



December 4, 2023 General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Bernard Fernandes, Brian Havard, Christiane Zoidl, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Mike Barker, Sylvia Brock, Marilyn Gray, Ellen Gallacher, Brigitte Brennan, Jeanette du Plessis, Don Gardiner, Rick Metcalfe, Mary Singer, Howard Wetmore, John Liska, Larry Sikorski, Roger Singh, Sue Williams, Suzanne Kishonti, Tom Alderson, and June Foot

1. **Call to Order/Welcome:** Lion President Mike Barker

2. **Singing of O Canada:**

3. **Introduction of Guests:** Mr. Mars Hayward

4. **Approval of Minutes of the November 20, 2023 meeting:**

Motion: Lion June Foot - "That the minutes of the November 20th meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Christiane Zoidl

Motion: *Carried*

5. **Correspondence:**

- A) a thank you note was received from Mason, a camper the Club sponsored at Camp Huronda
- B) a thank you from Camp Kirk for sponsoring campers
- C) a request from CNIB for a donation towards a new bus for Camp Joseph
-to be discussed at Executive meeting for a recommendation to the Club

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Lion Sue Williams

- bank statements just came out report to Club will follow
- please submit cheque requests by December 15th to receive reimbursement by December 18th

7. **Committee Reports:**

A) Community Request:

1) Financial request for a family that lost their home in a fire: Lion Christiane Zoidl

- The Executive approved financial aid in the amount of \$700 in grocery and gas gift cards
- the family was presented with the cards on Friday, they were very grateful
- they have received winter clothing from the Coats for Kids program
- they are staying at an hotel and are unable to find accommodation

2) Trinity United Church: Lion Mike Barker

- The minister has approached President Mike Barker to assist with the purchase of a commercial dishwasher at a cost of \$20,000, (\$10,000 of which has been raised)
- the dishwasher is used for the Lunch at My Place program (LAMP)
- the Executive Committee will discuss and bring a recommendation to the Club

B) Santa Fund/Lunch: Lion Kirby Brock

- 311 vouchers needed
- 1189 people including 475 have a need for assistance
- approximate cost \$35,000
- a committee meeting was held before the general meeting to discuss details of lunch
- Lion Kirby will send out a duty roster later this week
- Saturday evening set up to start at 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday set up time is 9:30 a.m. if you are only serving food start up time is 10:15 a.m.
- 432 dental kits will be available on Sunday only
- additional voucher distribution days are December 11 & 12 at Church of Christ
- vouchers can be picked up between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. both days
- 2 shifts required at Church of Christ 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. And 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- a greeter is needed for both days at Church of Christ-see Lion Kirby
- children's gift bags will be available on both distribution days
- Maple Leaf hampers are to be distributed on Wednesday December 13, no driving -recipients must make arrangements to pick up their own hampers
- vouchers are not available after Tuesday, December 12th
- a suggestion was put forth to review Santa lunch/fund procedures as it is becoming unmanageable in general overworking the Committee Chairs in particular, and causing significant problems with lack of correct information from the Salvation Army
- a suggestion was put forth that the 2nd meeting in January be solely devoted to this issue

C) Nutrition Program: Lion Kirby Brock

- North Newmarket Lion Glenn Conduit has had zero luck getting help into the separate schools
- the Newmarket Lions Club is supporting 360 children every day
- \$3,500 has already been allocated for breakfast/lunch programs

D) Seniors/Newmarket Residence Gifts: Lion Sylvia Brock

- 222 gift bags were assembled earlier today and delivered to Southlake Village
- The Newmarket Residence for Adults gifts will be delivered on Thursday, December 7th
- Mary Gardiner has generously made tags for the gifts to Southlake Village
- Lion Marilyn Gray has acquired gifts for 6 seniors at Mackenzie Place-she will deliver and take photos

E) Meal Kits: Lion Sylvia Brock

- 120 meal kits and 30 celebration kits were assembled on November 27th and delivered to the Food Pantry on November 28th

F) Catch the Ace: Lion Rick Metcalfe

- thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets on Black Friday (Lions; Ron, Brian, Bernard, Howard, Suzanne, Mary, John, Kirby and friend of the Club, Mars Hayward)
- Lions Rick and Ron sold 100 tickets at the annual Christmas Market at the Lions Hall
- just over \$54,300 has been cleared for Camp Dorset

G) Bingo: Lion Marilyn Gray

- 48 fruit cakes have been purchased for Customer appreciation at Community Bingo
- a Christmas bonus of \$150 was approved for Bingo helper Marylou Allessandrini
- Bingo application is due December 11

8. Good of Lionism:

- former Newmarket Lion Martin Perry hoping to rejoin once his boys are out of hockey

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting Monday January 8, 2024
Munch and Mingle

Newmarket Lions Club President: Mike Barker
Newmarket Lions Club Secretary: Megan Bennett