

**NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

Camp Dogwood  
Sherrills Ford, NC

November 12, 2023  
9:00 AM

**Call to Order**

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Steve McLaurin.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Second Vice President Allen Swaim.

**Invocation**

The Invocation was given by First Vice President Wayne Faber.

**Opening Remarks**

President Steve McLaurin welcomed everyone to the meeting. President Steve McLaurin informed everyone that a new committee had been formed. It is the Long Range Planning Committee with Past President Neal Alexander serving as chair. Each District will nominate two people to sit on the committee.

**Introductions**

President Steve McLaurin introduced our International Family in attendance PID Harvey Whitley and PID Lacy Presnell. Both stated they were glad to be here.

**Reading & Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Anne Metts stated the minutes had been published online and reviewed by the Board of Directors.

**MOTION** was made to accept the minutes as published by Treasurer Curtis Erickson and second by Board Representative at Large Neal Alexander. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Roll Call**

Secretary Anne Metts stated Officers and Board Members present: President Steve McLaurin, First Vice President Wayne Faber, Second Vice President Allen Swaim, Secretary Anne Metts, Treasurer Curtis Erickson, Council Chair Rahim Shomari, Executive Director Carlton Metts, DG Susan Fernandez, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dawson Hart, DG Kathy Poirer, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Mike Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Steve Cline, DG Susan O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jaunita Brown, DG Carlton Metts, II, 1<sup>st</sup> DG Ana Elliott, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gene Goetz, DG Lorraine Dixon, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jim Tobolski, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Dwayne Turner, At Large Board Representatives George Suggs and C. Neil Alexander.

At Large Board Representatives present by zoom: Jim Turner

Not Present: IPP Skippy Jackson, First Vice District Governor Judy Keck, Second Vice District Governor Eileen Artavia, Board Representative at Large Eddie Weaver

Quorum is present.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

President Steve McLaurin appointed PCC Dale Dupree to be Parliamentarian.

**Remarks by State Council Chairperson**

Everyone is working hard in their districts. District L will be holding the first mid-winter convention on November 17 – 18, 2023. The others will follow in January, 2024.

**Camp Director’s Report**

**Hello Everyone,**

**I want to take a few minutes to talk about Camp 2024.**

**As you look over the report items that are highlighted in green are the new changes we are asking for....**

**Our scheduled dates are as follows:**

<b>Session 1</b>	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Adults 18+</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Adults 18+</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>Adults 18+</b>
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Jun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Adults 18+</b>
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Adults 18+</b>
<b>Session 6</b>	<b>July 7<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Adults 18+</b>
<b>Session 7</b>	<b>July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Family Week for VIP’s bringing minor children</b>

**Family week will be available for VIP’s that bring children with them or bring a teen with them as a sighted guide.**

**Emergency Contact**

**In case of an emergency, the emergency contact is required to pick up their camper within the drive time, plus one additional hour (i.e., you live 2 hours away, therefore, you are allotted 3 hours for your commute).**

**Quiet Hours**

**Campers must be at their assigned dorm by 10PM every night with noise levels at a minimum. *This does not mean that camper’s must be in their rooms***

**by 10PM, but they must be on the screened-in porch, in the common area, or in the rooms of their assigned dorm's.**



**Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

**Medical History Form**

**To be completed by physician or the physician's agent only after April 1st, 2024**

Camp Dogwood is a recreational/vacation facility for persons with blindness or visual impairment. Campers have the opportunity to participate in activities such as, boating, fishing, swimming, Putt-Putt golf, crafts, nature walks, bowling, shopping, and more. **Campers must be able to indecently provide their own personal care and demonstrate life skills such as eating, bathing, dressing and toileting OR bring a caregiver to assist them with these needs. Campers ambulate from their dormitories to the dining hall and/or medication room up to a distance of 600 feet with a 12% grade in one direction. *\*NOTE: NO SPECIAL DIETS ARE AVAILABLE AT CAMP. A camper's yearly medical physical must be completed after April 1st, 2024. If a camper has been hospitalized within 30-days prior to camp arrival, they must provide a physician's release form.***

*Camp Dogwood's counselor to camper ratio is 1 to 6. There is one on-site nurse per 88 campers. The nurse is available to assist with routine emergencies. Recurring dressing changes are not included.*

**Please note that CAMP DOGWOOD IS NOT A NURSING OR CARE FACILITY**

Patient's Name				DOB:				
<b>Known Drug and/or food allergies</b>								
<b>CARDIOVASCULAR HISTORY</b>					<b>PULMINARY HISTROY</b>			
Bleeding Disorder	Yes		No		Asthma	Yes		No
CHF	Yes		No		Date Dx'd	Yes		no
Heart Attack	Yes		No		Last on	Yes		No
Hypertension	Yes		No		Avg BP	Oxygen dependent	Yes	No
Pacemaker	Yes		No		<b>RENAL DISEASE HISTORY</b>			
<b>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE HISTORY</b>								
Hepatitis A, B, C	Yes		No	Dialysis	Yes		No	
If yes, specify type A, B, or C				Kidney Disease	Yes		No	

HIV	Yes	No							
<b>DIABETES HISTORY</b>					<b>GENERAL HEALTH ISSUES</b>				
Stable	Yes	No		Avg BI Sugar	Hearing problems	Yes		No	
Hypoglycemia	Yes	No			Hearing aids	Yes		No	
Insulin dependent	Yes	No			Mobility Issues	Yes		No	
<b>NEUROLOGICAL HISTORY</b>					Devices used				
Seizures									
Date of last Seizure	Yes	No			Sleepwalk	Yes		No	
Alzheimer's/Dementia	Yes	No			Uses CPAP machine	Yes		No	
<b>Vision: <input type="checkbox"/> Visually Impaired (20/70) <input type="checkbox"/> Legally Blind <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>*Please see visual eligibility below*</b>									
Anxiety/Panic Disorder	Yes	No		<b>*****Campers must bring all mobility devices, CPAP, and all oxygen equipment*****</b>					
CVA/TIA	Yes	No							
Developmental Disability	Yes	No							
Dizziness/Fainting	Yes	No							
Mental Illness	Yes	No		<b>Is Patient a Smoker?</b>		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parkinson's Disease	Yes	No							

**~ IMPORTANT: MEDICATIONS**  
Please attach a legible list of **Current** medications with complete instructions

Additional Recommendations from physician: _____									
Any reason camper should not swim in lake Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									
If yes, explain:									
Camper may participate in high cardio activities (i.e., bowling, kayaking) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>									
This patient's medical status is stable and controlled. In my opinion this patient is able to attend the facility described above						Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
This patient is their own legal guardian, and is able to make their own medical care decisions.						Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If "no" list the Legal Guardian's name:									
Date of last Tetanus shot									
Date of last medical exam									
Date of Covid Vaccine									

**Required List for Recommended/Additional Medical Information**

If the patient is insulin dependent, there needs to be a sliding scale or dosage order, including medication list provided by the family physician and/or endocrinologist. Please include sliding scale and/or dosage order on the required medication list.

**Go Home Policy** will be enforced if medical staff deem any patient medically unstable. This includes but is not limited to:

- o Extreme spike in high and low blood glucose levels
- o Extreme blood pressure fluctuations
- o Fall Risks
- o Absence of medication being taken. Campers will have 24-hours to attain medication or they will be sent home.
- o Hospitalization within 1-month prior to the camper's arrival without medical clearance from camp's medical staff and primary physician
- o Patient must be self-sufficient, able to be deemed medically cleared to participate in camp and camp activities. Camp's medical staff is aware that campers have accidents or have an off-day, but repetitive health dangers may lead to a camper being considered medically unsuitable to continue their stay at Camp Dogwood.

**VISUAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

A camper must be legally blind or have a "severe visual impairment" (a severe visual impairment is defined as 20/70 or more in the best eye, with correction), and possess life skills that demonstrate full independence. Full independence includes: eating, dressing, and personal hygiene. Additionally, a camper's primary disability must be vision related.

***Which visual acuity is considered legally blind?***

Visual acuity that is 20/200 or greater is considered legally blind. Legal blindness applies to individuals who are unable to attain 20/200 visual acuity, despite having corrective lenses.

***Which visual acuity is considered visually impaired?***

20/70 to 20/160 is considered to be a "moderate" visual impairment, or moderate low-vision.  
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***Having a valid NC driver license***

- 20/40 without corrective lenses
- 20/50 with corrective lenses
- 20/100 with corrected lenses in both eyes
- 20/70 with corrected lenses in one eye

Physician's Signature

Date

Practice Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Fax:

<b>Best email address if fax doesn't work:</b>	
Mail:	Camp Dogwood for the Blind & Visually Impaired Attn: Camp Office PO Box 39 Sherrill's Ford, NC 28673
Fax:	828-478-4419
E-Mail	<a href="mailto:tammy@nclf.org">tammy@nclf.org</a>
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**VOLUNTEER MEDICAL**



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**Currently we have 7 counselors with 2 of those being lifeguards. We all know last year we made some adjustments to our swim policy. We required each VIP regardless of swimming ability to wear a life jacket. This is something that our life guard last year very much approved of. She has been a lifeguard for 7 years at Camp Dogwood. She has asked that we keep this rule in place.**

**We are looking forward to next summer. Theme is Mardi Gras. Staff are working on decorations, seminars and more.**

**A new program we are working on for next year is A1C testing for each VIP.**

**Did you know that every year approximately 63,124 North Carolinians are diagnosed with diabetes? This is only a small part of the 1,014,358 plus people in N.C. that have been diagnosed with diabetes. Approximately 5% of diabetics suffer from vision loss or vision impairment. Five percent doesn't sound like a lot but when you do the math that is a total of 50,717 people state wide that experience some type of visual impairment directly related to diabetes.**

**So many people suffer from diabetes and go undiagnosed. We have a program we are wanting to launch for the summer of 2024 at Camp Dogwood. We are wanting to offer every VIP attending 2024 Summer Camp the opportunity to receive a FREE A1C test. The A1C test is a simple blood test that measures your average blood sugar levels over the past 3 months. So, while it is important to measure your blood sugar regularly to see how much sugar is in your blood at any given time, measuring your A1C gives you a more definitive look at whether your blood sugar levels have been on track over the last two to three months.**

#### **PICKUP AT TRAIN STATION**

**Bus gets 7mpg**

**Miles to Charlotte Amtrak 49 /98 both ways**

**Gas (\$3.50) x 98 miles = \$49.00 for Sunday trip and \$49 for Thursday/Friday trip**

**Wear and tear \$9.80 minimum (\$.10 a mile)**

**Total trip to pick up VIP's \$58.80**

**Usually use bus for 3 or more VIP's**

**Currently charging \$20 trip.**

**UBER COST \$2 per mile – for train pickup cost 1 day would be \$98**

**Last year bus usage**

**Session 1- 1 VIP – VAN WAS TAKEN**

**Session 2 -0**

**Session 3-0**

**Session 4- 3 VIP – BUS WAS TAKEN**

**Session 5- 12 VIP- BUS WAS TAKEN**

**Session 6- 5 VIP- BUS WAS TAKEN**

**Need to look at cost of using vehicle.**

**If given the opportunity we would like to purchase A1C test kits to make testing available to each VIP attending Summer Camp 2024. We have found that testing will run approximately \$15 per person. We are currently working on funding for this project.**

#### **OFF SEASON USAGE**

**During October we are showing \$24169.67. This is \$5445.11 over the current time last year. Staff are working hard to fill the gaps between reservations. We are updating guest pricing to reflect the rising cost of groceries, utilities, renovations, maintenance and labor. As we move forward I am asking for an increase in Lions rates for at least the meals. Last time rates were changed we did not increase the cost of meals for Lions. We are going to have to look at that increase. Below you will see the difference in pricing ....**

**Current Lions meal pricing is ....**

**Breakfast \$11**

**Lunch \$13**

**Dinner \$18**

**Current Guest meal pricing is...**

**Breakfast \$15**

**Lunch \$18**

**Dinner \$22**

**We would also like to ask the board for \$20,000 for renovations of the duplexes. We believe that with basic updates that we can and will push to keep the duplexes filled. We need to rent these for only 88 days to make the investment back. Renovations would include stove, refrigerator, new curtains, and new modern furniture. I know some may think that we can't do much for \$20,000 but believe me when I say I am a budget shopper. Just ask Ms. Anne.**

**I hope everyone has noticed the new bedroom carpeting and lobby upholstery in Lineberger and Udovich. Just small visual changes can make a big difference.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Tammy Thomas**

**Camp Director**

## Executive Director's Report

Paul Silverman, Nominations Chair could not be here today and he asked me to give his report:

Yesterday, the District Governors for '25-'26 chose PDG Chris Headly to be their Council Chair.

The '24-'25 Council of Governors selected PCC Gary Steele to be their Secretary/Treasurer.

Elizabeth Steele was chosen to be the Promotions Chair.

No nominations have been received to date for NCLF positions. First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. Need to provide a Notice of Intent and a verification of membership in good standing from your club secretary by April 15, 2024.

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Executive Director's Report**

**November 12, 2023**

**Cash Flow: for the first four months \$375k In, \$285 Out. \$90K Net Activities:** Off season usage YTD at \$82K, down \$24K LYTD. **Hearing Aids** received YTD 239, up by 211 LYTD . Canes are at 110 YTD, down by 71 LYTD. Eyeglasses donated YTD at 210K down by 9.7K L YTD.

**Investments: Stickley Endowment** Prior Year End \$1.68 Million, last period \$1.77M down by \$107K, this period \$1.728M down by \$54K, long term **unrealize loss \$84k .**

**First Citizens** \$135K, matures in 02/2029.

**Raymond James** (So. Iredell LC) Portfolio Total \$1,054 K increase of \$3K, **estimated annual income \$46K.**

**Raymond James:** (old Peoples) Total \$223K, increase \$0k, **estimated income \$10K**

**Raymond James** (Old Dir Hse Fund) \$375k.

**Raymond James Summary \$1,651,833 M**

**Awards:**

**Total for 2023 Fellowships \$4,700 YTD**

**MSU KidSight:** Adults by Districts screened 748, referred 286,

Screenings by Districts 63 completed, Children screened 5815, referred

465, scheduled by month 84, hearing bb District 423 screened, 180 referred, screenings remaining YTD 24.

**VSP Vouchers:** YTD 331, average estimated value each is \$200 (\$66k)

**Use of Camp:** is at \$82K YTD, July \$24K LYTD.

**Contributions: BV 219K, M&H \$3.3K, CD Raffle \$9K, CER \$881 and F&P \$4.7K**

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

1. **Communications** – The old transit van purchased for KidSight has been sold and replaced with a Chevrolet Equinox. Will be housed at Camp Dogwood.
2. **Audit Review** was presented in detail by Executive Director Carlton Metts. President Steve McLaurin, Treasurer Curtis Erickson, Executive Director Carlton Metts and Secretary Anne Metts met with the audit firm.

**MOTION** was made by First Vice President Wayne Faber and seconded by District Governor Susan O'Brien to approve the Audit Review as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

NCLF Treasurer Report 11/12/23

REVENUE:

Unrestricted: YTD

3000 Brighter Visions +10779

3001 BV Mem/honor -6576

Total Brighter Visions: -4203, What happened to Steve's Line?

Camp: -11,360, 3210-Use of Camp -17,166

Other: -29,451

3300-3304 Interest income and investments -18302, 3310-vision van fees -3012, 3315 3316

3317 awards -8841

Total unrestricted: -36,608

Restricted: YTD

3500- Camp Raffle -9582, 3525-Winston-Salem fdn. -8224

Total Restricted: -13,975

Permanently Restrictive: YTD

3815 Partner in service -1725

Total Permanently Restrictive: -1391

Total Income: -51,975

**EXPENSES:**

Unrestrictive Expenses:

Programs: -1185

Vision Van: +1278, 4084 Van Driver Expense +913

Camp Dogwood: -2,666 4111 payroll PT labor +15,776

Marketing: -1733

Public information: -1291

Fund raising: + 812 (4226 BV Awards +1118)

Board expense: -939

Salaries: -4720

Taxes: -2067

Benefits: +238.81

Office: -8141

Total Unrestricted: -20416

Restricted Expense:

Maintenance: +22203

4600 A/C +4588, 4606 pastures +6094, 4608 other +5231, 4610 pests +1960, 4611 plumbing +3654, 4614 sewer +1285.

Other: -63

Total Restricted: +22,139

Grand Total: +1723

Net gain/loss -53,700

Balance Sheet:

1001- checking -544,748, 2514 blind golf 6930, 2789 Kid's sight 57400, 2810 Stickley 1,439,771

**MOTION** was made by DG Susan Fernandez to accept report and seconded by DG Carlie Metts. Motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Recommendation from the Executive Committee**

President Steve McLaurin reported that the eye glass program is receiving volumes of glasses and that the Executive Committee is aware of the situation. A comprehensive plan is to be presented at the February meeting.

**5. Committee Reports**

**Clinical Eye Research Report**

November 13, 2023

After the August 13, 2023 NCLF meeting, I spoke with NCLF President Steve about the type of grant that Susan Irvin from UNC could apply for. NCLF President Steve asked for a copy of what she had submitted and said that he would speak with her to get more specifics to get the grant started. NCLF President Steve advised that there was about 60,000 dollars available for a grant

and requested that Susan Irvin get the request to us before our November 12, 2023 NCLF meeting. As of today we have not received any more correspondence from Susan Irvin from UNC to my knowledge.

NCLF President Steve said that he is working on three concerts to raise monies for both Clinical Eye Research and Brighter Visions. One of the concerts will be in the eastern part of the state, one in the central part and finally one in the western part. NCLF President Steve is working on acquiring corporate sponsors to help with these endeavors which are planned to take place in the Spring of 2024. Once the plans are finalized, I will be contacting the Clinical Eye Research District Chairs so they can get all the information out to their respective Districts about the concerts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph A. Poirier, PCC  
State Clinical Eye Research Chair

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**MSU/KidSight**

PDG Curtis Erickson announced that he and PDG Laraine Dupree will be co-chairing this committee.

Co-Chair Curtis Erickson reported the following KidSight Screenings from July – YTD:

	Screenings	Referral	% Referred
District L	10,113	1,259	13%
District I	5,182	838	16%
District O	2,484	412	17%
District N	3,820	378	10%
District S	160	19	12%
YTD Totals:	21,759	2,906	13.36%

Included is the updated booking guidelines:

**See the 21st Century<sup>®</sup> Mobile Screening Unit/KidSight Screening Unit Booking Guidelines**

The Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) and KidSight Screening Unit (KSU) may be scheduled by all North Carolina Lions Clubs on a fair and equitable basis. The MSU/KSU will come to any community in North Carolina but are unable to conduct screenings outside of North Carolina. The MSU/KSU may only be booked by a Lions member in good standing of the sponsoring Lions Club. The MSU/KSU State Coordinator is the only individual authorized to commit the MSU/KSU to a screening. An MSU/KSU Calendar will be maintained on the NC Lions Foundation Web Site ([www.nclf.org](http://www.nclf.org)) showing booked dates, available dates and dates that are not available. All

screenings need to be booked either by phone (1-800-662-7401 Ext. 241) or email (bryan@nclf.org ). Screenings scheduled for the Mobile Screening Unit screenings will be indicated on the calendar by (MSU and the District). KidSight Screening Unit will be indicated with (KSU and the District).

The typical screening days for the MSU are Tuesday through Saturday. The typical screening dates for the KSU are Monday through Friday. "However, every effort" will be made to accommodate the screening date desired by the Club. There are factors that must be considered before a screening date may be approved. Just because a date is open, it may not be feasible for a screening to be conducted on that date in your location. Adequate time must be available for the unit to travel to your location or to its next location. Twice each year the MSU will be out of service for maintenance. Other dates that are not available for the MSU/KSU screenings are: New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Screenings may be booked 18 to 24 months prior to the screening date. The calendar is extended by 6 months on January 1st & July 1st of each year. Saturdays are the most requested date for MSU screenings; therefore, clubs that have the van booked for a Saturday, may only book that same Saturday 12 months ahead of time. The sponsoring Lion's Club will pay a \$250.00 fee to the NC Lions Foundation for each day that they schedule the MSU for a screening, plus \$.60 per mile round trip. Any club that cancels 30 days or less before a screening will forfeit the screening fee. If the Screening Fee has not been paid, the Lions Club will be billed for the \$250.00 Screening Fee. Thanks to donations, the Lions KidSight Unit may be reserved at a flat \$75.00 per day Screening Fee. If canceled 30 days or less before the screening, the Lions Club will forfeit the \$75.00 Screening Fee. If the Screening Fee has not been paid, the sponsoring Lions Club will be billed for the full \$75.00 Screening Fee. Last Minute Screenings scheduled 60 days or less ahead may require Executive Committee approval with exception to School Screenings. This is to help us coordinate the screenings by location, which saves money, wear and tear. We find that most public screenings scheduled less than 60 days ahead are not as well planned or advertised as those screenings schedule further out.

School screenings are done in the school with a known number of students, which does not require advertising.

Revised 9-28-2023

MSU/KSU Committee Report  
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The MSU/KSU Committee met on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at Camp Dogwood. There were 4 members present, with 4 guests attending.

Committee Co-Chairs reviewed the numbers of screenings to date per district.



The committee concluded that district chairs should report monthly numbers to Bryan Hoover at NCLF and committee co-chairs Curtis Erickson and Laraine Dupree. District chairs should confirm which clubs in their respective districts own screening cameras and assist them with reporting the screenings done not using the KSU vans. Those numbers are vital for accurate reporting to the state government due to the grant that we received.

Screenings at daycare centers is stressed to identify vision issues before children start school.

The committee requested that all district governors and vice governors be trained to conduct screenings and to be certified drivers of the KSU vans. Zone chairs should be trained in screenings to be facilitators of the program.

District chairs are to be coordinators of screenings in their respective districts, not doing all the screenings themselves.

NCLF President Steve McLaurin is requesting information from NC officials to determine the criteria of “economically challenged counties.” Screenings in the designated counties can be helpful in securing grants from other agencies or businesses.

The committee is recommending to the NCLF Board of Directors that the KSU vans be made available for marketing purposes by utilizing them in local parades and that the vans be used in the communities for certified drivers to drive to Lions related meetings. A daily use fee of \$75.00 will be required for parade usage. The committee makes the above motion to approve this use of KSU vans.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laraine Dupree, Co-Chair  
Curtis Erickson, Co-Chair

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## Camp Dogwood Properties

Last year we saw a lot of repairs that were critical to our properties. This was great to be able to tell our fellow Lions where their funds are going and show them the end results. As we continue on below are some items that need to be addressed.

### **White Building**

The lattice on the bottom of the screen porch are rotten. Needs replacing.

We are having issues with the old plumbing. The water lines are very old and starting to cause issues. A lot of leaking is taking place in the whole building. They have had to cut out sheet rock and replace lines. The sheetrock was replaced by our maintenance group. And still having nails popping through sheetrock. This is ongoing. Not asking anything to be done until Long Range planning meets to discuss.

### **Bus**

The bus needs a roof over it. We recommend building a 20x 40 Building next to the maintenance Building to accommodate the Bus and the Boats. To get them out of the weather. The sun and weather will damage these vehicles. New Building fund? Have quote for \$8,200 for a 20x40x14. Now waiting on Approval from Board. Steve working on funds to build a building for eye glass recycling and the bus. This will be brought up at our long-range planning meeting beginning in December.

### **Well House**

Well house needs a new roof. We have material just waiting on time to do this in house.

### **Asphalt Drive**

Starting to see a lot of grass growing up through parking lot. Maintenance has been trying to keep down by pulling and spraying with weed killer. Tammy has gotten quotes on resealing. After looking at all quotes the Properties committee make a recommendation to approve the asphalt sealing for \$24,701.40. Asking budget and finance to approve this recommendation.

### **Landscape**

The landscape around the property need some work. The fence line around the waterfront needs to be worked on. The fence closer to the gas pumps is really in need of some work. The fabric to stop the weed growth has seen its better days and need to be reworked. The weeds have over taken this area. Good place for varmints.

**Vehicles**

We really need t start looking at purchasing another vehicle. The vehicle we have now that we use to drive across the state to all the meetings has over 208,000 miles on it.

**5 Year Plan will be talking to Long Range planning**

**Dock at water**

Will need to be replaced with in the next few years due to getting weathered.

**Roofs on Buildings**

The roofs will have to be replaced on

Duplex 1-2—30.66 Squares total cost \$9,044.70

Duplex 3-4--- 31.00 Squares total cost \$9,145.00

White Building--- 87.33 Squares total cost of \$25,762.35

Udavich---102 Squares total cost \$30,090.00

Lineberger--- 96 Squares total cost of \$28,320.00

Main Office--- \$65,513.00

Total roof repair \_\_\_\_\_\$167,875.05

Submitted 08/08/23

PDG George Suggs

Properties Chair

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**Public Information Chair Report – 11/12/23**

**Prepared by: PDG Paul R. Bledsoe, Past President NCL, Inc.**

Thank you very much for your continuing effort to support and promote our NC Lions Foundation. It has and will continue to be a focal point of remarkable things we do together in our state to help those with disabilities and enhance their quality of life and well-being.

On the information front, we have new brochures available for Camp Dogwood. We are in the process of updating the KidSight brochure. Our websites have a new clean look, and we hope you are finding the

ease of access. Material created for the Council of Governors Vision Awareness month will be available for your use as our foundation's educational material for download.

The KidSight program has been remarkable with extreme success throughout the state. It captures a lot of attention and is a great program in growing our membership and community outreach.

I hope you are reading and passing along to all your clubs our monthly foundation's Digest newsletter. This month we featured some of the staff members. We have an impressive, and talented group of staff members.

### **Are We Missing Something Simple Here? The Growth and Success of Our Organization and Foundation Begins within Our Lions Club's Membership and Their Communication Skills.**

Training club members to effectively communicate and inform others about the organization's offerings and community impact is crucial for the success of a service organization. Here are some techniques to enhance communication skills:

#### **Mission and Values Training:**

Ensure that all members have a deep understanding of the organization's mission, values, and goals. Clearly articulate the impact the organization aims to make in the community.

#### **Storytelling Workshops:**

Conduct workshops on storytelling techniques to help members share compelling narratives about the organization's work. Emphasize personal stories, testimonials, and examples that resonate with the community.

#### **Elevator Pitch Development:**

Teach members to craft a concise and impactful elevator pitch that clearly communicates the organization's purpose, services, and impact. Encourage them to adapt the pitch based on the audience and context.

#### **Active Listening Skills:**

Train members in active listening techniques to better understand the needs and concerns of the community. Emphasize the importance of empathy in effective communication.

#### **Role-Playing Exercises:**

Conduct role-playing scenarios to simulate real-life communication situations. Provide feedback and constructive criticism to help members improve their communication skills.

#### **Public Speaking Training:**

Offer public speaking workshops to help members feel more confident when addressing groups. Practice speaking in front of the club before engaging with the larger community.

#### **Media Training:**

Teach members how to interact with the media, including giving interviews and preparing press releases. Emphasize the importance of staying on message and conveying key points.

#### **Social Media and Digital Communication:**

Train members on how to effectively use social media platforms to reach and engage with the community. Provide the guidance on creating impactful content and maintaining a positive online presence.

**Cultural Competency Training:**

Sensitize members to cultural differences within the community. Provide guidance on adapting communication styles to be inclusive and respectful of diverse perspectives.

**Community Needs Assessment:**

Instruct members on conducting community needs assessments to identify specific issues and concerns. Tailor communication strategies to address the identified needs and showcase how the organization can help.

**Regular Communication Workshops:**

Schedule regular workshops to refine communication skills and share best practices. Foster a culture of continuous improvement within the organization. Emphasize the importance of collaboration and teamwork in communication efforts. Encourage members to work together on communication strategies and initiatives.

Remember to provide ongoing support, resources, and feedback to help club members continually enhance their communication skills. Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of your training programs and make adjustments based on the evolving needs of both the organization and the community.

*References: Bledsoe Advertising/Productions; OpenAI. (2023). ChatGPT [Large language model].*

The current Brighter Visions Video for presentations is available at <https://vimeo.com/736961622>

Thank you, PDG Paul Bledsoe, PP NCLI / Public Information Chair

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## Report of the Sight & Hearing Conservation Chair November 12, 2023

Lion Paulette Gasperson, PCC

Miracles in Sight is one of the largest eye banks in the world, helping to restore sight and change lives for thousands of patients each year. We will be visiting the eye bank on December 9, 2023 at 1:00 pm the address is Miracles in Sight 3900 Westpoint Blvd. Winston Salem, N. C. 27103. If you would like to go let me know after the meeting so I can give them a number.

Eye Donation Month is held each November to help bring awareness to the importance of eye donation. All month long, Miracles in Sight and eye banks around the world will help generate awareness about the need for eye donation, and life-changing opportunities that are created when recipients regain their sight through corneal transplants.

On November 3 2023 Miracles in Sight had a Flag Raising Day honoring eye donors and their families for their gift of sight. After raising the flag they had a moment of silence in remembrance of all donors. One eye donor can give the gift of sight to two people.

District I Chairperson reported that she is reporting each month in the District Governor newsletter. She is also promoting the Kids Sight Program. She helped with the Hickory Grove Golf Tournament for the blind and visually impaired. She continues to look for ways to encourage and help clubs identify and enter into activities with the blind and /or hearing –impaired community.

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**VOLUNTEERS REPORT**

Lions Volunteer work days will be starting on April 4 / 10 2024. We have not looked over the camp yet but I have talked with Lion Tammy and I have three good Lions to do the frame work and screen on the White Dorm, and of course we always have power washing and P D G Lion Nathan Medlin looks after the power washing for me and he does a very good job. We also have some painting and P D G Lion Bill Mathers has told me that he would look after the painting and he also does a very good job. If we have

any electrical to do Lion Artie Seymour will do that and he is very good at that job. We will also have the flower beds and I will have someone to look after the flower beds, and as you know we always have glasses to sort and the Lions that volunteer for that also always does a very good job and we will more than likely have other job sto come up and we will also take care of them. And thanks to all the Lions that volunteer to keep our Camp up and beautiful. Thanks Robert H. Carroll PDG

**MOTION** was made to accept all reports under Second Vice President Allen Swaim by District Governor Kathy Poirier and second by District Governor Susan O'Brien. Motion carried by voice vote.

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### **BRIGHTER VISIONS**

We have had wonderful kickoffs this year for Brighter Visions. Thank you for your participation.

We have been given an oil painting " Changing of Tides" by a local artist Brenda Vanhoy from Mooresville to use for Brighter Visions. The painting is valued at \$1,500.00. Raffle Tickets have been given to all district governors and district chairs. Cost of tickets are: 1 for \$5/ 3 for \$10/ 7 for \$20

Memorials and Honorariums envelopes are available for your use. The Brighter Visions goal is \$30,000 for the year.

Brighter Visions Goal for the year is \$508,100. To date we have received \$215,799. That is \$10,000 over last year at this time. Congratulations!!

BV Funds Rec'd To Date:

District L: \$20,203

District I: \$73,751

District O: \$45,755

District N: \$44,127

District S: \$35,373

If you are having gift basket raffles at your mid-winter conventions, please consider donating funds to Brighter Visions.

We are looking into matching funds through employers to see if donations can be made to Brighter Visions.

We have also been told that the \$1.00 donation made to SECU each month through checking accounts can be designated to go to any donation. We will be checking on this also.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Headley, State Brighter Vision Chairperson

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## Camp Dogwood State Chair Report November 12, 2023

### District Events:

I attended various clubs in district 31-N. In my talks to clubs a greater portion of the time is given to Camp Dogwood and the raffle.

At each meeting I talked about the importance of raising funds through the camp dogwood raffle and reasons the committee decided to increase ticket allotment. I emphasize the importance of clubs sending in their contributions soon, not waiting until June.

### District actions:

During this meeting I will introduce the concept of changing the name of Camp Dogwood for the visually impaired to Dogwood Resort for the visually impaired. There is concern on my committee that the name will involve a considerable expense and the name resort is not appropriate.

### Ticket Sales as of Nov. 3, 2023:

District	Members	Raffle Sales	Books per member	Sales Last Year
L	727	\$2,820.00	0.39	\$17,844.70
I	890	\$100.00	0.01	\$18,837.00
O	1,045	\$562.00	0.05	\$25,374.00
N	963	\$810.00	0.08	\$17,999.00
<b>S</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>\$5,467.00</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>\$23,281.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,545</b>	<b>\$9,759.00</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>\$103,335.70</b>
Lake Lure	L	27	\$1,350.00	5.00
Bethlehem	I	37	\$100.00	0.27
Wadesboro	O	8	\$388.00	4.85
Kinston	N	38	\$430.00	1.13
<b>Lake Gaston</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>\$2,160.00</b>	<b>3.22</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lion Gene Goetz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor  
Camp Dogwood State Chairperson

1. Recommendation to change name of Camp Dogwood was referred back to the committee.
2. Recommendation to charge people who are no shows and revise the form to pay in advance was referred back to the committee.
3. Recommendation to charge a pet fee during off season referred back to the committee.

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## Constitution and By-Laws report November 11 and 12, 2023

There are a couple of committees that are not fully described, and we want to get them written so that folks will know what that committee does and what is expected of them. That concludes my report.

Dale Dupree, PDG, PCC  
Chair

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### Fellowships and Partners Report November 12, 2023

This quarter has started out a little slow but with the mid-winter conventions coming up we hope to see an increase in awards being presented. The total to date is: \$4,700.00.

District L \$500 with one NC Lions Ambassador being awarded.  
District I \$2,400 with one NC Lions Ambassador, one Sid L. Scruggs Beacon of Hope at the Lighthouse Level, one William L. Woolard Partner in Service at the Supporter Level, two Jack Stickley Fellow and one 1<sup>st</sup> Progressive Jack Stickley Fellow  
District O \$ -0- None  
District N \$1,000 with one Sid L. Scruggs Beacon of Hope at the Lighthouse Level, three William L. Woolard Partners in Service at the Founder Level and one Jack Stickley Fellow  
District S \$800 with four Sid L. Scruggs Beacon of Hope at the Lighthouse Level

Through the NCLF office the committee sent out a notice informing everyone who had received a NC Lions Ambassador that if they would like to receive a plaque to please notify us yes or no. To date seventeen plaques have been made and forwarded to the recipients. Several have declined the offer.

If you haven't contacted your district chair to come and present a program on Fellowship and Partners. Please do so.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Metts  
State Chairperson

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PIN SALES – No Report

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## BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT

NCLF Treasurer Report 11/12/23

### REVENUE:

Unrestricted: YTD

3000 Brighter Visions +10779

3001 BV Mem/honor -6576

Total Brighter Visions: -4203, What happened to Steve's Line?

Camp: -11,360, 3210-Use of Camp -17.166

Other: -29,451

3300-3304 Interest income and investments -18302, 3310-vision van fees -3012, 3315 3316 3317 awards -8841

Total unrestricted: -36,608

Restricted: YTD

3500- Camp Raffle -9582, 3525-Winston-Salem fdn. -8224

Total Restricted: -13,975

Permanently Restrictive: YTD

3815 Partner in service -1725

Total Permanently Restrictive: -1391

Total Income: -51,975

### EXPENSES:

Unrestrictive Expenses:

Programs: -1185

Vision Van: +1278, 4084 Van Driver Expense +913

Camp Dogwood: -2,666 4111 payroll PT labor +15,776

Marketing: -1733

Public information: -1291

Fund raising: + 812 (4226 BV Awards +1118)

Board expense: -939

Salaries: -4720

Taxes: -2067

**MOTION** made to accept Committee Reports under First Vice President Wayne Faber made by At Large Board Representative George Suggs and second by Second Vice District Governor Dwayne Turner. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Other Business:**

PDG Herb Justice held a 50/50 raffle today for LCIF and the winner was PDG Irwin Siegelwax.

Our next Council and Board Meetings will be held on February 9 – 11, 2024 at Marriott Greensboro High Point Airport Hotel. Reservations can be made by calling 336-852-6450 Ref# M-LUP2C3V, NCLF Directors Meeting.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Metts

Executive Secretary