

Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation
Third Quarter Business Meeting
May 16, 2010
Hammond, LA

Called to Order at 8:02 am by Lion George Edwards

Invocation: Lion Jackie Morse, PDG

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Bob Hollingsworth, VDG

Opening remarks: Lion George Edwards; Good meeting so far; Foundation moving forward

Roll call: Lion Fred Lantz, PDG

Lion George asked that a copy of the roll call be given to each VDG so they can appoint members to the board that attend meetings.

Guests

8-L	Angie Perry - Leesville
8-I	0
8-O	1
8-N	0
8-S	4

Announcements - Lion Don Brown, DG District 8-L drawing for USA-Canada Forum raffle at the end of the meeting. \$50 per ticket. Receive 2 registrations, \$125 deposit on room and \$500 cash.

Acceptance of last meetings minutes. Motion by Lion Leo White, PDG second by Lion Leland Stanford, PDG. Passed with no opposition.

Treasurer's Report – Lion Sharon Williams called for questions. Lion George Edwards asked everyone to make the effort to look at the quarterly report. Donations?? B. R. Metropolitan \$100, Abbeville Auxilary \$100. Motion to accept Lion Ed Frost, PDG second Lion Hilda Frost. Motion passed, no opposition.

Committee Reports

Executive – Lion Cesar - no additional comments

Officer and Trustee Development - Lion Ed Frost

In our meeting, Lion Bryan Foret, CS explained how guests could become members of the LLEF and serve on a committee. He urged guests to visit different committees. Lion Ed said the committee will vote on the officers that were nominated

last meeting. Treasurer –Lion Hilda Frost; Secretary – Lion Sharon Williams; Vice President – Lion Fred Lantz; PDG, President – Lion Bill Heyerdale.

Past Presidents – Lion Zeke Dunaway, PDG – no meeting

Long Range Planning - Lion Anthony Fregosi, PDG

LR&P met with the Clinic and Research committee. The committee plans to discuss with the newly appointed Executive Director the long range planning effort. No action items.

Personnel and Properties – Lion Jim Caruso, PDG

Eyeglass receivables account was reviewed and determined to be in very good condition. It is also recommended that the Executive Director handle all dealings with LSU. We also recommend to the Finance Committee to include in next years budget the possibility of a 3% cost of living salary increase.

Clinic and Research - Lion Cesar Fonseca, PDG

Meeting began with a discussion of a meeting to be held with Dr. Bergsma and the following board members from LLEF: Lion George, Lion Bill, Lion Jim, Lion Cesar, Lion Bob and Lion Chris. This meeting is to deal with the future of the foundation and how to plan any future moves. The Board members and the Executive Director are to meet prior to this meeting to discuss the Boards plan of action. These 2 meetings are to be held as soon as possible.

His committee recommends that the Executive Board take a long look at our contract with LSU and explore ways to cut the \$200,000 per year that we pay LSU.

This Board recommends that the Executive Director look at possibilities of opening new outlying clinics in the West Bank, Lutchter Gramercy and Mandeville/Slidell areas.

Lion L. A. Rathel spoke to the committee about Irlen Syndrome and the effects that this has on young children. He reminded us about an article featured in the Lions magazine. Lion Chris to do research on this and will give the Board future guidance.

Lion Bill Heyerdale visited with the committee and gave us a report as to how he interpreted the contract with LSU and the Lions. Lion Bill is willing to talk with Dr. Bergsma and the rest of the Board members in order to come to a better agreement.

Executive Director Carlone came to our meeting and spoke to us about the great success that the Lions of Louisiana had with the Glaucoma Program and that we will have the van again next year. Lion Chris also told the committee about new clinics in Mansfield (8-L) and Lake Charles (8-O).

Constitution & By-laws – Lion Bruce Simpson – no meeting

CubSight – Lion Phil Alexander, PDG

Every district represented except 8-L at committee meeting. Lion Jeff gave a review of the CubSight screenings thru the first 9 months of the year. We are set for a new record this year as we have already surpassed last years record. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the clubs that participate in the program. We not want to turn the program over to Lion Jeff to introduce our guest, Lion Angie Perry and her 2 grandchildren.

Diabetes and Diabetic Eye Diseases – no meeting

Hearing and Speech – Lion Carole Wedge - no meeting

Eyeglass recycling – Lion Chris Carlone

Stickers for recycle boxes available. Eyeglass donations down, establish method to pass glasses to Harahan. “Did you know?” – we need glasses. Lion Chris to look into requirements for Louisiana to become an LCI recycling facility so that Walmart won’t ship glasses out of state.

Low Vision – Lion Jack Wallace, PCC

The committee moves that the Board approved the MOU between LLEF and LVE as written with 3 add-ons. Any device purchased over the value of \$1,000 will stay the property of the LLEF. A letter of understanding will be signed by the patient in the event that this device is unusable for any reason and said device will be returned to the LLEF and be recycled for additional use. A 6 month follow up program will be implemented by the LLEF Low Vision committee to ensure the continued use of such product. Approval of devices will be as followed: Any device less than \$100 can be authorized by the LLEF Office Manager. Any device between \$100 and \$500 can be authorized by the LLEF Executive Director. Any device over \$500 must be authorized by the Low Vision Chairperson and the President of LLEF or the Executive Director.

Finance and Audit - Lion Bob Williams, PCC

\$624,100 budget for next year. Publish budget and vote on next meeting. Action item to approve interim meeting. Need to amend budget to include cost of living increase for staff. Motion to accept the budget by Lion Kathy Harrison, second by Lion Hilda Frost. Motion carried.

Fundraising- Lion Pinky Willie, PDG

Need to push tickets and money for Big Bass to avoid last minute money counting rush. Get the boat and four wheeler in your area to help sell tickets. Call Lion Ray Cecil at the camp to get the schedule. B. R. Brownsville Lions has an annual golf tournament generating about \$20,000/year. They are willing to let Lions in the state piggyback on their tournament to raise money for your Club or the Foundation. They will do the work. You just need to get players and sponsors for the event. It is a win win for everyone.

Marketing & P.R. – Lion Tom Gould - no meeting

Grants & Endowments – Lion Bob Ebberman, PDG

Discussed renewal of instructions on how to donate to the Sight & Hearing Foundation i.e. “in lieu of flowers” phrase on obituaries posted. Encourage checks with “in memorial for” and “bequest” used in wills. Bank drafts/per month. 100 Lions on an automatic draft to S & H toward Life Membership at an increased level of \$250. Action items: 1) Initiate automatic draft for desired amount/month. 2) Raise Life Membership to \$250 and initiate goal of 100 new members.

Contributions and Visitation – Lion Michele Waskom

Club visitations have been assigned and sent out. Visitations need to be completed by the end of June or as soon as possible. Reports completed and sent in July so that committee can work on new assignments for August meeting. Information about current events and goings on at LLEF can be found at www.llef.info. No action items.

Action Items –

- 1) Election of Officers – Motion by Lion Pinky Willie, PDG to accept slate of officers nominated by committee, 2nd by Lion Cesar. Motion carried.
- 2) Add Executive Director to authorized signatories for checks. Motion by Lion Cesar, 2nd by Lion Hilda Frost. Carried.
- 3) MOU with Low Vision, Etc. with 3 add-ons. Motion by Lion Jack Wallace, PCC 2nd by Lion Phil Alexander, PDG. Carried.
- 4) Motion by Lion Jim Caruso, PDG to approve preliminary budget of \$632,500 which includes 3% cost of living increase for staff with final approval in August. 2nd by Lion Barbara Blanchard, VDG. Carried
- 5) Motion to increase Life Membership to \$250 and initiate a draft program.

Noted by Lion Cesar that funds for Life Membership go into the general fund at this time. Can't afford to loose the donations to LLEF. Lion J. W. Harrison, PCC spoke about a special fund for Sight & Hearing. Friends of LLEF? Motion withdrawn by Lion Bob Ebberman, PDG. Would require more thought and needs to be re-written until August meeting.

Lion Bob Williams, PCC mentioned that State Articles of Incorporation fees for LLEF and Sight & Hearing are not up to date. Lion George tasked Lion Nancy to get with him and get it done before officers swap in August.

Drawing for 8-L winner of USA/Canada Forum raffle. Winner 8-L!

Next meeting – Houma, August 14 & 15 August 2010

Benediction by Lion L. A. Rathel

Adjourned 9: 45 am