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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for 18 Oct 2023

Note: This board meeting was held virtually using zoom technology hosted by Lion Melissa Turski.

Call to Order / Opening Remarks –President Lion Melissa Turski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm welcoming everyone.

Board Attendance (14 of 17) – Lions Melissa Turski, Bruce Edwards, Rich Collins, Susan Krebs, Matt King, Tony Dercola, Mark Krebs, Wu Schaefer, Kelsey Hof, Jim Moore, Tony Ramirez, Michele Sciacchitano, Ann Kramb, Chris Centofanti

Guests (5) – Lions Steve Hansen, Gilbert Fleming, Les Schneiderman, Phil Salmon, John Dozsa.

Reading & Approval of Board Meeting Minutes –

Motion: The minutes of the 20 Sept 2023, board meeting was distributed earlier to the club membership by email. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as previously distributed was made by Lion Bruce Edwards; the motion was seconded by Lion Matt King; the motion carried.

Secretary’s Report – Lion Kelsey Hof shared the following: there were no Secretary’s Reports or Correspondence to be shared.

Treasurer’s Report: Lion Mark Krebs emailed the report to club members on 17 Oct 2023. Account balances are:

Activity Account:	\$33,972.00
Administrative Account:	\$5,476.00
Capital Improvement Account:	\$2,503.00

Financial Secretary’s Report – Lion Tony Dercola reported that only twelve members still owe dues.

Membership Chairperson’s Report – Lion Wu Schaefer reported the following:

- Lion Gordon Huggins requested to be dropped from membership for health reasons. Lion Wu made the motion to accept his resignation. Lion Jim Moore seconded. Motion passed.
- A new member induction will be held at the next business meeting, November 8th.
- Lion Wu Schaefer stated that a New Member Orientation would be scheduled for December 6th using Zoom.

- Lion Wu Schaefer stated that she would like to do a membership night in the spring of 2024 where members will be encouraged to bring at least one guest. There are dinner tickets that you can hand out to prospective members.
- Lion Wu Schaefer will follow up with the prospective member that Lion Rochelle Schneiderman brought to the October 11th business meeting.

Old Business

- The Fence Extension Signage was dropped off by Lion Melissa Turski at the medical equipment building. Lion Melissa thanked Lion John Dozsa and all those who were on the committee. Lion Phil Salmon confirmed that he saw the signs but wasn't immediately able to install them because he didn't have a hammer with him.
- For the use of the Google Drive Link:
 - Lion Tony Dercola talked to Lion John Dozsa, and Apple Share would require everyone to have an Apple account. Dropbox would be \$10 a month.
 - Having a Google Drive would be good for publicity pictures, to have history of photos
 - Both Lion Wu and Lion Melissa expressed that they like the Google Drive
 - Lion Tony stated that there are really no security issues. The photos are public and are posted on Facebook anyway.
 - Lion Melissa mentioned that it could be piloted with the admin team and that it can be made available for anyone who might want to use it.
- Update on the Intranet: Melissa has been loading things and it is in the test phase with the admin team.
 - Everyone will get a unique username and password, so if someone leaves club it will be easy to remove access.
 - The visitation form will be added to the Forms section based on Lion Anne Kramb's suggestion.
 - Lion Don Champ's news releases are already on the website.

New Business

- CCC is requesting a 5-year pledge of \$10,000: Lion Mark Krebs stated that we have been giving money to the foundation each year. The college would like us to make a 5-year pledge of the \$2,000 we give each year. This is not legally binding, and we have pledged to the college before.
 - Lion Matt King stated that there are no issues financially with pledging that amount.
 - Lion John stated that when you pledge you often have naming opportunities. We will need to look over the naming opportunities and pick something appropriate. Also, looking at community college tax returns, unfulfilled pledges are common.
 - Lion Mark will talk to Karen Pelton from CCC to receive more information.
 - Lion Mark Krebs made the motion to pledge \$10,000 over 5 years to CCC. Lion Chris Centofanti seconded. Motion passed.
- Foundation grant requests – Lion Mark Krebs stated that with the changes made to the foundation bylaws, the foundation should receive grant requests from us with an explanation of what we are using the money for, and it has to fall within the purpose of foundation. We are basically documenting a formal grant request to get the money we

have always received. We budgeted to receive \$10,000 which we will do in two pieces. We will get \$5000 now and \$5000 later. In addition, the foundation also received some of the golf money, so this first grant is \$6100 which covers the \$5000 budgeted and \$1100 that they are holding of golf money. The other grant is for new equipment purchases for the snack shack which totals just over 2000 dollars. We are asking for reimbursement from the foundation for those funds.

- Lion Chris Centofanti requested a slightly higher amount of \$2500 to cover future items that are needed. They will be doing the Christmas Tree Project which is in addition to their regular season. They are also looking into getting a bigger microwave. The extra funds would be helpful if a microwave is not donated.
- Lion Mark Krebs made a motion to move forward with the grant proposal request for \$2500 for snack shack equipment. Lion Chris seconded. Motion passed.
- Lion Mark made a motion to move forward with the second grant proposal request of \$6100. This includes \$5000 that covers half of what we budgeted for, for some of our projects and another \$1100 to receive the money from the golf tournament that went to the foundation. Lion Jim Moore seconded. Motion passed.
 - Lion Mark will send Lion Melissa the final versions of the request forms for her signature.
- Lion Bruce Edwards was asked by Lion Scott to make a grant request for pediatric cancer of \$1500. This would go to the Vice District Governor's challenge. We could go through Lion Viki or someone else who does similar work. Lion Bruce made a motion to make a grant proposal request of 1500 dollars to support pediatric cancer at whatever facility the club chooses. Lion Chris seconded. Motion passed. Lion Bruce to put together a short description of what the money will be used for on the request form.
- New Business from Lion Jim Moore. He met someone at work named James. James has been paying to make backpacks for the homeless in DC and Baltimore. He fills the backpacks with hand warmers, foot warmers, socks, gloves, hats snacks and other toiletries. He is up to doing 350 bags a year mostly out of his own pocket. Lion Jim is looking to maybe put together a new committee and possibly put it in the budget for next year. Lion Jim already donated 200 survival blankets. Lion Jim would also like to bring him in as a program speaker. Reach out to Lion Jim if you are interested in volunteering.
 - Lion Chris donates clothing and toiletries every year for Springfield Hospital, Lion Chris could use some help with that. She typically goes to her realtor friends.
 - Lion Melissa told Lion Chris to speak to Lion Sheila because the money for social services went to Operation Joy.

Around The Table

Next FDLC Board Meeting –President Melissa Turski announced that the next Board Meeting will be held virtually via zoom on Wed. 15 Nov 2023 at 7:00pm.

This meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Lion Kelsey Hof
Freedom District Lions Club (FDLC) Assistant Secretary