

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS, INC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1: PM, Saturday, June 27, 2020

Camp Dogwood, Sherrill's Ford, NC

Board Members attending: Curtis Erickson, Karl Ernst, Skippy Jackson, Max Bumgardner, Wayne Faber, Mark Bateman, Neal Alexander, Robert H. Carroll, Jimmy Myers, DeAngelo Jackson, George Suggs, Donald Cobb and Paul E. Marth. (Larry Gaspersen arrived late.) Executive Administrator Durden Dean also attended.

1st VP Curtis Erickson called the meeting to order and presided in the absence of President Chris Headley who was ill and unable to attend. VDG DeAngelo Jackson offered a prayer. Past President Neal Alexander led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Dave Butler was appointed Parliamentarian. PIDs Lacey Presnell, Harvey Whitley and Gwen White were recognized and it was reported that PIP Sid Scruggs sent his best wishes while staying home with Lion Judy who recently had surgery.

It was determined that a quorum of the Board was present. VP Erickson thanked those attending in the age of the COVID-19 pandemic that includes social distancing, face masks and meeting size limits.

In the absence of Secretary Johnny Berry who was just released from the hospital, the minutes were not read. **PDG Robert Carroll made a motion, seconded by PDG/CC Max Bumgardner, to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion carried.**

CC Bumgardner reported on the State Lions Council and effects of the pandemic on Lions Clubs across the state. He warned that there will be a lot of dropped members as some clubs have not been meeting and are not active. He announced that Lions Clubs International is waiving new member and charter membership fees to encourage membership growth. He noted that some clubs have continued to meet by way of the internet, suggesting that Lions need to adopt that and other alternative methods of holding club meetings.

He also encouraged those at the meeting to plan on attending the 2021 Lions State Convention in Asheville, next year.

Upon motion of PDG Skippy Jackson and second by PP Alexander, the vote was unanimous to accept the report.

Executive Administrator Durden Dean reported on activities at Camp Dogwood and with the NC Lions, Inc. (NCLI). He called the COVID-19 pandemic a real “gut punch” with cancellations and loss of scheduled events. He complimented the staff for extra efforts and lots of maintenance activities. He announced that NCLI received a COVID Stimulus \$118,400.00 Payroll Protection Grant to cover eight weeks that has been a lifesaver. Even so, he added that expenses have to be controlled.

He said planning is underway for the annual Brighter visions Kick-off events; also that staff will continue to plan for the post-lockdown period.

Lion Tammy Thomas added to the report on Camp Dogwood, noting that campers continue to call asking about the status of camping and to “just talk”. She said the camp lost \$52,000.00 in bookings due to the virus, but she signed a contract earlier in the week for a \$10,000.00 wedding. She reported that the camp will host a wedding expo and several dates are filling up.

Upon motion of CC Bumgardner and second by PDG Karl Ernst, the vote to accept both reports was unanimous.

PDG Mike Schwartz reported that Brighter Visions donations are running about \$100,000.00 short.

In the absence of Budget/Finance Chair Ron Staley, the Executive Administrator reviewed the proposed budget for 2020-2021. He noted a \$50,000.00 decrease in the budget and a balanced budget of \$1,378,364.00. He also pointed out the new bus and thanked PDG Wayne Faber as well as Lions Clubs across the state for making the bus possible.

Upon motion of DG Mark Batemen with second by DG Jimmy Myers, the budget was unanimously adopted.

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VP Erickson asked the International Family to come forward to assist with the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Jerry Traut of the Boone Area Lions Club.

PID Presnell presented his recent book sharing his memories of Lionism. He urged everyone to pick up a copy to share back home.

PID Whitley reported that the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum has been cancelled due to uncertainties associated with the COVID virus. He thanked everyone for their support.

PID White said the Lions VIP Fishing Tournament has also been cancelled, but she said planning is already underway for next year’s event.

PDG Dean presented a check in the amount of \$15,000.00 to PDG Dave Osborne of Greensboro as winner of the Camp Dogwood Raffle Drawing. He chose cash rather than a vehicle.

PDG Alexander presented a check in the amount of \$47,995.00 to NCLI in payment for a new Vision Van that initially will be used in Districts L, I and O. The grant came from the Foundation for a Healthy Carolinas and will provide school and adult services. PDG Dean said he wants to see a van for each district.

Upon motion of PDG Alexander and second by CC Bumgardner, the Board Meeting was unanimously adjourned.

This the 27th day of June, 2020.

Rhett B. White, Acting Secretary
for PDG Berry

Curtis Erickson, 1st Vice-President