



Full GR Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024
Via Zoom at 8:00pm

In Attendance: Chairman Ben Eavey, President Gary Anderson, V-Pres Kyle Travis, Membership Chair John Rice, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Treasurer Drew Wessell, Directors: Jim Schuyler, Adam Carlson, Anne Baird

Absent: Bob Younger, Joe Annoreno, Jason Brown

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Secretary's report: Moved to approved by John Rice, seconded by Kyle Travis, vote-approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

After this year Drew will be making it a cash base report, comparing years, not deferring amounts. Accts receivable will be reflected next month. Charities has a good balance in that account. Switching to LMCU accounts is still in the works. Better reporting and taxes would be better to do at the end of the fiscal year. Gary asked about electronic payments. We have used "square" for the Blind Dinner Date. Square has a QR Code that we could use too. Drew will be investigating that further. We also tried EventBrite. To fill out a form, send along a check, which then has to be handed off to Drew, which then has to be deposited, is crazy. This would help eliminate errors, people forgetting to make a donation. Gary Moved and John seconded, voted and passed.

President's Report: Gary Anderson

There was a meeting with Mike Murphy about PR of the club and marketing aspects of the club. What is the perception or image of the club. Main purpose a meeting, no-we are service! Asked John to record the next new member orientation so Mike could see what we tell our new members what our perspective of the club is, etc. Nothing is really happening with social media. Might be something for newer members.

We talked about meeting space, meals, image and size. Anyone have any new ideas for options to look at for potential space. Ben commented that at the last luncheon, he talked to the people at his table and it was only positive about the location. Kyle ran over to Founders but they were closed due to construction. Ben believes it would be expensive. Jim Schuyler checked out the 1530 venue. Jim doesn't have any pricing and they do have catering in house. \$250/hr min 4 Hours=\$1000. Currently, we are paying \$400-\$500 a meeting for everything. Drew commented that food service is one of the higher inflation rates. Comparable at the University Club it definitely would be higher. Keep your eyes open for a place.

Michigan Foundation Tickets if we sell 100 tickets, we get \$5 back per ticket.

Vice-Presidents Report: Kyle Travis

Kyle announced that the annual dinner will be at WaterMark on Tuesday June 11. Social Committee decided to do a GR Rise Game on May 4 again utilizing Kim Gary's suite. Should we subsidize tickets for the game? We have to get the start publicizing the event to the club, once Cheryl gets the info from them.

Tim Tuthill, Shelley Irwin and Meagan Baker coming onboard. Which new person is taking Jim's 'replacement' spot? Shelley may be the one to fill Jim's spot and give the other two, the full term.

Talked about changing the board meetings back to noon. Cheryl will send out a ballot to next year's board.

Membership Report: John Rice

Nothing new this month

Director's Report:

A. Bob Younger- report sent in

Social Committee: May 4 GR Rise Game, Mid July picnic cascade Park, Dec Holiday Party at Gary's or Blythefield and maybe a game night event in the fall.

Programs:

Holiday Raffle,

B. James Schuyler- nothing new

White Cane- not now

Blind Dinner Date

C. Joe Annoreno: no report sent in

Marketing -Gary spoke on

Community Resource

Technology

D. Jason Brown – no report sent in

Drive 4 Vision

Service Committee-Ben stated that Sherah & Kelly have not planned anything. Any ideas please pass along.

E. Anne Baird

Holiday Shopping-not now

GR Lions Foundation- nothing new

There is a request for breakfast for the kids at Camp T and money for hats/bags. Cost for breakfast \$60, bags (\$13 x 30 kids) \$390 = \$440.

Gary moved to donate the money and Kyle seconded, voted & passed.

They need to send receipts to be reimbursed.

F. Adam Carlson

Student Awards-

Eyeglass Recycling-center moved to Rockford
Eyeglass Mission Trips-next trip to Jamaica Oct 19-26, 2024.

Old Business:

1. Any charge for Annual Meeting at Watermark-Kyle believes \$25 entrée. \$500 for the room. And drinks, maybe a drink ticket. Members free, guests pay \$25. Drew believes that is you rsvp and don't show, you need to pay. Cheryl and John will publicize it through email & the newsletter. 6-9pm
2. Ballot for new officers-already talked about it.

New Business

1. Keep the board meetings at 8pm or move to 12- email to be sent out
2. Lion awards: Lion of the year & Rookie of the year
Rookie the last two years (Candidates are: Tim Tuthill, Jeremy Knoester, Osman Koroma, Steve Oberlin, Kevin Carlson, Meagan Baker)
Lion of the year nominees were Jim Schuyler and Drew Wessell but they both declined.
Decided that Tim Tuthill as Rookie of the Year and Meagan Baker as Lion of the Year.
3. Funding for KISD field trip-already discussed above.

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Cheryl Anderson, Secretary