

Bemidji Lions Club Board Meeting – December 14th, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Bob Weber. The following members were in attendance: Bob Woodke, Leon Nelson, Joe Love, Bob Weber, Vance Balstad, Leroy Hill, Mel Milender, Wayne Tieman, Steve Caron, and Bob Madeson.

AGENDA: A copy of the agenda was distributed to the board for consideration. The following new items were requested to be added to the agenda under new business: (1) Web Site Continuation (2) Possible Lions Club Branch at Oak Hills (3) Lions Fare (4) Strategic Planning. Wayne Tieman made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: An electronic copy of the November 9th board meeting minutes was sent on December 11th to all board members, excluding Tom Peterson. Hard copies were made available at the meeting. A Bob Woodke/Joe Love motion to accept the minutes was made. The motion passed. Secretary Nelson pointed out that he would be doing business next year utilizing a new e-mail address, being his server isn't communicating with certain club members. His new e-mail address will be: lionleon46@gmail.com. He will also maintain his old address.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joe Love distributed a white sheet outlining receipts, expenditures, and balances as of November 30th. On that date there was a balance of \$15,737.84 in the Activity Fund and \$17,567.48 in the Administrative Fund. The Mint Fund held \$995.58 and the Convention Fund was at \$3,352.92. Transfer of money from the Fall Raffle (Adm. Fund to Act. Fund) will take place in the near future. Discussion took place concerning profits from the fall raffle, Lions Club credit from LCI, misc. other profits, and payments to the Parade of Green at the next convention. A Bob Woodke/Wayne Tieman motion to accept the budget was made. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP: Lion Wayne Tieman passed out a "green sheet" containing membership facts and figures. The Membership Board met on Tuesday, Dec. 8th at Raphael's. Presently we have 82 members, plus one associate. We need to drop Jon Olson (moved out of town) and Mike Headlee (too busy). A Caron/Woodke motion to drop Headlee and Olson was made. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson will drop them within 24 hours. The club has accepted 15 new members in the past calendar year. The "green sheet" also held information on the Goal Planning Process session held on December 5th.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CONVENTION REPORT: Lions Mel and Wayne distributed a "yellow sheet" with information relating to the upcoming 2017 MD5M Convention, to be held in Bemidji (Sanford Center) on April 21-23 of that year. It will be the 100th anniversary of LCI in 2017 and attendance figures could reach 650. Committees are being formulated and total membership support will be needed. Contact Mel or Wayne if you are willing to serve on any committee.

2. BRANCH CLUB AT BSU: Mel Milender reported that movement on this issue has been slow. He will contact Judy David from 1st City Lions to see if some forward movement can develop. The key is to find a good advisor who can begin the process.
3. BRANCH CLUB AT SANFORD HOSPITAL/CLINIC: Movement at this location has also been sluggish. Ron Porter will contact Joy Johnson to see if a branch club is feasible.
4. LEO CLUB AT BEMIDJI HIGH SCHOOL: A teacher at the area high school may have some interest in developing a Leo Club but does not to “spearhead” the process. Kari Klish and her daughter may be available to assist in the formation of a club. Hopefully it will fall together early next year.
5. SPRING FLING: Wayne Tieman made a motion to hold the “Spring Fling” on April 9th of next year, with Bob Madeson giving the motion a second. Planning for the “Fling” will begin next month. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BEMIDJI LION’S CLUB WEB SITE: Our Web Site coordinator needs feedback concerning the future of our Web Site. Vance Balstad presented the board with some options to consider. After a short discussion, Lion Mel made a motion to maintain the Web Site for another year, as it has been operated. Bob Woodke seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Web Site address is “BemidjiLions.org”
2. OAK HILLS BRANCH: Vance informed the board that a speaker from Oak Hills will be presenting to the club next month. Lion Vance also indicated that a branch club at that location is a possibility.
3. LIONS FARE: Possible dates for the summer Lions Fare were discussed by the board. Dragon Boat Days will be held on August 6 & 7 and several board members felt that having it on August 6th could help with ticket sales. A Milender/Madeson motion to hold the Lions Fare on August 6th was made. Location would be in front of the old Pamida store, as it was last year. Motion passed. Wayne Tieman made a motion to hold “Flap Jack” day on May 3rd at the First Lutheran Church. Steve Caron seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. STRATEGIC PLANNING: Bob Woodke passed around a “Purple Sheet”, outlining the results of the recent Strategic Planning session. Five areas were addressed under the plan, which were (1) Membership (2) Finance (3) Program (4) Administration and (5) Marketing. Seven Lions attended the Saturday meeting in which the plan was developed. Everyone was appreciative for the excellent work that Lion Bob did in leading us through the development of the plan.
5. PARADE OF GREEN: The first seven (7) items on the activities budget normally receive donations during the “Parade of Green” at the winter convention. Discussion developed on whether these items should be the true priority for the club. After a lack of agreement by the board, a Woodke/Love motion was made to table the subject until the next meeting. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Joe Love made a motion to adjourn at 1:03 p.m. Motion carried.

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