

Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – September 14th, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m. at Leuken's North

The following Lions were in attendance: Steve Caron, Wayne Tieman, Bob Montebello, Leroy Hill, Tom Peterson, Mel Milender, Bob Weber, Joe Love, Leon Nelson, Dennis DePew, Ron Porter, Bob Woodke, and John Sorensen.

AGENDA: The agenda was distributed to the board by President Bob Weber for consideration. Two items were added to the agenda under new business. They were: 1. Mel Milender will speak on Diabetes Day. 2. Leon Nelson will request permission to purchase pins. A motion was made to accept the amended agenda by Bob Woodke and seconded by Steve Caron. The motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Leon Nelson sent a copy electronically of the August 10th board meeting minutes to all members of the board. Hard copies were also available at the meeting. After a quick review, Steve Caron made a motion to approve the minutes with Wayne Tieman giving the motion a second. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lions Club treasurer Joe Love presented a typed/hand written report covering 8-1-15 thru 8-31-15. Treasurer Joe noted that a check made out to US Foods was inadvertently sent to LCI and was cashed. This problem will be addressed shortly and should be made right within a few weeks. As of August 31st, the Activity Fund shows \$13,948.94 and the Administrative Fund holds \$6,126.35. The Mint Fund is at \$622.44 and the Convention Fund stays the same at \$3,352.92. Wayne Tieman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Bob Woodke seconded the report. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Wayne Tieman announced that the membership committee met on September 11th. Paid membership is now at 59 members. About twenty members from last year still have not paid their dues and letters have been sent out. Four new members are slated to be inducted into the Bemidji Lions Club and September 23rd seems to work as the date for their induction.

Lion Wayne asked the board members to refer to a letter he drafted, for the purpose of having members renew their membership. A Sorensen/Tieman motion to use this letter next year, with invoice and enclosed envelope, was made. Motion passed. He concluded his report by mentioning an upcoming tour by the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation, partnering with the U of M, on October 10th. This outstanding tour of many Hearing and Vision clinics in the cities will require a \$12 per person fee to cover expenses. Contact Wayne for additional details.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **5M CONVENTION:** Wayne Tieman gave an update on the 2017 Multi-District Convention, to be held here in Bemidji. The date will be April 20th – 23rd and will mark the 100th anniversary for the Lions Club. Motel rooms have been set aside for the occasion. Committee chairs should be selected soon and the planning process set in motion. Many clubs have indicated a desire to help and letters will be sent to clubs outlining the convention plans at this point. The 2016 convention will be at Mankato. Registration cannot be completed on-line, but can be downloaded
2. **FALL RAFFLE:** Mel Milender indicated that the Fall Cash Raffle is going well. Almost all packets have been distributed and some money has come in already. Items are needed for the small auction to be held during the banquet. A chicken and beef meal is being planned with tickets for the meal only costing \$40, with a purchased raffle ticket. Tickets for the October 29th event will be called in soon so sell-sell-sell.
3. **\$100 DOLLAR CHECK:** A question concerning a \$100 dollar check to the Bemidji Lacrosse Club was brought up by a board member. Was the check ever sent? According to past president Steve Caron, it was sent and the matter was laid to rest.
4. **NEW CLUB MEMBER DOCUMENT:** A very well written letter, directed toward new members, will be included in membership packets in the future. This letter lists expectations of members as they join the Bemidji Lions Club and how the new members can help the club grow.
5. **AWARD NOMINATIONS:** Two Helen Keller and at least 2 Dream- Catcher awards are still available to be given out. The Awards committee will review this situation and report back in the near future. A

Milender/Sorensen motion to have Lion Bob Woodke update the names on plaques, which are shown at every meeting, was made. Motion passed.

6. LIONS FARE FINAL REPORT: Treasurer Joe Love indicated that a final report on the income/expenses for the summer Lions Fare is still incomplete, due to money still trickling in.
7. ADJUNCT CLUB AT SANFORD: No report at this time but updated information should be presented at the October meeting.
8. BY-LAWS: Lion Bob Woodke indicated that the committee has met and is presently working on some of the language. An intensive search failed to turn up the club's by- laws or constitution. The committee will use constitution utilized by International (LCI) and revise it to fit our goals and objectives. Completion of this task is expected within a month.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NEW MEMBERS: Kari Klisch and Craig Cameron have applied to the Bemidji Lions Club and seek approval of the board. A motion by Wayne Tieman to approve both applicants was made. Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed. They will be inducted into the club on September 23rd.
2. THANK YOU CARDS: A request was made by Vance Balstad to have "Thank You" cards printed and sent to our weekly speakers. These will be mailed out a few days after they present to let them know their contribution to the club was appreciated. A Sorensen/Woodke motion to proceed on this idea was made. The motion passed.
3. PUBLICITY CHAIR: Lion Steve Caron indicated that he would continue as "Publicity Chair" until June 30th, 2016. He needs have the board inform him ahead of time about events, specifically when, what, why, how much publicity, etc. A Milender/Woodke motion to spend \$250 for advertising the "Cash Raffle" after October 1st was made. Motion passed. John Sorensen was curious as to how people found out about the annual Lions Fare. He suggested having a random survey and base future publicity upon the results. Something to think about.
4. STRATEGIC PLANNING: Bob Woodke distributed several sheets for review. One handout listed basic fundamentals of planning and should be read by all board members. Two other handouts focused on an assessment of community needs and a listing sheet of key community leaders. Bob mentioned that a general survey will be administered to those in attendance at tomorrow's meeting. All of the information gathered will be considered in the strategic planning process.
5. PIN REQUEST: Secretary Leon Nelson requested a motion to purchase four (4) pins to recognize past and present leaders. A Woodke/Tieman motion was made to have the secretary order three "Past President" pins and one "President" pin, which will be transferred from president to president. Total cost of the order will be around \$104 dollars. The motion passed.
6. TOURS: A Wayne Tieman/ John Sorensen motion to reimburse the club members who participate in the U of M Vision tours on October 10th was made. Tour cost is \$12 dollars. Motion passed.
7. DIABETES AWARENESS: Mel Milender mentioned that posters for the Diabetes Awareness day have been printed. Two hours shifts have been planned and several other area clubs have indicated that they can assist. The event will be held at Wal-Mart on November 14th.
8. MISC: A report on Camp Courage North is forthcoming. Wednesday general meeting will be a business meeting and a door raffle for a high quality straw basket will be conducted by Bob Woodke.

ADJOURNMENT: Wayne Tieman made a motion to adjourn at 12:54 p.m. Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed

Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson – 2015/2016 Lions Club Secretary