

Bemidji Lions Club  
January 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 11:31 a.m. by President Steve Caron.

The following Lions were in attendance: Steve Caron, Leon Nelson, Joe Love, Leroy Hill, Vance Balstad, Les Sanders, Bob Woodke, Mel Milender, Bob Montebello, Dennis DePew, and Tom Peterson.

AGENDA: The agenda was presented to the board. No additions were noted and Bob Woodke made a motion to approve the agenda. Leroy Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were analyzed by the members of the board. A Bob Woodke, Mel Milender motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love presented the Treasurer's Report. As of December 31<sup>st</sup> the Activity Fund had a balance of \$17,248.46 and the Administrative Fund a balance of \$3,677.44. The Mint Fund held \$2,214.28 and the Convention Fund had a balance of \$3,862.77. Vance Balstad made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bob Woodke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: In absence of Wayne Tieman, President Steve Caron read the membership report. Currently there are 73 paid members in the club with one associate member. Induction of the three new members will occur on January 28<sup>th</sup> at our General Membership meeting. District Governor Mark Osthus should be in town to perform the ceremony. The Membership Committee is in place and will have a meeting at 7:30 a.m., January 27<sup>th</sup> at Raphael's Bakery. The report also included a reminder of the upcoming Mid Winter Convention scheduled for January 23-25<sup>th</sup>.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup> SERVICE PROJECT: The food drive on January 14<sup>th</sup> for the Village of Hope is set. The collection will begin at 12 noon and the money/food will be delivered around 2 o'clock. President Steve Caron reviewed the logistics and advertising associated with the project. The First City Lions also want to be involved with the project which led to a discussion with their overall involvement with our club. Bob Woodke suggested that a liaison be invited to our meetings so a working relation could be established between the two clubs.
2. FUNDRAISING EVENTS: A multitude of ideas concerning fund raising filters into our club weekly. Steve emphasized that each idea takes planning, coordination, and involvement by the club members. Mel Milender talked about the regulations associated with a raffle. It appears that the upcoming raffle & meal fund raising event will follow legal guidelines. The idea of providing some sort of reward (incentive) for the top ticket sellers was discussed. This will be addressed at the next board meeting. The upcoming Flap Jack day will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran. Ron Porter will coordinate the event. Lions Fare is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>. A "motion for discussion" concerning coordinators for future Flap Jack Days and Lions Fare Days was made by Mel Milender, with Bob Woodke giving the motion a second. Mel made an amendment to the motion stating that the coordinators in the future

should be the Club's First Vice President for Flap Jack Day and the Second Vice President for Lion's Fare. The motion passed.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Members within each committee have been established. The Awards committee, along with the Strategic Planning committee, should be ready to present a report after the Mid Winter Convention.
4. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT: Bob Woodke began a lengthy discussion on ideas concerning the recruitment of new members. The idea of each member asking a potential new member to a meeting surfaced but it was quickly noted that it has been tried. The effectiveness of the Lion's "Facebook" was explored, along with "rewards" for recruiting new members. Should new members have their first year membership fee paid by the club was pondered, as well as having speakers at our club meeting being offered a one year free membership. It was agreed that major businesses in the Bemidji area should have a representative within the Lions and maybe a team of Lion's Club members should try to convince businesses of advantages of being a Lion. Mel Milender emphasized the importance of having applications to the Lions Club available at all fund raisers and events. Depending on the success of the upcoming raffle/meal fund raiser, money could be set aside for various recruitment endeavors, including Branch Clubs and paid one year memberships.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEDNESDAY MEETING SITE: An invitation from the Bemidji Boys and Girls Club to have a Wednesday meeting at their site occurred several weeks ago. A Mel Milender/Dennis DePew motion to pursue this idea was made. Motion passed.
2. PAULSON PROPOSAL: Mark Paulson submitted an idea concerning fund raising. It proposed asking businesses in the Bemidji area to sponsor a table at \$100 dollars each during Flap Jack day. A prominent sign would be placed on each table with the name of the sponsoring business. Dennis DePew made a motion to approve the proposal and Vance Balstad seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the board.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. An e-mail was read by President Steve Caron from Sue Winner, District Secretary. She proposed that the member dues paid to the district be increased from \$14 to \$19 dollars to help overcome a variety of rising expenses. This will be brought up at the General Membership Meeting for discussion. Ultimately the proposal will be voted on during the Mid Winter Convention by delegates.
2. Thanks You cards were received from the following for donations given to them in the past: Bemidji University Alumni Association, Regional Library, Boys and Girls Club, Evergreen Youth, and Sanford Health.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A Dennis DePew/Joe Love motion to adjourn occurred at 12:46 p.m. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

-Submitted respectfully by Leon Nelson – 2014/2015 Bemidji Lions Club Secretary