

Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation
Business Meeting
Metairie, LA
August 10, 2008

Called to order by Lion Michael Kennedy, PCC
Invocation: Lion Jackie Morse
Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Chuck Tosten

Lion Michael Kennedy, PCC:
Looking for excitement in regard to Committee meetings

Roll call (Lion Bau Lake, PDG)
Introduction of guests:

- L – Lion Billy Lynch
- I – none
- O – Mrs. Hebert
- N – Vicki Alexander
- S – (10)

Treasurer's Report – remiss in discussing report yesterday. Lion Bob Williams, PDG: Sugar Bowl and club contributions helped us
Motion to Accept: Lion Jackie Morse; second: Lion Sharon Williams
Donations: Houma La Bonne Terre \$1000.00

Presentation on the Low Vision by Dr. Steve Gill

Have a good referral base, wonderful help

- Initial funding is gone, now on our own
- Will speak at any Club meeting
- Low Vision Gala, September 19, 7:00 PM in the Quarter
 - o Tickets are \$100
 - o Lions tickets \$50
 - o Good music and a good time
 - o Low Vision is a wonderful Program that needs to be supported

Report of Executive Committee, Lion Cesar Fonseca, PDG

- No rush on seeking executive Director replacement
- Looking at other Foundations, re: salary, qualifications
- Action item, to place River Ridge and John Karl monies in endowment
 - o Motion: Lion Zeke Dunaway; seconded Lion Gloria Lynch

Report of Officer and Trustee Development, Lion Zeke Dunaway, PDG

- Work in progress

Past Presidents' Committee, Lion Cesar Fonseca, PDG

- Will be using e-mails to inform

Clinic & Research/Personnel and Properties – Lion Jim Caruso, PDG

- Job descriptions for Optical Center optician (Lion Nancy Gould)
- Visit outlying clinics
- Need log for car
- One credit card for LLEF
 - o Employees use own cards and apply for reimbursement
- Change procedures for eyeglasses at the Foundation; same as outlying clinics (\$50 glasses or not)
- Possibility of part time Executive Director

Long Range Planning – Lion Anthony Fregosi, DG

- Review plans from last year
- No action items
- Collect long range goals from each committee
- Lion Ann Sanders, PDG to get copy of and distribute Constitution and By-laws

Constitution and By-laws, Lion Bruce Simpson

- Change to By-laws to amend Officer and Trustee Committee form
- Formulate duties of Executive Committee
- Make the Low Vision Committee permanent

CubSight , Lion Phil Alexander, PDG

- Sure Sight demonstration with video presentation
- Last year's goal was 20,000
- Goal this year is 20,500

Diabetes and Diabetic Eye Disease, Lion Norma Cormier

- Elliott Bauman & Cherie Foret put on the committee
- Need to get more information out
- Will utilize "Did you know?" postcards for info distribution

Hearing and Speech, Lion Carole Wedge

- Referral forms for hearing aides must include payment information
- Copies of Web Cap Tel information can be obtained from Lion Carole

Eye Glass Recycling, Lion George Shaeffer, DG

- Need more glasses
- Place collection boxes in offices of doctors that perform lasik surgeries

Low Vision, Lion Jack Wallace, PCC

- Districts 8L, I, O and N need Committee members

- Committee would like Dr. Gill's input on a new application for Low Vision patients
- Request Dr. Gill provide budget report for last year, and list of supplies/equipment that was purchased
- Who will pay for equipment; Clubs or grant money?
- Alexandria Downtown donated a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for Low Vision to dispense

Internal Audit, Lion Bob Williams, CC

- Adopt amended budget; moved by Lion Kathy Harrison, seconded by Lion Vicki Fonseca (unanimous)
- 5% pay raises for staff effective 01 October, 2008 (unanimous)

Fund Raising, Lion Curtis Paul, PDG

- Looking at how the Foundation can approach fundraising in the future
- New District Vice Chairpersons are responsible for coordinating efforts and personnel in their Districts
- Asked for suggestions at next meeting; looking for new Statewide projects
- No action items

Marketing and Public Relations, Lion Tom Gould

- Close liaison required with Development Director and Cubsight Coordinator
- May have access to low-cost billboard space and movie production

Grants & Endowments, Lion Ruthie Lake

- Broker of Record indicated correct course of action is to leave investments as is
- Recommended an Investment Statement Policy to assist with future investment

Contributions and Visitation, Lion Jackie Morse, VDG

- Lion Gloria Lynch recommended a letter be sent to each Club indicating who their Foundation representative would be, to facilitate the scheduling of Club visits by Foundation representatives

Auction results:

Saints football; \$180, Lion Cathy Comeaux, PDG
 LSU football; \$500, Lion Gloria Lynch

Old Business

New Business

- Assistance is needed for Parade of Prizes; Big Bass ticket sales are down
- May need to move the Rodeo

- Perhaps going to one raffle was a mistake (Lion Mike Kennedy, PCC): Went to one raffle because contributions were down. Need to readdress as contributions are starting to come up

Lion Billy Lynch spoke about courtesy, about talking while meeting is in progress

Lion Gloria Lynch addressed meeting about Todd and Ashley Buffington, \$1093 raised from the Lions in attendance

Next meeting November 8/9 at Scott Holiday Inn Express, I-10. Includes expanded breakfast. \$89/night for a room; \$99 for a suite

Benediction, Lion Ann Sanders, PDG

Meeting adjourned