

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom Meeting

August 25, 2024
2:10 PM

Call to Order

Wayne Faber, President

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Wayne Faber.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lorraine Dixon, 2nd Vice President

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon.

Invocation

Allen Swaim, 1st Vice President

The Invocation was given by First Vice President Allen Swaim.

Opening Remarks

Wayne Faber, President

President Wayne Faber welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated the August 13, 2024 Board Meeting was held off due to the increment weather from the Hurricane. He thanked everyone for serving this year. The last two Brighter Visions Kickoffs were held yesterday in Districts N & S. The Installation & Awards Banquet will be held on September 21, 2024 at Camp Dogwood starting at 6:00 PM. We hope that everyone will be able to attend. Need to call Tammy or April to make your reservations.

At this time we need to approve two new At Large Board of Directors – PDG Allen Reinhardt and PDG Larry Gasperson.

Motion was made by accept PDG Allen Reinhardt and PDG Larry Gasperson as new At Large Board of Directors by Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin and seconded by Treasurer Curtis Erickson. Motion carried by voice vote.

Introductions

Wayne Faber, President

Introductions were by President Wayne Faber.

Reading & Approval of Minutes

Anne Metts, Secretary

The minutes were published online and have been reviewed by the Board of Directors.

MOTION was made to accept the minutes as published by Treasurer Curtis Erickson and second by Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon. Motion carried by voice vote.

Roll Call

Anne Metts, Secretary

Officers and Board Members present by Zoom: President Wayne Faber, First Vice President Allen Swaim, Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon, Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin, Secretary Anne Metts,

Treasurer Curtis Erickson, Council Chair George Suggs, , DG Dawson Hart, DG Mike Edwards, 1st VDG Steve Cline, 2nd VDG Sandy Fraser-Thomas, DG Judy Keck, 1st VDG Juanita Brown, 2nd VDG Jarius Garner, DG Ana Elliott, 1st DG Gene Goetz, 2nd VDG Eddie Chase, At Large Board Directors George Suggs, Carlton Metts, C. Neil Alexander and Larry Gasperson

Not Present: 1st VDG Eileen Artavia, DG Jim Tobolski, 1st VDG Dwayne Turner, 2nd VDG Jody Proctor and At Large Board Director Allen Reinhardt

Quorum is present.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Wayne Faber, President

President Wayne Faber appointed PDG Dale Dupree to be Parliamentarian.

Remarks by State Council Chairperson

George Suggs, Council Chair

Council Chair August Report

The council of governors have been busy the last few months, preparing for their time to shine as governors. They started out the year selecting key positions to run the state. They started by going over the bylaws and discovering that there was a difference in what International has compared to the NC MD31 Lions Constitution and Bylaws. They went through and added and removed chair positions that were needed to satisfy both Bylaws, keeping in mind that the MD 31 Lions bylaws could not be less than international bylaws require or suggest we have. So, this year you will hear of a few different chairs than in the past. The Governors sent a request to the constitution and bylaws committee to make this recommendation and to have a rotation of the three-year terms to have the third year as a training to train their replacement for the following year.

The governors worked in their districts as well to fill positions to build a service that would support their cause to make a difference for those less fortunate. They have learned that it's not easy to fill volunteer positions. They have discussed what they would do to accomplish Mission 1.5.

The membership beginning this year is 4472 members across the state. We all know to better serve we must build our Volunteers throughout this state.

The International convention took place in Melbourne Australia. We had 6 Lions out of these 4472 Lions representing North Carolina. Plus 3 others for a total of 9. We started out walking the parade with 4 Lions but there was a young lady and her child that was waiting with us at the beginning of the parade she had a son n law that was being inducted in another state at the convention. Come to find out she was from North Carolina. PID Pat Vannett was standing in front of us and invited her to join Lions, she agreed and was sworn in right there on the spot. Her name is Susan Polack. She will be joining a local Lions club that PCC Gary Steele and his wife Liz are looking to find a good fit for her.

President Fabricio Oliveira is from Brazil his theme is "Make your Mark" This council will be leaving a mark for our future leaders

Submitted 08/09/24 CC George E Suggs

Motion was made to approve report by At Large Board Director C. Neal Alexander, Jr. and seconded by District Governor Judy Keck. Motion carried by voice vote.

Camp Director's Report

Tammy Thomas, Camp and Retreat Director

Hello Fellow Lions,

Summer Camp 2024 has come to an end.
Statistics from the summer...

Campers by District...

L-54 Campers

1-49 Campers

O- 64-Campers

N- 37 Campers

S- 38 Campers

Total 242 campers

Also, this year there was a session set aside for the Students at Governor Moorehead.

Please keep in mind that this is a unique program like any other. Our VIPs are allowed free time to socialize in a safe environment that has been adapted to meet their needs. Staff are trained in areas of first aid, the use of an AED, blind sensitivity and more. The staff are also available night and day for assistance that may be required.

The campers enjoyed a variety of indoor and outdoor activities each day. Activities varied from arts and crafts, chair exercises, chair yoga, to archery, axe throwing, boating, fishing, kayaking, and swimming.

Multiple educational seminars were also offered each week. Seminars varied from...

- * Non- 24; which is a sleep disorder affecting the visually impaired
- *Programs from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- *Programs on various forms of technology for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- * Wise Insurance Services, offering advice on Medicare and Medicaid benefits
- * AT&T University offering programs on How technology benefits the Visually impaired.

As we look forward to next year we are planning an exciting summer. Join us as we are off to see the Wizard. Summer Camp 2025; Land of Oz.

Possible dates for next year are as follows:

Counselor training will be May 11-24

Sessions will be May 25, June 1, June 8, June 22, June 29, July 6th and July 13th • One of these sessions will be set aside for Governor Moorhead.

Weeks of June 15, and July 20th and 27th will be set aside for Carolina Cross Connections Church Camps.

Items of interest for next year... exploring options for some weekend camps.

Revenue this year we are very happy. We have generated \$294,762.00 through the camp/retreat side. This is an increase of \$51,676.76. This year we are off to a great start already. The month of August generated \$66,050 in revenue which is an increase of \$28,639 over the same time last year.

The Camp Staff is looking forward to 2025. We have a lot of marketing ideas we are wanting to launch. Our goal is to reach younger VIP's to hopefully engage a more diverse group of attendees.

Please see attached for a complete report of Summer statistics and Volunteer Week statistics. Also, you will find a trending revenue report since 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Maclean
Camp Director

Motion was made to approve report by Secretary Anne Metts and seconded by Immediate Past President Steve McLauren. Motion carried by voice vote.

Executive Director's Report

Carlton Metts, Executive Director

Executive Director Carlton Metts briefly spoke on Cash Flow since it will be covered by Treasurer Curtis Erickson. Funds have started to come in for Activities. We completed all five of the Brighter Visions Kickoffs yesterday and have started out strong for the year with over \$117,000 raised. For the month of July, Investments shows we are doing good; the Partners and Fellowships programs have raised \$3,500 to date; MSU/KidSght screening are in process; LCIF/VSP usage has been great. LCIF is now requesting feedback from recipients. These vouchers save the lions clubs a lot of money; use of Camp has showed a big increase over last year; Memorials and Honorariums at \$585; Camp Dogwood Raffle Tickets at \$160; Clinical Eye Research at \$2,295.

Included in your packet today is a Conflict of Interest Policy which the signature page needs to be signed and returned to me. Please return your signed form to be retained in our files.

Motion was made to approve report by District Governor Mike Edwards and seconded by District Governor Ana Elliott. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. **Communications** – None
2. **Treasurer’s Report**

NCLF Treasurer/Budget & Finance Report 8/11/24

PDG Curtis Erickson

NCLF Treasurer/ Budget & Finance Chair 24/25

Revenue:

Unrestrictive Revenue:

Brighter visions: YTD-\$16329, +6329- Total 16904, +4404

Camp: YTD-\$51266, +23850

 3210 Use of Camp, \$49308, +24308

Other: YTD- \$ 4012, - 7346

Total Unrestricted Revenue- YTD-\$72183, +20908

Restrictive Revenue: YTD- \$20304, +12054

Permanently Restrictive Revenue: YTD \$375, -566

Total Income: YTD **\$92863- +32396**

Expense: YTD

Unrestricted Expense:

Camp Dogwood: -\$-9939

Salaries: -\$23072

Office Supplies: -\$5885

Total Unrestricted Expense: YTD-\$137125, -47681

Restrictive Expense:

Maintenance: +\$+5790

 4600 A/C- +6822

Other: YTD- (200), -3866

Total Restricted Expense: YTD- \$14239, +1922

Grand Total Expense: YTD- 1151365, -45759

Net gain/loss: YTD +\$78155

Motion by District Governor Dawson Hart to accept Treasurer’s Report and seconded by Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Recommendation from the Executive Committee

- a. Policy and Duties KidSight Policy changes were presented by By-Laws Chair Dale Dupree and Executive Director Carlton Metts.

Motion was made to accept changes to Policy and Duties KidSight Policy by Treasurer Curtis Erickson and seconded by Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon. Motion carried by voice vote.

- b. Dress Code was updated by Executive Committee.
- c. Pet Policy was updated by Executive Committee.
- d. VSP Vouchers are on hold. LCIF is revamping their program. LCIF is requesting feedback from recipients.
- e. Second Year Board Representative selected to serve on the Executive Committee is 2nd Vice District Governor Jody Proctor and First Year Board Representative selected to serve is 1st Vice District Governor Juanita Brown.

4. Nominations Report

August 2024 Report on Nominations

Candidates for State Council Chairperson for the 2026-2027 Council for current 2nd Vice District Governors should submit their resumes to PDG Paul Silverman by mail at 2 Lacrosse Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 or e-mail to silverman1@prodigy.net no later than Midnight on Monday, September 30th, 2024. Eligible candidates shall be District Governors or Past District Governors who are also members in good standing in their home clubs. Resumes of eligible candidates will be distributed to the 2nd Vice District Governors council for review. Interviews and election of candidates will take place at the second State Council Meeting at Camp Dogwood on November 9th.

Candidates for State Secretary/Treasurer should submit their resumes to me by midnight on Saturday, September 30th, 2024. The candidates for the 2025-2026 council will be interviewed and election held during the second State Council Meeting in November.

Candidates for 2025-2026 State Promotion Chairperson should submit their resume to me by midnight on Saturday, September 30th. Eligible candidates shall be any North Carolina Lion with full membership status who is also a member in good standing of their home club. Resumes of eligible candidates will be distributed to 1st Vice District governors and their Council Chair for review. Interviews and elections shall take place at the second State Council meeting in November.

At the time this report was prepared, I was in receipt of credentials for State Council Chair for 2026-2027. PDG Carlton "Carlie" Metts II and PDG James Maitland have presented nominating documents for Council Chair. There are no nominations for State Secretary/Treasurer or State Promotion Chairperson for 2025-2026.

membership in good standing from your respective club secretary by April 15th, 2025. This election will be held at the 4th NCLF meeting. I am currently not in receipt of any letters of intent.

Report Respectfully Submitted by PDG Paul Silverman 8/8/2024

Motion to accept report for Nominations was made by Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon and seconded by Immediate Past President Steve McLaurin. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Committee Reports

Clinical Eye Research – Chris Headley, Chair

No Report

See the 21st Century Mobile Screening Unit Programs Committee Statewide Chairperson Report, August 9-11, 2024

Members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, I'm pleased to provide this report on behalf of the Mobile Screening Programs Committee. For this report, I'll incorporate use of the revised committee responsibilities and the changes in titles associated with the programs (which the Executive Committee recommended for enactment during these meetings).

I believe it's important in these reports to focus on all three mobile screening programs operated by NCLF and our local Lions Clubs. These are the: (1) NCLF KidSight Program, (2) the NCLF Mobile Screening Program using the MSU, and (3) the KidSight USA mobile screening program as conducted by local clubs using their own equipment - cameras.

Screening using the MSU, operated by Bryan Hoover, is going great guns. During the 2023-2024 year, the MSU conducted 43 screenings of 1,290 adults (with a few children also screened). They identified 502, or 38.9%, to be in need of a complete eye examination. 866 hearing screenings were also provided.

Next are KidSight USA screenings conducted by clubs using their own equipment (and often using their own procedures and forms). Based on the reports submitted by those clubs, during 2023-2024, they screened 34,313 children and referred 5,197 (15%)¹ for complete eye exams. Some clubs also screened adults, though that practice with the PlusOptix and SPOT cameras is contrary to NCLF guidance. Many of the screenings are conducted without an appropriate number of KidSight USA Certified Screeners, and there is little oversight.

Now to the NCLF KidSight Program, which means results using the District-based KidSight Units. The 2023-2024 year was better than the previous year. The cost to reserve the KSUs was reduced to \$75 per day, and the District Chairs worked hard to promote their use. More KSU Operators were recruited, though more are needed in most districts. Using the KSUs, 73 clubs conducted 109 screenings. Children screened with the KSUs and the MSU totaled 12,650.

Those screenings resulted in referral of 2,049, or 17%, of the children for complete eye exams. The total number of children screened was 46,963, with 7,246, or 15% referred for complete eye exams.

The biggest challenges in the KidSight programs are:

¹ Screenings:

L=12,039/1,588 (13%); **I**=15,845/2,763 (17%); **O**=9,849/1,360 (14%); **N**=5,901/829 (14%); **S**=3,329/706 (21%)

- Insufficient number of clubs that are “screening clubs”, and clubs not collaborating to screen
- Lack of training sessions, both in-person and via Zoom
- Districts not working as one team, supporting each other
- Program guidance on specific screening topics has been lacking
- Substantial deficit in using KidSight Units; Increasing prevalence of clubs’ purchasing cameras
- Insufficient number of KidSight Certified Screeners
- Insufficient number of KidSight Unit Operators
- Lack of effective follow-up about “referred” children and the reporting thereof
- Lack of an organized, well-planned approach to secure approval from school systems

The primary program goal areas for this year are:

- Marketing and Communications (with support from Lion Bledsoe’s committee)
- Training: in-person and via Zoom, including at conventions and cabinet meetings
 - o KidSight USA Screener Certification & how to properly use the cameras
 - o How to organize and conduct contacts with potential screening facilities & schools
 - o How to Plan and Conduct Screenings in various venues/facilities
- Recruitment and development of additional KSU Operators
- Increase in total children screened, with percent increase goals by District
- Adding new “screening clubs” in all districts, with increase goals by District
- Putting in place procedures for conducting follow-up for “referred” children
- Conducting “pilot” initiatives in the KidSight screening program area across districts

I am excited to be working with a very strong committee – Gordon Gilomen (L), Jim Maitland (O), Gene Goetz (N), and Danny Hall (S). Hopefully, we can soon recruit a Chair for District I, for which I’ll serve in the interim. I hope this first report on my watch as Chairperson has been useful to you. I’ll welcome your input to me or to your District Chair as to ways we can improve the information provided as this Lions year progresses.

District	MSU Events	KSU Events	KidSight Screening Clubs	Percent of Districts' Clubs		Adults Screened MSU	Adults Referred MSU	Hearing Screened MSU	Hearing Referred MSU
L	3	19	18	38%		74	32	65	43
I	11	27	19	42%		304	162	251	110
O	14	40	16	31%		312	124	265	112
N	10	15	12	23%		427	128	166	83
S	5	8	8	17%		173	56	119	61
TOTALS:	43	109	73	30%		1,290	502	866	409
						<i>Referred %</i>	<i>38.9%</i>	<i>Referred %</i>	<i>47.2%</i>

District	Children Screened KSU/MSU	Children Screened MSU	Children Club Cameras	Total Children Screened		Children Referred KSU/MSU	Children Referred Clubs	Total Children Referred
L	1,304	184	10,551	12,039		212	1,376	1,588
I	4,185	70	11,590	15,845		637	2,126	2,763
O	4,976	92	4,781	9,849		818	542	1,360
N	998	125	4,778	5,901		280	549	829
S	706	10	2,613	3,329		102	604	706
Totals	12,169	481	34,313	46,963		2,049	5,197	7,246
	25.9%	1.0%	73.1%			16.8%	15.1%	15.4%

Respectfully submitted by State Chair, Jon Snellings, August 2024

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Camp Dogwood Properties

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 \$30,000.00 Sent to Budget and Finance Did get approved. Waiting on Director to pull the trigger.

Landscape

The landscape around the property needs 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. Also need gravel on the walking trail.

Rocks at the piers need to be applied to keep erosion down

Steps going down to sewer need to be Built for safety issues. Also, it is being sound proofed this week. This will be a josh labor only for there is enough material there to do the job.

Duplex's

Will have to have all the doors Custom Built and installed. Each of the doors are a different size. Not stock doors. All porches have been redone and are complete.

Other buildings

The screens on the Lobby porch have been damaged by the storms and will need replacing. Also need to plan on replacing Udovich and Linberger porch screens.

Vehicles

We really need this 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.

Has been approved but waiting until September to look into again

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 quotes. Waiting on Approval from Board.

Sent to Budget and Finance to approve \$15,000 to get this project done.

The Grease trap has been cleaning and coated we have quotes this is highly important. Budget and Finance did approve this. And scheduled for November or December.

The man hole also needs to be cleaned and coated but not as important As the Grease pit. We have a quote for this of \$13,810.00.

The below items are being looked at by Long Range Planning but will keep on report until resolved.

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

Udovich---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 08/10/24

PDG George Suggs Properties Chair



Public Information Chair Report – 8/11/24

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

Great and inspiring leadership shines from within this meeting space today. You are the leaders who see the possibilities and act on them. You understand people are drawn to nonprofit service organizations like Lions Clubs International for a variety of reasons, including personal, social, and professional motivations. Today, your leadership role with the North Carolina Lions Foundation allows you to shape the future of our mission. You understand that our foundation began within each NC club and its membership. That's how it began. NCLF is nothing more than each member within each club who has made this foundation a remarkable, historical operation that has created a mission of enormous success within our state.

Our future sustainability depends on all club members communicating about our programs and services. We need to keep reaching out to businesses and organizations for support to ensure the continued success of NCLF. We must continue to share our story. I'm excited about the new training material and education for our programs and services for individual chairs, led by PDG Carlie Metts and his training team.

One way to achieve better communications within our community, town, or city is the use of our NCLF QR code. This code is for your use to educate club members and reach out to potential donors to learn more about us.

Please find the link below to download printed materials to educate and raise awareness about vision in our state. You will find the latest statistics and information on ensuring that children and adults are screened and schedule regular visits to their eye care professionals. As with most health issues, the prevention of vision problems through education is key to maintaining healthy and clear eyesight. This information and education form part of our overall educational and informational materials for member use. We also included newspaper 1/4pg layouts, flyers for printing, and handouts, for example, KidSight flyer and newspaper ad for promoting an event.

Our updated new Brighter Visions for '24-'25 high-resolution HD video is available now for download. The video's length is 9 minutes, 30 seconds. Click the lengths below to download any file for use.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MgqkCb194knkVLG1u9VUKYqG_IKiDo1G?ths=true

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Updated and new files will be available for your download on our NCLF Google Drive site as we move into the new Lions year.

The current Brighter Visions Video 8/24 for presentations is also available on Vimeo...

<https://vimeo.com/998906375>

The See the 21st Century Mobile Screening Unit has a new look with an updated wrap.

Looking great.



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

**Report of The Sight & Hearing Conservation Chair
August 11, 2024**

We're getting ready to start a new year and I have the same chairs in each District that I had last year so I hope we can do great things. We will be working with the Kids Sight Chairman and chairs in each District.

It's time for school to start back and the screeners have already started getting dates at schools to start screening. I'd like to thank PDG Curtis Erickson and Lion Ken Wise for all the hard work they do in District L.

Screening the kids, when you have Lions that love what they do it makes thing go smoother. I would also like to thank all the other Lions in the other four Districts that do the screening.

This is the data I have from Miracles In Sight from May 2024-July 2024; 473 eyes were recovered in NC, 210 Transplanted in NC, 208 were transplanted outside of NC, 16 were used in research, 31 were used in training, 6 was discarded and are 2 waiting for final disposition.

We will be doing a tour of the Eye Bank, date will be September 14, 2024.

Everyone is invited to go on the tour, I just need a number. The only way we will change this date is Miracles in Sight will change it; we have had to change it to many times. Sam's Club does free hearing screenings and cleanings.

Thank you
Paulette Gasperson PCC
State Chair Sight & Hearing Conservation

VOLUNTEERS REPORT

I met with Camp Dogwood Director Tammy on 9 August to walk around Camp and ID work projects.

Work ID,d includes painting doors, window sills; recalking; pressure washing outside Cottages; mild landscaping ;eye glass sorting. Volunteers are encouraged to bring power tools and wear appropriate clothing. Lion Mike Hall is Camp Volunteer coordinator. 16-18 Sept work days starting 0745am-4:30pm daily. Can we prior approval arrive 15th, 1st meal lunch 16th, clear of rooms NLT 0900 19th. Contact Camp Dogwood to register.

Mike Hall
Volunteer Chair

Constitution and By-Laws report for August 11,2024 Dale Dupree

The Constitution and By-Laws committee is still in the process of reviewing the present District 31 constitution and making sure that the changes from LCI are incorporated into the necessary places. It is not an easy task reviewing and making sure our constitution is accurate and up to date.

Teleconference has to be voted on in May. Board of Directors needs to make a motion to teleconference through the May, 2025 lions year, flexibility when and where.

Motion was made by At Large Board Director C. Neal Alexander, Jr. to approve teleconference through the May, 2025 lions year, flexibility when and where. Motion was seconded by Immediate Past President Steve McLauren. Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION was made to accept all reports under Second Vice President Lorraine Dixon by Treasurer Curtis Erickson and seconded by At Large Board Director George Suggs. Motion carried by voice vote.

Brighter Visions Committee Report
PDG Bill Mathers

Since our fiscal year is just getting started there is not much to report at this time. The district chairs met in early July on Zoom for discussions and ideas on the upcoming Brighter Visions Kickoffs in each district.

The first Kickoff was on July 27 at the Long View Lions Club Center in District L. The clubs from District L started their kickoff for our year by raising over \$12,000 at the event. That was a 10% improvement over last year's kickoff.

Our second kickoff was held in District O at the First United Methodist Church in Siler City, NC sponsored by the Siler City Lions Club. At this event, District O raised over \$20,000 to start their campaign.

At the kickoff for District I in Salisbury we raised \$37,500 more.

The following Districts N and S held theirs on the same day – August 24. District S held theirs in Zebulon at the Zebulon Lions Club and raised \$28,674.

District N held theirs at Lions Industries for the Blind in Kinston and raised \$19,287.

The kickoffs across the state have already raised over \$117,500 in just the first month. We are on our way!!



Camp Dogwood Committee
Districts 31-L, I, & O
NCLF Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
Camp Dogwood
Sherrills Ford, NC
August 11, 2024

The first two Brighter Visions Annual Fund Drive Kickoffs have been successfully held in Districts 31-L and 31-O. The Lions in each district were thanked for the incredible results for Camp Dogwood raffle ticket sales during the 2023-2024 year.

The kickoff for District 31-I is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, in Salisbury.

The new format for the Camp Dogwood Raffle was visually introduced and explained. The request for written instructions on using the QR code from the Lions in District 31-L was heard and addressed at the kickoff in District O with step-by-step instructions available to all in attendance.

District chairs are being asked to visit as many clubs as possible and tell the Camp Dogwood story but are asked to give special focus to those clubs which have not contributed in the past 1 – 2 years. All clubs are being asked to increase their ticket sales by 10% above last year, or, at least, to sell one more ticket. One more \$5.00 ticket per member statewide (4472 Lions as of July 1, 2024) would equal \$22,360.00. District chairs are also being asked to promote off-season usage for the camp; money raised during the off-season helps cover the cost of summer camping sessions.

In April 2024, Lions and guests volunteered 1,785.37 hours doing various jobs. At \$7.50 minimum wage, over \$13,390.00 was saved in contracted labor costs. April 3-9, 2025, are the dates for the next scheduled clean up week. Any time that Lions can help, from 2 hours to the entire week, will be appreciated.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as co-chair with 1st VDG Gene Goetz on the Camp Dogwood Committee.

Lion Laraine Dupree, PDG
MD 31 Camp Dogwood Co-Chair

Camp Dogwood State Chair Report August 11, 2024

This year's Camp Dogwood Raffle for 2023-2024 was a resounding success! We raised \$128,733.31

District L raised \$22,455.36 (3.09 books per member) Increase of \$4,601.66 or 25.8%
District I raised \$21,179.00 (2.38 books per member) Increase of \$2,342.00 or 12.4%
District O raised \$31,061.00 (2.97 books per member) Increase of \$5,687.00 or 22.4%
District N raised \$22,800.95 (2.37 books per member) Increase of \$4,801.95 or 26.7%
District L raised \$31,277.00 (3.40 books per member) Increase of \$7,996.00 or 34.3%

I would like to thank the district camp dogwood chairs for 2023-2024.

District L - Marti Henry and Eileen Artavia
District I - Theresa Munion
District O - Jacob Steagall
District S - Dwayne Turner

But, more importantly I would like to thank the Lions Clubs of North Carolina for their support.

Highest clubs in ticket sales:				Books
Sherrills Ford	L	16	\$ 4,793.36	29.96
Salisbury	I	39	\$ 2,361.00	6.05
Siler City	O	26	\$ 1,487.00	5.72
Lumberton	N	17	\$2,500.00	14.71
Raleigh Host	S	48	\$ 3,121.00	6.51

I would also like to welcome our Camp Dogwood committee chairs for 2024-2025

District L - April George, Sherrills Ford LC
District I - Theresa Munyon, Denton LC
District O - Jachob Steagall, Unionville LC
District N - Gene Goetz, Goldsboro, Downtown LC
District S - Jody Lee Proctor, Warrenton LC

The tickets for 2024-2025 will be simpler, printing costs have been significantly reduced and a new QR code will be printed on each ticket. The QR code will direct the user to a website where an order can be placed and payment can be made. Ticket prices will change to \$5 per ticket, \$10 for 3 tickets, and \$20 for 7 tickets.

I would like to ask clubs to have a person from your club please pick up tickets at your district Brighter Visions kickoff.

Our volunteer week was also successful. New screening on the White building patio, grounds cleanup, and Lions worked hard to eliminate the piles of glasses to be sorted. All of this is due to the dedicated Lions who showed up to work and many Thanks to PDG Robert Carroll's leadership.

For next year I look forward to co-chairing this position with PDG Laraine Dupree. Laraine is a member of the Wingate Lions Club in district O and has filled many district and state positions. Laraine will cover districts L, I, and O. I will have districts N and S.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Gene Goetz
1st Vice District Governor
Camp Dogwood State Chairperson

Fellowships and Partners

Report

August 11, 2024

Good Morning Everyone! Thank you President Wayne for asking me to be your Fellowship and Partners Chair this year.

I would like to start out giving you a recap for the year end through June. At the May 4th Board Meeting the report given showed a total of \$16,000 had been raised to date. For the remainder of the Lions year the total increased by \$22,500.00 for a final year end total of \$38,550.00. That is great!

The five district totals through June, 2024 are:

District L 1-NCLF Ambassador, 15-Sid L. Scruggs BOH at different levels, 4-WLW Partner in Service, 0-Jack Stickley Fellows for a total contribution of \$3,900.00.

District I 4-NCLF Ambassador, 6-Sid L Scruggs BOH at different levels, 7-WLW at Partner-in-Service at different levels and 6-Jack Stickley Fellows for a total contribution of \$7,800.00.

District O 4-NCLF Ambassador, 42-Sid L Scruggs BOH at different levels with 2 completing all five steps, 8-WLW Partner-in-Service and 2-Jack Stickley Fellows for a total contribution of \$11,400.00.

District N 2-NCLF Ambassador, 16-Sid L Scruggs BOH at different levels with 2 completing all five steps, 16 WLW Partner-in-Service at different levels and 6-Jack Stickley Fellows for a total contribution of \$9,000.00.

District S 1-NCLF Ambassador, 10-Sid L Scruggs BOH at different levels, 13-WLW Partner-in-Service at different levels and 2-Jack Stickley Fellows at different levels for a total contribution of \$6,450.00.

Starting off our new year for the month of July \$3,500.00 has been raised.

NCLF Ambassador	\$1,000 – District S - (2)
Sid L Scruggs BOH	\$2,000 – District L –(1) Beacon of Hope District S – (5) Lighthouse, (1) Steps to Service, (2) Lighthouse Keeper & (1) Beacon of Hope
William L Woolard	\$ 500 – District N – (2)
Partner-in-Service	District S – (3)
Jack Stickley Fellow	<u>\$ 00</u>
	\$3,500

We are off to a good start. Please feel free to contact me or any of the district chairs for additional information or to schedule a presentation at your club. Our information is listed in the new directory. This concludes my report. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Johnson

State Chairperson

Leadership & Development Committee Report

August 8, 2024

Greetings fellow Lions,

The Leadership & Development Committee has been at work. We have been working with the Executive Director on a training that was to be for the Officers, Board and State Chairs. Unfortunately, this training was postponed due TS Debby. But, that is ok we will plan to have it at a later date.

We are also beginning our plans on not only training the State Chairs but also the local district chairs.

More information on trainings will be published at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

IPDG Carlie Metts

Leadership & Development Chair

**North Carolina Lions Foundation
August 25, 2024
Camp Dogwood
Board Meeting
Long Range Planning Committee Report**

Good morning!

Mr. President, thank you for allowing me to serve in this role as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. I would also like to thank past president Steve McLaurin for taking on this project to look to the future and sustainability of the NCLF.

As you know, the Board has accepted the Long Range Plan to go through December 2030.

There is a lot of work to be done over the next 6 years to achieve the plan. Per the recommendation for implementation, the Committee will stay in tack this Lions year and begin to reduce in size to 5 members over the next 3 years. Updating of the NCLF Committees Policy and Duties was completed at the May Board meeting. These included the Long Range Planning Committee and the Leadership and Development Committee which we saw in action yesterday. There are several short-term goals to be completed by June 30, 2024.

- 1- Increase Monday – Friday Camp Dogwood usage. This is on-going.
- 2- Revamp the Camp Dogwood raffle tickets including the use of QR code messages and giving. This is completed and implemented.
- 3- Update the Brighter Vision materials to ensure a broader understanding of Brighter Visions. This is being implemented through the Brighter Visions training sessions underway through the District kickoffs.

An upcoming action is to “have a plan in place for the use of the South Iredell Lions donation by December 31, 2024”. The President is to appoint an ad-hoc committee for this action.

We will continue to follow the other actions to insure they are on schedule.

Questions?

Thank you very much.

C. Neal Alexander, Jr. PDG

Pin Recycle Program—Over \$ 172,300.00!!

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC for Lion Lou Creel, PDG

President Wayne, fellow Lions and guests. I am making this report for NCLF Past President Lou Creel. Since my last report for Lion Creel, there has been some outstanding action within this program that I can report on today. At the NC Pin Club swap May 9-11, at our own Camp Dogwood, Lion Lou was able to secure \$1,315.80. WOW!! Much of this was due to the large pin collection we received about 1.5 years ago. Also, Lion Creel was able to make another \$31.00 sale recently.

Again, all donations should be sent to Lion Creel!

Thanks, again, to everyone who has played a part in the phenomenal success of this project, for our North Carolina Lions Foundation Eye Research Programs.

REMEMBER! IF IT WASN'T FOR EYE RESEARCH, MANY OF US WOULD BE BLIND TODAY AND MOST OF US WOULD BE FACING A LIFE OF BLINDNESS IN THE FUTURE.

YES, THE TOTE BOARD HAS CHANGED AGAIN!!!!

Amount raised to date is: \$ 172,315.39 .

Thank You

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT

Budget & Finance Report was given with the Treasurer’s Report and approved.

MOTION made to accept Committee Reports under First Vice President Allen Swaim made by At Large Board Director George Suggs and seconded by Immediate Past President Steve McLauren. Motion carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

Our next Council and Board Meetings will be held on November 8 – 10, 2024 at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC. For Reservations call 828-478-2135 and ask for April, Extension 250.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Metts
Executive Secretary