

MINUTES – BEMIDJI LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING - October 9th, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Sandbo at 11:35 a.m. The following were present at the meeting: LeRoy Hill, Wayne Tieman, Steve Caron, Leon Nelson, Vance Balstad, Bob Sandbo, Mel Milender, Bob Woodke, Jim Molde, Ron Porter, Craig Cameron, and Ann Marie Ward. (12)

AGENDA: Hard copies of the proposed agenda were available to board members and were sent out electronically on Friday evening. Two additional items were requested to be added to the agenda by President Bob Sandbo: Centennial Project under Old Business and resignation of 2nd V.P. under new business. A motion was made by Wayne Tieman to approve the amended agenda with Bob Woodke giving the motion a second. Motion passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the September 11th Board Meeting were sent out electronically and were available in hard copy for the meeting. A Woodke/Cameron motion to approve the minutes as written was made. Motion passed. Secretary Nelson mentioned that his g-mail account was the primary method for doing Lions Club business. He also stated that the 8" patch for the District Governor's jacket has been received and given to the Woolen Mills for use. The name of Mark will be printed on the jacket, which will be XL.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Board member Ann Marie Ward gave the treasurer's report for the missing Bob Weber. Lion Ann Marie distributed to the board the new Quick Book spreadsheet, which will be used in the future for reporting transactions. Ann Marie explained several features of the new report and answered questions. As of Sept. 30th, the register balance of the Activity Fund was \$21,365.92. The Heroes and helpers Fund remained at \$1,185 and the cleared balance for the Mint Fund is at \$1,371.05. The Administrative Fund showed a register balance of \$8,627.98. The board thanked Lion Ann Marie for her help in switching to Quick Book. A motion by Bob Woodke to accept the Treasurer's Report was made, with a second by Ron Porter. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lion Steve Caron distributed a written report to the board and reviewed the contents. Dues have yet to be collected from two club members. Ninety-five Bemidji Lions have paid their dues as of October 4th. A Caron/Woodke motion was made to drop three members, due to non-payment. They are F. Schrader, J. Tesch, and J. Waslaski. Motion carried. Secretary Nelson will drop these three from the LCI roster. Two other members plan on renewing and two additional long term members will be contacted. Five members have joined the club since March and a "mini-orientation session" by Lions Tieman and Gill will be organized.

DISTRICT REPORT: The 5M10 District report was given by Lion Wayne Tieman. A "Blue Sheet" was distributed to members of the board. Overall membership in the district is down from the beginning of the year, with 1260 on July 1 to 1236 at the present time. Lion Wayne talked briefly on his attendance of MLVF Thanksgiving for Vision, which was held on September 30th. The Mid-Winter convention will be held in Drydon, Ont. and is scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 19th – 21st. Additional information on the "Blue Sheet" related to the 2020 Mid-Winter convention, the passing of Lion Jim Gorman, the Thunder Bay Campus Lions Club, and a report on the MLVF.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LIONS VISION GAME: Lion Jim Molde briefed the board on the weekend Lions Vision football game. A total of \$760 was donated by members of the club. This is \$240 dollars short of the \$1000 member donation which is needed for the overall donation of \$1500. A Milender/Porter motion was made to have the club cover the difference (\$240). Motion passed. Lion Jim emphasized that future support of the football game (BSU Athletic Foundation) needs to be discussed. Only 5 club members attended the game. The board expressed their appreciation to Lion Jim for his work in organizing the screening (October 9th) and having the club host the football game.

2. STRATEGIC PLANNING: Bob Woodke spoke about the upcoming Strategic Planning Meeting, which is slated for Dec. 2nd. A motion by Bob Woodke, seconded by Steve Caron, was made to develop a Task Force to determine the needs of the local community. This information could then be used at the Planning meeting. This motion carried. A "Yellow Sheet" was distributed to the board and should be reviewed by board members prior to the December meeting. A "White Sheet" on club excellence was also passed out and should be considered.

3. CASH RAFFLE: Lion Mel Milender gave an update on the 2017 Fall Cash Raffle. Presently, there are 43 tickets sold and dozens of unsold tickets still in the hands of club members. With the Raffle scheduled for October 26th, it is obvious that in the next couple of weeks, a large quantity of tickets must be sold to meet expenses. For tickets or answers to your raffle questions, contact Lion Mel.

4. BSU CAMPUS CLUB: Steve Caron reported that the Campus Club membership has dropped from 27 to 15. Several officers have resigned but a new president and secretary have been found. The Campus Club has designed a T-Shirt, which the Bemidji Lions will finance with a \$240 cap on expenditures. Lions Steve and Bob will work with the club to see if momentum can be built for the upcoming year.

5. TRAILER PROGRESS: Mel informed the board that the walls are starting to be built. He is planning on a work session for Wednesday, October 11th, beginning at 2 p.m. Materials for the rafters have been donated and the club hopes that the trailer will be enclosed by snowfall.

6. COOKBOOK PROJECT: Lion Bob Woodke mentioned that recipes are still coming in for the cookbook. Bob showed the board an example of what the finished cookbook will look like. The cookbook will sell for \$20 dollars per copy and bids are coming in for printing and assembly costs. Forms for purchase of the book will be sent out to the membership.

7. HEROES AND HELPERS: Lion Ann Marie gave an update on the Heroes and Helpers program, which will be on December 5th. Ann Marie stated that wheels are in motion and many areas of the program are organized and set to go. Target will be helping with many of the functions and several parts of the program will be expanded to meet an anticipated growth in shoppers. Lion Guy will probably be the Santa again, if he can find a few pillows. Each participating child will be allowed to spend \$100 as he or she shops.

8. ROADSIDE PICKUP: Lion Jack Naastad requested this item be placed on the agenda, due to low numbers of Lions participating in this service. The board tabled the discussion until additional information is obtained.

9. BEMIDJI LIONS CENTENNIAL PINS: Steve Caron reported that Bob Weber currently has the pins. They should be available soon for purchase by club members at a cost of \$3 dollars each.

10. LEGACY BENCH PROJECT: Lion Steve Caron informed the board that the plaque which has been made will not be used, nor will there be a bench be placed on Sanford property. A new thought is to have the Legacy Bench located somewhere in the city. Lion Steve found out that a donation to the city could result in a bench being placed somewhere in the city and have a plaque recognizing the Lions Club. Amount of donation (\$500 - \$2000) will determine location and quality of the bench. Lion Steve will bring back to the board additional information for review.

11. RECOGNITIONS: Bob Woodke emphasized that the club needs to recognize some of the outstanding members. Lion Bob distributed a list of Melvin Jones recipients to all board members. The "Recognition Committee" or "Awards Committee" will meet shortly after the fall raffle wraps up, according to Mel Milender. More information will be forthcoming.

12. CENTENNIAL PROGRAM: Lion Bob Woodke handed out a "Pink Sheet" which summarized the service activities for the District thus far. Diabetes was added this year as a centennial project and the Bemidji Lions Club has already satisfied three of the five categories. The remaining two categories will be addressed within the week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 100% GRADUATION IDEA: Lion John Eggers presented this idea to the club a few weeks ago. After minimal discussion, a Milender/Caron motion was made to: Sign on and support 100% - graduation in our High School. Motion passed. A sheet will be signed and passed on to Dr. Eggers.

2. 2nd V.P. RESIGNATION: A letter from David Gill has been received by the club, stating that he desired to be removed from the position of 2nd Vice President of the club. A motion by Bob Woodke, seconded by Ron Porter, was made to accept his resignation. The board passed the motion.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. Ron Porter and several other Lions will be working at a refreshment station during the upcoming marathon.

2. District Cabinet meeting has been changed from Saturday to Sunday, due to the funeral of Jim Gorman.

ADJOURNMENT: A Ward/Molde motion to adjourn at 12:51 p.m. was made. Motion Carried. Respectively submitted by Leon Nelson – Bemidji Lions Club Secretary 2017/18

Special Board Meeting – October 25th, 2017 – Motion by Bob Woodke, seconded by Mel Milender, to give \$1,000 to the city of Bemidji. This in turn, should result in a plaque and bench being placed at Diamond Point, recognizing the Bemidji Lions Club. Lion Steve Caron presented information regarding this new direction for one of our Legacy Projects. Motion passed.