

# MINUTES BOARD MEETING BEN DAVIS LIONS CLUB FEBRUARY 2009

The February 2009 Board Meeting of the Ben Davis Lions Club was called to order at 7:00 P.M., Monday, 9 February 2009 by President Lion Don Mullen. Lions present Dave Carter, Phil Cole, Carl Finchum, Jim Graves, Mike McCormack, Tim McDonough, Johnny McDonough, Don Mullen, Marilyn Smith, Marty Spencer, Al Stout, Luther Searfoss, and Bill Uhrig.

Meeting was started at 7pm by President Mullen. It was reported that Ralph White wife was in the hospital; Mike Honeyman was having leg problems and would not be present.

Minutes of the January Board Meeting was read by President Mullen. After some spelling corrections, minutes a motion made by Tim and seconded by Carl the minutes, as amended, were accepted.

Because of Mike Honeyman being ill no Treasurer's Report was read.

President Mullen had received no scholarship applications at this time. Will call the High school to see if any interest in our scholarship. President Mullen found out at the Cabinet meeting in Connersville that Ben Davis was leading in the points contest for the size of our club. President Mullen stated that a committee was set up for visitation but the members are responsible to go. Encourage other people to go. Less than 4 will not go. Will ask Thursday if someone wants to go.

**Visitation** - Bill Uhrig said that Visitation was set for Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, Southport Lions club which meets @ 6:30, will leave the admin center at 5:45 for the ones interested in going. Visitations are set up for March 16<sup>th</sup> @ Pike, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ Franklin and May 18<sup>th</sup> @ Clermont.

**Membership** – Mike McCormack is still trying to set up a meeting, nothing has been set other than what has happened in the past. We need to talk to people we would like to see as Lions.

**Meeting** – Phil Cole said he had a speaker from Kingsway coming to our next meeting and March 12<sup>th</sup> is the District Governor's visit. President Mullen suggested as a speaker Sue Topf a trustee for Leader dog since this is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leader Dog.

**Fund Raisers** – Carl Finchum showed a Kitchen bag with handles, the cost will be \$11.94 for 100 bags. President Mullen suggested we put out an order form to see if we get any takers. Marty made a motion that Carl order 6 rolls and sell them for \$15.00 to see if they sell, Johnny seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Carl said there will be a basketball clinic on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, and will have Sharon McDonough at his meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Flyer was passed out by Carl for the Spaghetti dinner at Ben Davis High school; he also had tickets to sell.

**Golf Outing** - Marty spoke about the Golf Outing wanted to change prices for the event, from \$65.00 a person to \$75.00 or \$300 for four players. \$375 hole sponsor + 4 players, \$250 corporate sponsor (2 signs and 4 players), \$500 8 players and 1 sign, \$1000 8 players plus 2 signs. Early bird special is May 16<sup>th</sup> will get last year's price. Outing is July 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike seconded the motion, which passed. Marty said that Carl had made a mistake and found 3 or 4 check for \$820.00 that was not turned into the treasurer last year.

**Pancake Breakfast** - President Mullen said the Keith fell and broke a leg and is in a cast. Keith has tickets at his house. Luther will pick them up and will have them at the next meeting. Phil will help Ralph get milk and eggs. WFMS will be on site at the breakfast.

Don spoke of the letter Marilyn had sent out to the members about door prizes for the April Pancake Breakfast and thought the first sentence was asking for money. Don will change and send to Marilyn to generate new letters.

**Projects** – Dave stated that so far nothing has come in via the post office. He did distributed them thru the school principals. President Don will make a call to guidance office to see if he can do anything.

Lion Carter had not heard anything from the lady requiring assistance in changing door knobs at her residence. Lion carter stated we need to fill in the gaps of helping others. Lion Carter asked for help with cashier duties in the cafeteria with the “Giant Spectular” Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Nominations** – President Mullen asked that is someone was interested in an office to send the request to Marilyn, as the first reading of the slate of officers will be at the next meeting. He asked again asked for aluminum cans to be given to Bill for money to our administrative fund. Marty said that anything aluminum would help, such as storm doors, windows, etc, Marty will pick up and strip them down for recycling.

**New Business** – March 8 is the District 25F Convention, The president would like to do the annual contribution of \$1200 at that time, would like to give \$70 extra to Leader Dog, the motion was made by Marty and seconded by Bill to give the \$70 extra to Leader Dog (this is because it is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leader Dog), motion carried.

Law camp – June 27<sup>th</sup> is graduation will we give support, it was suggested we wait until we have a treasurer’s report. They need snacks and water.

A request was made that we give \$50 to the Education Foundation for an ad to be placed in their booklet, it was suggested we put information in the ad asking people to “Come and help us serve”. Mike was to get with Carl to redesign the ad. Carl was to find out how soon to get the money to them. Luther made the motion, seconded by Marty which passed.

President Mullen gave a letter to Marty, Luther and Marilyn which gave recognition from the district to them for getting new members. He also reminded the members of the March 8<sup>th</sup> District 25F Convention of which we will be hosting March 14, 2010. He also reminded the members of the State Convention April 17-19 in Merrillville of which we would be voting on a dues increase.

President Mullen spoke of the 10 questions he handed out to 23 members and wants 23 returned to him. Bottom line end up with long range committee, officers and board will continue this. If people do not participate they do not want their voices heard. Will work closely with committee chairs. Would like everyone to stay in place for elections for next year. Where do we like to go?

Bill reminded everyone of the Region 1 Zone meeting Tuesday March 3 @ 7pm at Clermont Lions Building. Open to any member will talk about fund raising and projects.

Tim asked who was in charge of the menu as he did not like to have ribs every meeting. President told him to get with Phil.

Jim said that the Youth Exchange will have 10 students from different countries and will bring more info to the meeting when he knows more.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

*Marilyn J Smith*  
*Ben Davis Lions Secretary*

**PS added note for information purposes only:**

The Leader Dog program is currently experimenting with the use of GPS systems by leader dog owners. This is the 70th year of operation for the Leader Dogs program which has graduated 14,000 dogs. The current cost of training a dog is about \$38,000. Indiana received 17 dogs this year. Indiana MD 25 is the leader in donations to the program with just under \$42,000 being contributed in the 1st quarter. In recognition of 70th anniversary, clubs donating \$70 above their last annual donation will receive a special banner patch.