



## January 8, 2024 General Club Meeting

### **Attendees:**

**Lions:** Bernard Fernandes, Brian Havard, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Mike Barker, Sylvia Brock, Jeanette du Plessis, Greg Charles, Brad Jones, Rick Metcalfe, Mary Singer, Howard Wetmore, Roger Singh, Suzanne Kishonti, Mars Hayward, Ron Head, June Foot and Diana Graham

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

2. **Singing of O Canada:**

3. **Introduction of Guests:** Lili Le

4. **Induction of Bernard Fernandes and Mars Hayward**

5. **Approval of Minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting:**

**Motion:** Lion Brad Jones - "That the minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting be accepted as presented."

**Second:** Lion Howard Wetmore

**Motion:** *Carried*

6. **Correspondence:**

- A) a Christmas card/note was received from Second Vice District Governor Martin Jones
- B) a thank you email and card from Kay McWilliam for helping her finance a wheelchair
- C) Lion President Mike received an email from Trinity United Church asking for support for the purchase of a commercial dishwasher
  - dishwasher costs \$7,950 they have raised \$3,500
  - the Church provides meals to the community through the LAMP program (lunch at my place)
  - present dishwasher is unrepairable
  - LAMP program was started by the spouse of a former Newmarket Lion

**Motion:** Lion Ron Head - "That the Club donate \$2,000 towards the purchase of a commercial dishwasher for Trinity United Church's LAMP program."

**Second:** Lion Brad Jones

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** Lion Kirby Brock - "That the Club donate another \$2,450 if the Church agrees to waive the Effective Speaking rental fee."

**Second:** Lion Brian Havard

**Motion:** *Carried*

- D) Lion President Mike Barker received a request to rent the Club's BBQ and deep fryer from Pierre Bonhomme for a school fundraiser

- rental agreement should be signed
- ask for a donation to the Club

## **7. Treasurer's Report:**

-none

## **8. Committee Reports:**

### **A) Bingo:**

-none

### **B) Catch the Ace: Lion Rick Metcalf**

-approximately \$80,000 net profit so far  
-slow week last week otherwise going well

### **C) Coats for Kids: Lion Megan Bennett**

-last day for the season was a busy December 30<sup>th</sup>  
-872 coats distributed in 2 and ½ months, usually takes 6 months to reach that number  
-January 12, 2024 we must move out of the Quaker House and back into the Design Plastics place. We have until September when that building will be sold  
-a storage unit will have to be rented in September 2024 if no other facility is available  
-still looking for a free venue for 2024

### **D) Community Meal: Lion Sylvia Brock**

-volunteers need for January 26<sup>th</sup> Community Meal at Inn from the Cold  
-contact Lion Sylvia if you wish to volunteer  
-trying a new meal-chilli  
-Lion Sylvia will send out an email looking for volunteers

### **E) Effective Speaking: Lion Sylvia Brock**

-French and English judges are needed for local competition and District competition  
-March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity United Church  
-must have different judges for each  
-contact Lion Sylvia if you know of someone who would like to volunteer  
-Lion Rick Metcalfe to contact Deanna at Rosewood

### **F) Requests: Lion Sylvia Brock**

#### 1) Leeder House Support

- it is a home for families that helps with housing, schooling and mental health issues  
-it is part of Blue Door that raises funds through Community Bingo  
-long standing Club policy not to aid groups that raise funds through Community Bingo  
-items are for families leaving Leeder House-they require toiletries to get started  
-last year toiletry kits were assembled -10 men, 10 women and 10 children  
-okay to put expenses through the Bingo account

**Motion:** Lion Sylvia Brock - "That the Club budget \$500 for toiletries for families at Leeder House."

**Second:** Lion June Foot

**Motion:** *Carried*

**G) Santa Fund:** Lion Kirby Brock.

- Lion Kirby thanked everyone for making lunch with Santa and the voucher distribution possible
- preliminary results show that of the 315 vouchers issued, only 7 were left over
- \$35,000 in vouchers was printed; as of December 31<sup>st</sup> \$29,000, has been cashed in
- several families gave large donations (\$1,000)
- if all vouchers are cashed in, we will be short \$6,000 plus the \$6,000 of expenses
- Pastor Nathan of Church of Christ made our experience there pleasant and he was very impressed with our work, he has invited the Club to use the Church next year
- Lions June and Mary called people who hadn't yet picked up, made a huge difference in ensuring everyone who needed a voucher got one
- kudos to Lions Sylvia and Kirby for getting everything organized and printing all the vouchers under enormous time constraints
- next year's voucher distribution procedure is to be reassessed due to changes with the Salvation Army
- a committee meeting will be scheduled in February to discuss next year

**H) School Requests:** Lion Kirby Brock

- Prince Charles, JLR Bell, Meadowbrook and Maple Leaf public schools have been given a total of \$4,500 for school meal programs
- Stuart Scott PS will be sending a request later, they are okay for now
- Meadowbrook PS will be requesting a further \$1,000
- 350 children in 5 schools are benefitting from the meal programs as they don't get food at home
- Glen Conduit of the North Newmarket Club has been trying to work with the Separate schools with minimal success, may be working with St. Paul's elementary school
- Lion Kirby has contacted the YRDSB to see which schools are neediest
- both the North Newmarket and the Newmarket Lions Clubs have budgeted \$15,000
- Lion Kirby does due diligence before offering assistance: e.g. must be someone at the school running the program, it must be organized, asks if there are other supporters

**I) Vision:** Lion Sylvia Brock

- Lion Sylvia had a meeting with Lion Larry Doble the District A16 Committee Chair, and YRDSB Superintendent to no avail re: vision screening
- YRDSB decided it is not part of their mandated programming, brochures sent home are sufficient
- Superintendent suggested the Club hold screening at a religious facility in the community
- Pastor Nathan of Church of Christ is willing to open his Church for screening
- Lion Sylvia to approach Maple Leaf PS about their interest in this
- Vision screening is the Ministry of Health's responsibility not the Ministry of Education

**J) Winterfest/Family Day:** Lion Kirby Brock

- Lion Kirby has contacted the Town regarding the Club's involvement in providing a breakfast-no response yet
- are members interested?
- event is Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>
- the last time the Club provided breakfast over 450 attended
- an opportunity for publicity

**Motion:** Lion June Foot - "That the Club participate in Winterfest/Family Day."

**Second:** Lion Diana Graham

**Motion:** *Carried*

**9. Good of Lionism:**

A) AV/Zoom- Lion Mike Barker

- Lion Mike Barker to confer with Lion Sue Williams
- approved to take funds necessary out of Bingo

**10) Adjournment:** 8:30 p.m.

Thank you to Lion Mary Singer for providing this evening's Munch & Mingle treats

**\*Next meeting Monday January 22, 2024\***

**Guest Speaker: Angela Mantle of Canadian Hearing Services**

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

