Awards-no news  
Eyeglass Recycling-trying to transition the recycling center to Rockford
4. Jim Schuyler-  
White Cane  
Blind Dinner Date-live with individual ticket sales. Cheryl will get info out to Our Lions and the other Lion Clubs in the district. There are two strong nominees for the awards. Donations are still coming in. Thank you notes have gone out to the sponsors. Still looking for sponsorships. Jim will happy to answer any questions you have or get you any information you request. Moving into two meetings a month, just to nail down all the details of the event. Thank you to all for your assistance.
5. Bob Younger-No report submitted  
Social, Programs & Holiday Raffle
6. Anne Baird-  
Meijer Holiday Shopping, Requested the money from corporate. We were given \$1,000, Does the board want to raise the amount given to the child, from \$100-\$125? Volunteers are coming in!!! Ben asked about dispersing the money around the amount of kids they are buying for. Kyle moved to give each kid \$100 with \$1000 from Meijer and the club will pick up the rest if needed. Jim Schuyler seconded. Voted and passed.

**Old Business:**

1. Vote on the Grand Rapids Lions Charities Fund, name and people to be on the sub-committee. Guidelines will be sent out by Ben.

**New Business:**

1. Kathy Oberlin is requesting a one time \$3,200 for girls in Uganda, "Days for Girls". 50 feminine hygiene (reusable, washable and cloth based products) starter kits that are reusable. If we did a matching fund, it would take 6 months. Our club could buy the sewing machines. It is 50 girl "starter kits", trainers to train them on their products, provide transportation/hospitality for the trainers and then train them on the sewing products. This is sustainable and they would make products to share. Jim spoke highly of the need in Africa from his experience there. Drew commented that we have the funds. A report from Kathy & Mark come talk to the club to let our members know what our club is doing. Gary spoke on Kathy's passion and what the world needs. It was moved by Anne to give the \$3200 for the Days for Girls". seconded by Anne voted and passed.
2. Cherry Health "Roars with the Lions", \$15000 for year. A bus was built in Florida for eye health. It was not taken care of. Gary proposed to Anna Goddard, represented of Cherry Health if they could use this van for going to sites around the state. Gary offered to put a logo on the bus. \$33000 with a matching grant to cover the \$66,000 to revamp the bus or \$15,000 per year. Gary's recommendation is not to pay the \$33,000, it is not our bus! Gary will talk with Dr. Meagan Baker to get more details. We will table this for Gary.
3. University Club closing: Bob Snyders is checking on it and other places around Grand Rapids. John Rice heard it is closing, not moving.

Adjourned, next meeting Nov 28, 2023-8PM  
Respectfully Submitted, Lion Cheryl Anderson

## Treasurer Report | November 28, 2023

Please excuse my absence; I had an unresolvable conflict this evening. October reports were attached for Charities and General Fund. Here are some highlights:

- • Began to receive Blind Dinner Sponsorships and White Cane Donations
  - • Overall, financials are in line with last year. There are a few delayed entries attributable to the transition & learning curve. These will resolve themselves in coming months
  - • New address & email are working well. Thanks for everyone's patience & making the updates to longstanding procedure
  - • Have received various inquiries from members on membership changes, projects, etc., for example:
    - Helped the BDD committee implement Eventbrite for ticket sales. We will see what they think at the end of the event, but it seems to be going well. It confers several benefits:
      - ease of payment processing;
      - more convenient for guests than paper form;
      - scalability to include sponsorships;
      - Potential to expand to other events as well;
- As always, feel free to contact me directly with questions: [treasurer@grandrapidslionsclub.org](mailto:treasurer@grandrapidslionsclub.org) | 616.425.8877

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