

Ben Davis Lions Club December 11, 2008 Board Minutes

President Don opened the meeting at 7:01pm. The following Lions were present: Don Clendenen, Greg Dodds, Carl Finchum, Mike McCormack, Johnny McDonough, Tim McDonough, President Don Mullen, Luther Searfoss, Marilyn Smith, Marty Spencer, Bill Uhrig and Ralph White.

Secretary Report

The minutes from the last board meeting was distributed for all to read, no corrections were made and Marty asked that the board approve the minutes, this was seconded by Mike McCormack, minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Mike Honeyman was absent because of medical tests that he was having on the next day. President Don read the report that Mike had given him; this was approved after a motion from Carl and seconded by Mike McCormack.

A discussion about donation for the entertainment for Thursday was held, the end result is that the President will check with the entertainment to see if they expect a monetary gift. Marty made a motion that we table this discussion until the January Board Meeting, which was seconded by Mike McCormack, motion passed.

Visitation

Bill said that they had a visitation set up for Monday January 26, 2009 for the Lawrence Lions Club, and will talk about it further at the January Meeting. The President discussed the visitation, and would like more to go.

Project

Greg talked about the "We Serve" Youth Service Award and the changes made to the application. They are trying to get some applications turned in before Dec 21st. Bill made the motion to accept the revised application, with Marty being the second. Marilyn asked if they wanted the form on the web, and was told yes. Bill asked Marilyn if she would send out the revised application when she completes the minutes.

Membership

Mike McCormack had a display at the pancake breakfast; he and Carl will see if there are any more items to be displayed. Don asked if there were other pins that were not duplicates put in the case.

President Don said the teacher that we gave \$200.00 to for the science program made a comment that he did not know that the Lions did all we do. Don gave him an application and later called him to see if he had any questions. He stated he was active in a lot of areas.

Carl brought up the fact that for a long time spouses have not been invited to come when a new member was inducted into our club.

President Don said in January we maybe doing more than a one on one, challenging each member of the Club to bring in new members.

The past presidents plaque needs to be updated. Marilyn said that the banner was out of date also. At the January board meeting will find out where we stand. Carl had suggested putting the club banner by itself and the one with the District positions on another pole.

Marilyn had to leave at 7:30, so her nice kind assistant took over, here are his notes:

President Don, Chair of Scholarship Committee, advised applications are out to the high schools. They dare due 1 March.

President read a note from Mark Hood. Mark is a BDHS graduate Class of 2006 and is a scholar at IUPUI in his junior year. He indicated he is in a course of premedical biology as a major with a minor in math. He holds a 3.7 GPA while working three jobs to support his school efforts. He inquired if the Lions Club had any scholarships available to students already in college.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the possibility of later expanding our current scholarship program to encompass students such as this. Funding was a point of discussion. To expand the number and types of scholarships where would the money come from? The possibility of including a line item in the budget to take dollars from general fund raising might be utilized. While nothing concrete was adopted it is food for thought. The President has replied to Mark indicating nothing exists at this time.

Carl advised through the breakfast we have sold \$415 in trash bags, can liners, coloring books, magnetic flags and a U. S. flag. We have thirty rolls of black bags in stock but our supply of white can liners has been exhausted. He will order more. He had received 84 BD pins from Jim Bates that were not distributed in a previous project.

As to the Fund Raising Committee they met on 12-3 with Steve Witty, Executive Director of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Coach Witty has offered the opportunity to the BD Lions to man the concession stand at BDHS on 4-25, 6-13 and 7-11 2009 for basketball showcases. Items offered for sale at our discretion. Any profits realized will stay with our Club. No revenue must be shared. Carl has already spoken with an individual who has experience with the concession business at BD. On a motion by Luther and second by Don Clendenen it was approved for us to undertake this fund raiser. Bill will advise Coach Witty.

Car Wash tickets were discussed. To date we have \$296 in checks, \$256 in cash plus a \$5.00 donation for a total of \$557. There is a \$78.10 set up fee associated. President Don overseeing these tickets indicates he is leaving town on 12-19, for the balance of the calendar year, and needs to have the dollars and unsold tickets by his departure. He must turn moneys and unsold tickets into Mike's by 1-4-2009. He thanked Tim for bringing this idea to the Club and the Club for approving the sale.

At 8:08 the McDonough boys (Johnny and Tim) withdrew.

President Don reminded of the Vision Van Screening Training to be held at Pike High School on Saturday, 12-13 at 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. As of now Bill will attend. President will attend if work schedule permits.

President advises that five have signed up for the Mid Winter Conference for Saturday, 1-10-2009. They are President Don, Mike McCormick, Mike Honeyman, Tim and Bill. At the Thursday meeting he will encourage others to attend. Would like for new members to be there. Those attending will bring back information on the training sessions they attended and share with the Club.

Helping a needy family was discussed. Craig is working with Marty to identify who to support. It was agreed we need a name by Thursday at the meeting so need/want might be established. Vendor to be determined (Wal-Mart, Meijer). On a motion by Carl and second by Mike McCormick an award of \$400.00 will be provided.

A discussion on presenting Christmas recognition in the form of a monetary stipend might be afforded Melinda from Micro-Tel and Toby of MSD Wayne. It was determined that because we take up a collection for Melinda at each meeting no award would be given her. Elsie at Celebrations was usually given a monetary gift by us because she wasn't given anything at each meeting. In the past Toby has returned her award. On a motion by Bill and second by Marty it was agreed no monetary award would be presented to either. President to thank Toby for her continued support.

Ralph advises 47 meals called in for Thursday night. Will need a Calling Captain to replace Don Clenenden when he departs for Florida. President is working on this.

Comments on the past breakfast both good and bad were shared. Of interest one person indicated the coffee was terrible and not fit for drinking. Another person said it was the best they'd ever had and wanted to personally meet and thank the one who brewed it. Betty was made available. One said the pancakes were cold and lumpy. Another said they were their usual great taste. Several indicated they were glad we were back where we are for the breakfasts. Said this was cozier and gave a more warm feeling. They felt Chapel Hill 7th and 8th Grade Center was bad parking, hard to find entrance and uninviting in appearance.

We'll have to exam the layout at BDU for the April breakfast expecting a larger crowd and dealing with the silent auction and door prizes.

On a motion by Marty and second by Mike McCormick the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.