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Business Meeting Minutes for 11 Oct 2023

Meeting Location: Messiah Lutheran Church’s Celebration Hall
5600 Old Washington Road Sykesville MD 21784

Meeting was called to order: at 6:29 p.m. by President Lion Melissa Turski with a welcome to everyone.

Attendance Total: 55 (Members – 46 / Guests - 9). A list of the attendees is included at the end of these meeting minutes.

Opening Ceremonies:

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lion 1st VP Bruce Edwards.
Song “God Bless America” was led by Lion 2nd VP Rich Collins.
Invocation was offered by Club Co-Chaplain Lion Matt King
Lions Toast was led by Lion Mike Shavatt

Dinner was catered by J&P. The meal consisted of penne and meatballs, eggplant parmesan, tossed salad, bread (garlic and plain), fresh fruit and cookies.

Meeting Reconvenes: The meeting resumed after dinner at 7:10pm with President Lion Melissa Turski thanking members of the FDLCL Meals Committee for their help serving the dinner and for the healthier options. Lion Rochelle Schneiderman introduced her guest Stacy DeSalvo attending tonight’s meeting.

Program Speaker was introduced by Lion Susan Krebs. Lion Susan introduced Lion Scott Walthour to talk about the Shooting Stars soccer program - a program for children with special needs. He brought several parents, a coach and a Shooting Star youth as well as a power point presentation to describe the unique program.

Program

- The Shooting Stars program provides a sport, in this case soccer, in a supportive atmosphere to all kids from ages 5 to 15 with any physical or emotional need. There is no cost to anyone. It is held at Freedom Park in Carroll County. They run sessions in the fall and spring. They had roughly 60 kids in the program this last fall with over 150 volunteers. Middle and high school students and soccer players from local club teams comprise some of the volunteers. The program was recently mentioned on WBALTV 11.
- Both Gina (parent) and Gemma Moorhead (player) came up to speak about the program. Gemma is 10 years old and is in 4th grade. Gemma has been with Shooting Stars since 2021. Gemma’s favorite thing about playing for Shooting Stars is making friends with the volunteers and the players. She also likes to shoot goals.
- Candice Arbesman (parent) came up to speak about the program. Her son is now on his second season with the program, and his growth has been phenomenal. The program is the highlight of his week.
- Rachel Matthew (coach) spoke as well. Rachel works in special education for Howard County. The program makes accommodations for children who would not be able to play a typical soccer game. This includes children in wheelchairs. They also have a sensory bin with toys and a bubble machine.
- The snowballs the Lions give all participants following their soccer event is a highlight of each Friday evening program.

Mentoring Moment – Lion John Dozsa is a member of the Diabetes Committee. He talked about preventing diabetes. In order to determine if you have diabetes, you need to take a diabetes test. It can be difficult to get coverage for that test unless you meet certain criteria like with BMI. However, you can order the test yourself through Ulta Labs. It is a nationwide blood testing service that sells blood work tests. They contract with local suppliers in the community like Quest Diagnostics to administer the test. The cost of an

HA1c Test is \$12.95. Quest Diagnostics has an \$8 blood draw fee, so for a little over \$20 you can get a test done. It can help you determine if you are prediabetic which is useful because you may not have symptoms with diabetes.

Presentation of 100% Attendance Pins – President Melissa Turski and Membership Chairperson Lion Wu Schaefer announced the names of forty-two (42) club members who achieved 100% attendance recognition for the previous July 2022-June 2023 Lions year by attending every FDLC business meeting or making up an absence by attending an FDLC board meeting; working on a club project; or visiting another Lions club.

Jerry Apicella, George Barnhart, Sheila Bowman, Gary Buchman, Chris Centofanti, Rich Collins, John Dozsa, Steve Hansen, Kelson Hof, Matt King, Mark Krebs, Lynn Maclary, Carole Neff, Viki Peltier, Tony Ramirez, Phil Salmon, Les Schneiderman, Michele Sciacchitano, Diane Torockio, Melissa Turski, Don Van Cleve, Joe Wisniewski, Ron Audlin, Bob Bastress, Patty Buchman, Don Champ, Tony Dercola, Bruce Edwards, Mary Hartmann, Myron Horn, Ann Kramb, Susan Krebs, Jim Moore, Gary Peltier, Mona Ramirez, Rita Salins, Rochelle Schneiderman, Mike Shavatt, Franklin Torockio, Bob Valis, Dave Webb, Jeff Zumbrun

Tail Twister – Lion Jim Moore noted that those in attendance at the next business meeting should bring a quarter.

Reading & Approval of Business Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the 13 SEPT 2023, business meeting were distributed earlier to the club membership by email. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from that meeting and to approve them as previously distributed was made by Lion Bob Bastress; the motion was seconded by Lion Scott Walthour; the motion carried.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Lion Mark Krebs emailed his report to members on 10 OCT 2023.

Activity Account:	\$29,345.00
Administrative Account:	\$6,029.00
Capital Improvements Account:	\$2,503.00

Committee Reports:

- **Snack Shack**-Lion Chris Centofanti reported that more volunteers are needed for the rest of the year. They go until November 11th with play-offs after that. They need 3-4 more people this weekend and the weekends following. Sign Up Genius is available to sign up for upcoming weeks. Their average is about \$200 in credit card sales and \$500 to \$700 a week in cash. They need more equipment. They are putting a proposal together for a grant from the foundation to get more equipment. Lion Scott Walthour asked if a toy drop off could be done at the snack shack. Lion Chris will bring a cardboard box for that. The snack shack will also be helping with the Christmas Tree project so they will need volunteers for that. They will donate all the proceeds from that to the Pediatric Cancer Committee.
- **Deck The Trees Charity Challenge:** Lion Melissa Turski reported on the behalf of Lion Sakina Reza. The event is Sunday December 10th from 10am-1pm. They need businesses to sponsor trees. Businesses pay \$100 to sponsor a tree, and they would also supply the decorations. People will vote on their favorite trees on the day of the event. There are already three sponsors. Families can also sponsor a tree.
- **Social Oct 15th at Black Ankle Vineyards** - Lion Diana Hewitt reported that Sunday Oct 15th at 2pm is the social event at Blank Ankle Vineyards. People do not need to bring chairs.
- **FDLC Golf Tournament**- Lion Jim Moore reported that there were 87 golfers. 91 signed up but there were some no-shows. The tournament total looks to be above \$12,000. Lion Jim thanked all the people who helped with the tournament.
- **Citrus Fruit Sales**- Lion Mary Ann Reese reported that in about three weeks, the telephone call committee will call people who have not responded yet to the fruit sale mailers. There is a set speech that is given. There have been 39 online orders, 34 mail in orders, and 1 member has sent in their orders so far. There is about

\$2,800 in sales and \$372 in donations. End of sale will be 10 NOV 2023. Pick up will be 2&3 DEC.

- **Visitation**-Lion Melissa Turski reported that her goal was 6 by November 1st. So far, there has been 4 maybe 5 completed. Let Lion Lynn Maclary know if you are doing a visitation. There is also a Sign-Up Genius.
- **Youth Outreach** – Lion Bob Bastress reported that the donations for Shooting Stars comes under Youth Outreach. The Leos are helping with Operation Joy. They also signed up to work the car wash which is being postponed. The Thanksgiving project is coming up which is a joint project between the Leos and Lions. There will be 10 spots for Century, 10 for Liberty, and 6 for the Lions. Salerno's is providing the meals again this year. It will be held November 22nd at noon with everyone meeting at Salerno's. Lion Bob will take sign ups at November's business meeting. Century is having their induction on November 21st at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Liberty's induction date is tbd. Century is also participating in Wreaths Across America. That will be the third Saturday in December. They are also participating in the diabetes walk. The assistant principal at Liberty High School asked if the Lions would be willing to judge the floats at their Homecoming Parade on October 27th at 4:30pm. Bob was looking for three lions for that tonight.
- **FDLC Foundation Report**- Lion Bob Bastress reported that the 2023/2024 foundation will have as 1-year directors: Lion John Dozsa, Lion Tony Ramirez, Lion Chris Centofanti and Lion Bob Bastress. For 2-year directors: Lion Scott Walthour, Lion Jim Lauber, Lion Les Schneiderman, and Lion Carl Diliberto. For ex officio officers: Lion Matt King, Lion Melissa Turski, and Lion Bruce Edwards. For 3-year directors: Lion George Barnhart, Lion Susan Krebs, Lion Les Horneman, and Lion Jill Huey. They are still in need of a secretary and second vice president. They are still looking for new members. They currently have 20 members. Any FDLC member can be a member of the foundation. You just have to go to the membership meeting once a year. This year it will be November 1st at Messiah Lutheran at 7pm. There will not be a meal. The board meets three times a year to conduct business for the foundation. Let Lion Bob know if you are interested in being a member or the secretary or second vice president. The membership meeting will be available online.
- **Operation Joy; Crafts**-Youth Mackenzie Barden reported that they have done two crafts so far. There is one coming up on Sunday October 15th. So far, no lions have volunteered. They would like to get at least one lion volunteer at each craft. The upcoming craft will be yarn spiderwebs. So far, they only have 5 volunteers for this Sunday. More volunteers are needed because there needs to be one volunteer per resident. Lion Bob Bastress has gotten the Leo Clubs involved. You can sign up on the Sign-Up Genius.
- **Operation Joy: Karaoke**- Lion Wu Schaefer is looking for school age children who play instruments because they are hosting a student recital at Inspirations to celebrate the holiday season. It will be on December 10th at 1:30 pm. The children just need to be able to play one song. Let Lion Wu know if you have a child or grandchild who might be able to participate.
- **PreSchool Vision Screening**- Lion Diane Torockio reported that the first vision screening was held at Wesley Freedom UMC on October 9th. They finished in 45 minutes for 45 children. They have one coming up on October 26 at Goddard of Marriottsville which will be about 60 children.
- **VDG Challenge**-Lion Bruce Edwards reported that the service challenge is for pediatric cancer. Lion Viki's group already takes gifts 4 times a year to the Sinai pediatric cancer unit. The collection is going on now through November 10th. Toys can be dropped off at the November 8th business meeting. Lion Melissa offered to take collections at Down The Street IT (Open Tuesday through Friday 12-6pm and Saturday 11am-5pm). Both Lion Bruce and Lion Viki are willing to make arrangements to receive toys if needed. The toys must be unwrapped and brand new. Lion Viki will also be taking gifts down to Sinai November 17th which will be counted towards our collection number.
- **Items from Don Champ** – A former member of FDLC passed away, Madge Keefer. She and her husband Dale were long time members of the club. Lion Madge and Dale had transferred their membership to the Taneytown Lions Club. Her funeral was on October 11, 2023. Lion Bob Bastress, Lion Bob Parks, Lion Ron Audlin and Lion Don Champ served as pallbearers at the funeral. Lion Sue Nelson has sent a sympathy card to their daughter Lion Pauline Rosier and her husband Lion Charles. Lion Don also brought up Access Carroll which will be doing the Big Band Merry Christmas as

a fundraiser. Our club will sponsor the Big Band Merry Christmas with \$500. Lion Don reserved the front right section of the orchestra level in the name of the Freedom District Lions Club for members, family and friends of lions. He has reserved 100 tickets. Lion Don will have tickets at the November meeting. For adults at the door it is \$15. Lion Don will be selling them for \$12 for adults. For students of any age it is \$7. The date is Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30 pm at the Westminster High School Auditorium. If paying by check, make it payable to Access Carroll.

- **Childhood Cancer Committee** – Lion Mike Shavatt reported that the car wash fundraiser behind Roy Rogers that was scheduled for Saturday will be postponed because of the weather. He thanked those who were working on the fundraiser. Roy Rogers had volunteered to donate 25% of the food purchased on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.
- **Diabetes Committee** – Lion Tony Ramirez reported that the South Carroll Lioness Lions will be doing a diabetes awareness walk with other Lions clubs at Krimgold Park on October 22 at 11 am. Lion Tony also mentioned the Diabetes Committee will be helping a man in the community pay an \$89 copay in order to get diabetes shoes.
- **Parks and Trail Maintenance Committee** – Lion Wu Schaefer reported that they will be participating in Carroll County’s second annual Environmental Symposium which is open to the public. It will be at the Ag Center October 28th from 9am to Noon. Lion Tony Dercola, Lion Carole Neff, and Lion Wu will be there.
- Lion Melissa Turski delivered two signs to the medical equipment building. These are the cautionary signs for the hill slope.

50/25/25 Raffle: Lion Bob Valis oversaw the drawing, and the winners were Lions Mark Krebs and Lion Mona Ramirez.

“Lions in Den” Drawing: (The Lion must be present to win) – Lion Gary Peltier conducted the drawing & announced tile #83 was drawn. Lion Bryan Schaefer was not in the Den. The jackpot at the next meeting will be \$55.00.

Our thanks to Youth Mackenzie Barden for hosting the zoom connection at this meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board of Directors Meeting – Wed. 18 OCT 2023 (7:00pm) via zoom
- Next Membership Dinner/Business Meeting – Wed. 8 NOV 2023 (6:29pm)

The meeting adjourned at 08:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

FDLC Business Meeting Attendees – Wed. 11 Oct 2023 @ 6:29pm

at Messiah Lutheran Church’s Celebration Hall

Below is a list of the 55 people who attended this meeting.

FDLC members (46):

Ron Audlin	George Barnhart
Bob Bastress	Stephanie Brennan
Sheila Bowman	Chris Centofanti
Gary Buchman	
Patty Buchman	Vince Centofanti
Don Champ	
Rich Collins	Tony Dercola
John Dozsa	Bruce Edwards
Steve Hansen (via zoom)	Mary Hartmann
Diana Hewitt	

Kelsey Hof
Jane Jung-Potter (Zoom)
Ann Kramb (via zoom)
Mark Krebs
Jim Lauber
Jim Moore
Gary Peltier
Viki Peltier
Mary Ann Reese
Phil Salmon (via zoom)
Wu Schaefer
Rochelle Schneiderman
Mike Shavatt
Franklin Torockio
Bob Valis
Joe Wisniewski

Guests (9):

Mackenzie Barden
Rachel & Fred Graham
Rachel Matthew
Stacy DeSalvo
Gina Moorhead
Gemma Moorhead
Jeremy Moorhead
Candice Arbesman

Les Horneman
Matt King

Susan Krebs
Yoko McBeth
Sue Nelson
Mona Ramirez
Tony Ramirez
Steve Reese

Les Schneiderman
Michele Sciacchitano (via zoom)
Diane Torockio
Melissa Turski
Scott Walthour