

Bemidji Lions Club
September 8th Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m. by President Steve Caron

The following Lions were in attendance: Vance Balstad, Leon Nelson, Bob Woodke, Joe Love, Steve Caron, Bob Weber, Dennis De Pew, Ron Porter, Leroy Hill, and Tom Berdahl

AGENDA: Two items were added to the agenda. Kittleson Request was added to New Business and Melvin Jones plaques to Old Business. The agenda was then adopted on a Joe Love/Ron Porter motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the August 11th were presented to the board members. It was noted that item #5 under new business should have read that the request to support a Northern Lights Scholarship was denied. Item #1 under new business should have stated that Ron Porter made the motion to support the giving of the two awards. With these two changes to the August 11th report, a motion was made by Bob Woodke to approve the minutes with Joe Love giving the motion a second. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love presented the Treasurer's Report. As of August 31st there is \$21,689.74 in the Activity Fund, \$8142.70 in the Administrative Fund, and \$1633.25 in the Mint Fund. The Treasurer's Report was approved on a Vance Balstad/Wayne Tieman motion.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Currently there are 57 paid members. Two possible new members were discussed and a list of unpaid delinquent members faced review. Various board members agreed to contact individual unpaid members before the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2017 DISTRICT 5M CONVENTION ACCOUNT: Wayne Tieman discussed the need to create a separate administrative account for the upcoming 2017 Convention. At this time there is \$4500 dollars ear-marked for the convention. Bob Woodke made a motion to establish a fund for the 2017 District 5M Convention. Bob Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. EVENING MEETING: President Steve Caron addressed the board concerning the dismal turn out during our past Thursday evening meetings. Pro's and con's of ending these meetings surfaced. Vance Balstad made a motion to cease evening meetings (two meetings remain) and the motion was followed by a second. The motion passed with one board member abstaining.
3. LION LARRY ERIE LETTER: A \$50 dollar donation to the Larry Erie family was discussed. It was noted that Larry Erie established Camp Dellwater and a donation to the camp may be more appropriate than giving it to a family member. Wayne Tieman agreed to research his background. This was approved with a Bob Woodke/Vance Balstad motion.

4. MNDOT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP PERMIT RENEWAL: The permit for cleaning a two mile stretch south of Bemidji needs to be renewed. The board felt this is worthwhile activity and a Bob Woodke/Joe Love motion to renew the permit was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2015 FLAPJACK DAY: Flapjack Day is planned for May 5th of next year. The proposed site will again be First Lutheran Church. Ron Porter graciously agreed to chair the event. A motion was made by Wayne Tieman, seconded by Bob Woodke, to proceed with these plans. The motion passed.
2. 2015 LIONS FARE: Leroy Hill indicated that the date for the 2015 Lions Fare may be the Saturday in July, but wasn't 100% positive. He will check on the date and get back to us. The location was unsure at this point and Vance Balstad will lead a discussion on the possible sites at the next meeting.
3. CITY OF BEMIDJI FUNDING REQUEST: President Steve Caron presented a request by the City of Bemidji for assistance in funding a "Movement and Playtime Program". After a short discussion, Wayne Tieman presented a motion to deny the request, with Ron Porter seconding the motion. The motion passed to deny the request.
4. TWIN CITIES VISION FUNDING REQUEST: A request for funding a "Walk for the Blindness" was received from the metro area. This event is scheduled for September and our Lions Club was asked to partially fund the walk. Ron Porter made a motion to deny the request and Bob Woodke placed a second on the motion. The motion passed to deny the request.
5. SALVATION ARMY FUNDING REQUEST: A request for a contribution to the Salvation Army was received by the club. After a short exchange of comments by the board, Dennis De Pew made a motion to deny the request, based on our time and effort in bell ringing and numerous individual contributions. Ron Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed to deny the request.
6. JAN KITTLESON DONATION: Jan Kittleson would like to donate a Lions saucer and a cup from the 1950's to our club. The board will appreciate the donation and plans to auction the set off at a future gathering.

OTHER:

1. A Thank You was received from Camp Courage and was presented to the board.
2. Bob Honl is the recipient of a 20 year chevron. Wayne Tieman agreed to contact him for presentation procedures.

A motion was made at 12:54 to adjourn.

Submitted by Leon Nelson 2014/2015 Lions Club Secretary