



Full GR Lions Club Board Meeting Agenda  
August 27, 2024  
Via Zoom at 8:00PM

In Attendance:

Absent

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Secretary's report: attached below
3. Treasurer's Report: Drew Wessell  
Overall, financials are in line with last year
  - Annual Billing Complete
  - Encouraging credit card payment to further streamline. Would like to be paperless
  - State forms filed
  - Working on Treasurer Report to Club in a Sept. Newsletter

President's Report: Kyle Travis

See Below under New Business

Vice-Presidents Report: Jim Schuyler

Membership Report: John Rice

Director's Report:

A. **Bob Younger**

Social Committee:

Lunch Programs:

Holiday Raffle,

B. **Shelley Irwin**

White Cane

Blind Dinner Date

C. **Joe Annoreno:**

Marketing

Community Resource

D. **Meagan Baker**

Drive 4 Vision

Service Committee.

E. **Anne Baird**

Holiday Shopping

GR Lions Foundation

F. **Tim Tuthill**

Student Awards  
Eyeglass Mission Trips

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Funding for medical eyecare

Hello Gary and Kyle,

I hope this email finds you well. I believe we met at the Lions' annual dinner, which I attended with my husband, Osman Koroma. We are the parents of two girls, Jubilee (3) and Shekinah (2) who both have congenital cataracts and glaucoma. Although our eyecare team at Helen DeVos is absolutely AMAZING, our girls' eyes have some additional complications which require medical treatment at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. We have traveled there multiple times a year for surgeries for both of our daughters.

In addition to our employer-provided insurance, we have in-state coverage of medical expenses through Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS). However, this coverage does not apply for out-of-state treatment. The cost of paying out of pocket for these procedures is outside of our family's budget at this time, and we have been searching for programs or organizations that can help cover these out-of-state costs. I was directed to the Lions Club by both the social worker at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and our Kent representative with CSHCS due to your reputation for working with children with visual impairments.

We recently received medical bills from Shekinah's surgery several months ago: \$232.71 from anesthesia and \$1,779.34 from Lurie Children's Hospital. Additionally, both girls have upcoming surgeries in September to address their glaucoma. We wanted to inquire if the Lions Club would consider contributing towards these medical expenses, or if you are aware of any organizations or programs that would. Of course, we are happy to provide documentation of the bills upon request.

Thank you so much for any guidance or assistance you may be able to provide!  
Sincerely,  
Abby

2. One via the website from a woman referred to us, looking for financial support in buying glasses. I referred her to Cherry Health.

## Executive Board Meeting

August 6, 2024

Zoom 12:00 pm

Attendance: Chairman Gary Anderson, President Kyle Travis, Vice President Jim Schuyler, Membership Chair John Rice, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Treasurer Drew Wessell

Called to order at 12:01 by Pres Kyle

### **President's Report:**

#### A. Space for meetings:

3 viable places

1. John Rice is in contact with Aquinas. \$140/hr. for the nicer room. Or there is a room above the kids room at \$80/hr and build a custom menu \$25-30 for a meal. Or they can change it out. Parking is free. They do charge for setup and won't allow us to leave our box on campus. They could accommodate all of our Tuesdays but there are a couple of dates that they would have to move us.
2. The Kent Country Club needs to have a member. The membership is \$20,000. The member would sponsor us at \$150 room charge. No dress code for lunch and they can easily accommodate \$25/meal.
3. Kyle Travis is in contact with the Mines but doesn't open until late October. A menu was approx. \$20. Room rate would be \$200 flat rate for our 2 hours. Parking is free and they will store our box.
4. Gary Anderson is in contact with GVSU Pew Campus. \$170 room charge for the whole time. It is their University Club. The ramp has free parking. Walk across the street and courtyard to get to the building. It has the old Pantlind Bar in the room with comfy chairs and not stuffy looking at all. The large screen is free, no projector needed. They will store our box. The deli express-build your own sandwich is \$18.25. With a choice of turkey, roast beef, ham and tuna along with 2 side salads. Lions can pick what they want. You walk in, build your own and sit down. We only need to give a three month commitment.

Kyle had Drew figure out what our cost was and it was an average of \$35 per person. Gary said if you already have their lunches, the meeting can go quicker. Kyle thought GVSU was closer than the other places. Gary would like to meet with GVSU with a few others. The Board has to approve the place that was suggested by August 9 and then the club will be notified. Thursday there will be a final visit to GVSU with Gary, Kyle and Jim.

### **Membership: John Rice**

Brad Tooker will be a great addition. His induction will be the second meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept. He will be a "social" member.

Kyle brought up the fact about the dues structure. It will need to be brought up before the full board. John has only had one person where the dues structure was a problem. Service is \$216 (\$192 if paid up front) Looking forward to a membership drive in October

### **Treasurer: Drew Wessell**

All set up now with quickbooks and transitioning with the new bank LMCU. Caught up with dues. Some money is still at Chase until we get it all wrapped up. Working on a credit card and possibly VENMO. VENMO isn't excited about non-profit. Donors can be invoiced and can pay by credit card. Drew will get John a full report of last's year's disbursements into the newsletter.

Adjourned at 1:43

Respectfully Submitted, Lion Cheryl Anderson

## FULL BOARD MEETING

Topic: GR Lions FULL Board Mtg Aug 27, 2024

Time: Aug 27, 2024 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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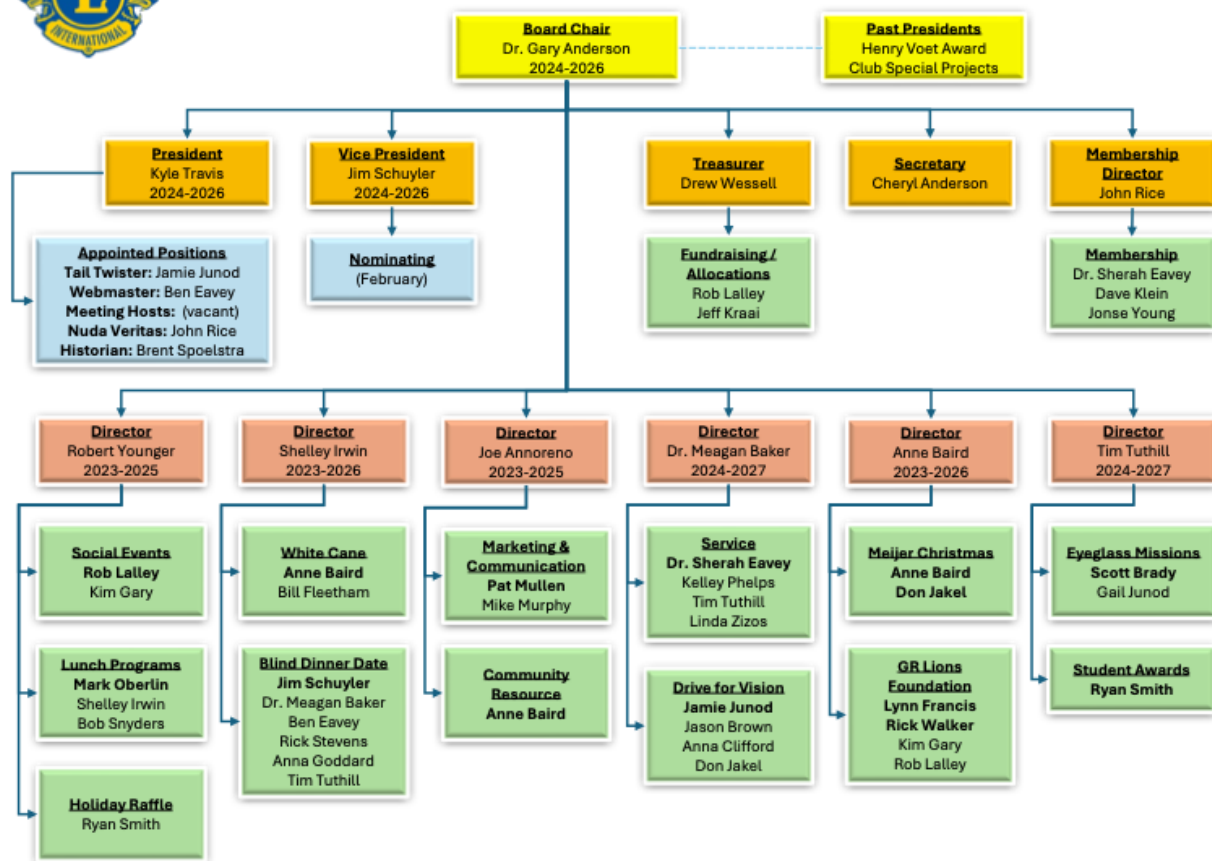
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