

Agenda for FULL Board Meeting
January 28, 2025
8pm via zoom

In Attendance:

Absent

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Secretary's report: attached below
3. Treasurer's Report: Drew Wessell
4. President's Report: Kyle Travis
5. Vice-Presidents Report: Jim Schuyler
6. Membership Report: John Rice
7. 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:

1. Review of our Fundraisers-Future
 - A Blind Dinner Date
 - B. Drive for Vision
 - C. Next Social Activity

New Business:

1. Shelley Irwin has a fundraiser activity



Executive GR Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2024
Via Zoom 12 pm

In Attendance: Chairman Gary Anderson, Pres Kyle Travis, V-Pres Jim Schuyler, Secretary Cheryl Anderson, Treasurer Drew Wessell, Membership Chair John Rice, Director Tim Tuthill

Absent:

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Gary Anderson at 12:02 pm
2. Approval of Secretary's report: Kyle moved to accept, John seconded, no further discussion & voted-passed

3. Treasurer's Report: Drew Wessell

Operating wise we are right in line with last year. We made some progress with Lions owing dues. Drew sends it all out online, no paper accts are sent out. Derek Moore put his paper in, never paid and then ghosted us. Gary stated that Derek Moore is visually impaired and has transportation issues. He has never been entered into the GR Lions or LCI, so there should be no charge for him with the state or Lions. Gary suggested another option for online payment. Drew will look into it. Drew received a thank you from a project stating that we donated a lesser amount because of a service charge that they incur. Drew is going to reach out to them to have them restate their letter reflecting what people actually donated. Gary questioned what the J.Allard designated fund was for. Drew & Jeff will work on figuring out that. What was our final cost on the bike? I know we paid for the bike? Did we get anymore donations for the bike. Tim, said to send out the link and then the gifts are all designated for the bike. Gary will send out another email to the district clubs again and see if we can get money recouped. Kyle move to accept the treasurer's report, Jim seconded, voted, passed. On a side note, Gary stated that everyone loved riding the bike and spending time with Osman. Is there an indoor riding area for people to ride the bike. Maybe a place that has an indoor track. Tim stated that the problem with the indoor track is that the bike takes up the whole track. Drew will compare the GVSU University Club vs the 5/3 University Club Kyle motioned to pay the university bill through May, Gary seconded, voted and passed.

4. President's Report: Kyle Travis

Making sure that we are all onboard with continuing our luncheon meetings at GVSU's University Club. We did not sign any contract, we just pay through May.

Jim said that he has only heard good feedback. Gary said extremely easy to work with. Gary asked how do our costs compare to the old University Club? Drew will look into it.

Lions on Lyons, thank you John for suggesting it. It was successful and Lions continued afterwards at a different place. It was a nice gathering across many age group. Kyle said that he and John agreed maybe every six weeks. The place was good and plenty of room. Parking downtown is always an issue. Jim stated a fellow worker was interested in attending the next time. Jim talked with a friend who owns a restaurant by the Mitten, called the People's Cider. They open around 4:30 and have space. That a lot of restaurants in that area are looking for groups to spend time at their restaurant on a regular basis. Many of the restaurants have outside areas to sit at. The next time will possibly be the end of January. John suggested the Amway again due to valet parking, in case of ice etc. This is something we will keep doing. Kyle will be sure to thank Kim Gary and the committee for the Holiday Social the night of the event.

5. Vice-Presidents Report: Jim Schuyler:

Only one thing Jim had to report on was to keep in contact with Dan for a basic fundraising event at the Pickleball Club. To get all the details and then hand it off to the committee. Dan is not responding back.

6. Membership Report: John Rice We already covered the two things.

Duckpins-Lion on Lyons and the member that has ghosted us. Just looking into a guest day maybe the end of January or early February. Our lunch numbers have been going down so trying to get more members to come. We need to remind everybody of future speakers and they should come out to support the speakers. Gary said that we have not seen some members for a while. Should we have the Pride Groups reach out? Maybe something like have a Happy Holiday and be sure to rsvp for the Holiday Party!

Looking at the next Full Board Meeting which is the day before Christmas. Should we hold it? Cheryl said last year we didn't hold it in December. Kyle committed the schedule will be thrown off. Gary said to go with a full board meeting in January. Then January, March & May will be full board, better to hold 3 full board meetings in the spring.

Old Business:

1. Blind Dinner Date: The after event was tremendous last year. People hung around afterwards. There was a lot of positives with the social feedback. Gary wanted to know if there were any future plans. Kyle commented that

Jim was looking into turning the event into a fundraising event with All in One Pickleball. However, Dan is not getting back to Jim.

2. Eyeglass Recycling: Rockford is between two spots. Feeding America Building on 28th Street. They have space but the other spot is in Rockford next to All in One Pickleball. Rockford is looking into the GR Lions helping to fund some of the costs. Gary reached out to Scott Brady who knows eyeglass recycling and possibly give \$4,000-\$5,000 for the year. Then maybe have other clubs in the district to hold a meeting there. Help with recycling and then donate to the center. No one is sure if we still have money coming back from the recycling center in California. Right now we have a boxcar in GR storing glasses. Maybe the GR Lions could do a recycling and get a couple of pallets ourselves to send to California and get a couple of thousands of dollars from sorting our own glasses that would help with support.
3. Money in a Special Fund: Kyle said nothing there.
4. Holiday Social – 52 coming. Normally around 60. Cheryl sent a reminder last night. We voted to up the money for Ryan Smith to \$1,000. Rob said to keep it at \$750 and have members bring gifts. That is how the social originally got their raffle gifts.

New Business:

Nothing

Adjourned 1:02

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cheryl Anderson

Grand Rapids Secretary

GR Lions Meeting Host is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FULL Board Jan 28, 2025

Time: Jan 28, 2025 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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