



Grand Rapids Lions Club
Executive Meeting
November 28, 2024

In Attendance: President Gary Anderson, V-Pres Kyle Travis, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Membership Chair John Rice, Board Director Bob Younger
Absent: Chairman Ben Eavey, Treasurer Drew Wessell

Meeting was opened with Pres Gary at 8:02pm. He asked for any corrections to the secretary's minutes, then to approve. John Rice motioned to approve and Kyle seconded. Vote taken and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted earlier by Drew Wessell. Gary went over the report. The Club is receiving the Blind Dinner Date & White Cane money. Helped with setting up EventBrite ticket compay for the BDD and that is working well. Financials are in line with last year. There are just a few delayed entries. The new address and email for Drew are working well.

Nothing appears outstanding. Eyeglass Recycling Center is being transitioned to the Rockford Lions Club. Our club is getting tired and the same people are holding up the center. We would not abandon the center, just the cost of the place is our deficit. Rockford is working on their club getting a committee and a place. Then that will have a positive affect on the charities profit and loss in our budget.

General Fund Balance almost identical to a year ago.

Looking at the accounts that are overdue for 90 days. Daniel Crane is now a student at Wayne State. His email worked to keep in touch. Harry Jones is another Lion we have not heard from in a long time. John reached out but did not hear back. Kathy O'Bee is also missing. David Klein, John Rice will reach out to him about paying his bill. Jacklyn Smart was just at a meeting. We will find out if Drew is sending out or sent out a bill to these people Eddie Kleinfeld, Gary will reach out to him. Bob Younger moved to accept the treasurer's report and Kyle seconded. Vote taken and approved.

Membership Report: John Rice. Added a new member, Kevin Carlson. Trying to get together for his orientation. Guest Day, is holding off until we figure out where we will be holding our meetings.

Vice President Report: Kyle Travis, Drive for Vision and at a loss as to where to go. Looking for a new leader. Cheryl will send out a request to the club to take over the

Drive for Vision Project. Kyle will send Cheryl a paragraph to send to the club. Jamie Junod will do it again but not ready to do it just yet. We may need to reinvent the golf outing but we first need a leader. Kyle will also reach out to club members to get two directors and a vice president.

Old Business/New Business:

1. New meeting place: We have three potential lunch meeting places: Holiday Inn Downtown, Paddock Place and the Marriott Courtyard. There have been other places that we checked out but not financially feasible. So now, we will be going to the three and negotiate the best deal this Thursday. The Board will be called for a special meeting and decide once we have all the details. The goal is to be in our new place January 2, 2024.
2. Tandem Bike: Request from the development director at ABVI to buy a custom tandem bike. The cost is \$11,650. The side by side tandem bike is something they tried out and want to purchase one for ABVI clients. Gary will pass this along to other clubs in the district. Not an immediate need but would like to help and will request funds from the district. Our new member, Osman Koroma wants to do a 100 mile bike ride. We could sponsor him. Gary will talk with Tim & Osman.
3. A Van: Anna Goddard brought up about the van that Cherry Health purchased and asked us to wrap the bus. We discussed this last meeting and are not in favor of supporting the cost that they are asking of our club. Gary will follow up with Dr. Meagan Baker at Cherry Health.
4. Holiday Social: Meeting at Wallingwood Springs this Thursday to finalize the Holiday Social Party at 2 pm. After the event is finalized, an invitation will follow to the members with details.

Adjourned at 8:39 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Secretary Cheryl Anderson

Special Meeting Called
Full Board/Members
December 13, 2023

Attendance: Chairman Ben Eavey, Pres Gary Anderson, V-Pres Kyle Travis, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Board Members, Joe Annoreno, Anne Baird, Adam Carlson, Bob Younger, Jason Brown, Jim Schuyler
Members, Brent Spoelstra, Bob Snyders, Anna Goddard, Rick Stevens, Jeremy Knoester, Keith Crittenden, Rob Lalley

A special meeting was called to discuss, decide and vote on our new club meeting place. President Gary stated the Holiday Inn was the only one that was in our price range. There was a more reduced price on Mondays but the Econ Club meets on Monday. We don't want to compete with the Econ Club. Our recommendation is the Holiday Inn Downtown. They will store our box for us and anything else we need to store. The meeting room is on the first floor. Parking is free. The average for our parking at the U-Club was \$90. However, the meals at the Holiday Inn are a little higher. Even the U-Club if they successfully moved stated our lunches would be substantially higher. The Holiday Inn is very accessible to get to and they have a restaurant on site. The staff seemed nice to work with. We will have a weekly room rate on a declining scale, depending on our number of Lions at the lunches. In general their food was good and they will cater to the Vegans & Gluten Free meals. They offered quite a variety of food choices. Anna & Rick said the food was adequate. Anna stated, that is what you get for the price. We don't have any commitment/contract as to how long we are tied to this restaurant. Other fees are a \$150 for microphone, projector, lectern and screen. We will bring in our own equipment. There is handicapped parking in the front and handicap accessible.

We will keep open our options if we don't like it but for now we need a place. Dismissed the members and had the board remain to ask any final questions.

Gary moved to have our meetings on Tuesday, our normal time, the 1st & 2nd of the month at the Holiday Inn. Gary asked for the vote from the individual board member. Unanimously passed.

Our first meeting will be a member since we don't know how the first meeting will go. Adam wanted the meeting to move to the 2nd & 4th for January with the Holidays. Anne brought up that most Lions know it is the 1st & 3rd. Board was notified about the tandem bike . Kyle asked about access to the room early. He would like to hold a meeting prior to lunch. That was asked and is not a problem. We did get a good response with forming a committee for the Drive for Vision. We will get a speaker for Jan 2. Holiday Social and the Blind Dinner Date is our next big event. Jim stated we need individual ticket sales. EventBrite is working well.

Adjourned and No FULL Board meeting in December, this took the place of the December board meeting

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary Cheryl Anderson