



September 18, 2023 General Club Meeting

Attendees:

Lions: Brian Havard, Christiane Zoidl, Kirby Brock, Megan Bennett, Mike Barker, June Foot, Sylvia Brock, Marilyn Gray, Ellen Gallacher, Howard Wetmore, Jeanette du Plessis, Ron Head, Suzanne Kishonti, Brad Jones, Brigitte Brennan Sue Williams and Mary Singer

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

2. **Singing of O Canada**

3. **Introduction of Guest:** Lion Jeanette du Plessis

Guest: Mr. Bernard Fernandes

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

Motion: Lion Ron Head - "That the minutes of the September 5th meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion June Foot

Motion: *Carried*

5. **Correspondence:**

- A) Maple Leaf PS. -Lion Kirby Brock
 - A thank you letter was received from teacher Robin Zimmerman for the Club's support of their school band who performed at Canada's Wonderland
- B) Camp Kirk- Lion Sylvia Brock
 - a note was received thanking the Club for subsidizing camper fees

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

- the Treasurer will be away until October 9th-see President Mike Barker for cheque requests
- still a few members who haven't paid their dues
- some members didn't receive invoice for dues, Lion Sue to check

7. **Committee Reports**

A) **Coats for Kids-**Lion Christiane Zoidl

- 2023 Volunteer Schedule circulated
- please spread the word

B) School/Community Requests:

1) PJ's and Pancakes- Lion Kirby Brock

- Friday September 22 at Southlake Regional Health Centre
- volunteer list circulated
- a celebration for paediatric cancer patients and their families (73 guests)
- serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- need a reader to read stories to children
- park in the parking garage-bring ticket inside for validation

2) School Breakfast Programs-Lion Kirby Brock

- We have donated \$2,000 to Maple Leaf PS and Meadowbrook PS
- 180 children are now being supported
- Maple Leaf PS has an agreement with the York Region Food Network to provide 75-100 meals per week
- The North Newmarket Lions Club is supporting food programs at Prince Charles PS and Stuart Scott PS
- Lion Kirby Brock is trying to secure a meeting with the Director of Education for York Region to see what else is needed to address food insecurity
- concentrating on performance plus schools-schools located in economically challenged areas

3) Action Table Partnership with Maple Leaf PS- Lion Sylvia Brock

- a) the staff and Coordinator of the program would like our Club to help get parents out to meet the Teachers night on October 3rd
 - a BBQ will be provided to encourage families to come to the event and hopefully, find out what community resources are available to help them
 - the Club will set up booths to showcase, vision screening, coats for kids, the Santa fund etc.
 - 9-10 volunteers needed
- b) November 16th is Parent /Teacher interview night and the school is hosting a games night
 - the school would like the Club to help out with the simple games

C) Effective Speaking: Lions Sylvia Brock and Kirby Brock

- Trinity United Church has been booked for both March 2nd (Club's contest) and March 23rd (District Contest)
- need French judges, please reach out
- no Lions are permitted to judge at the District Contest
- the Club had unbelievable success last year, sending 6 candidates who all placed, 4 were from Newmarket

D) Vision Screening: Lion Sylvia Brock

- Wednesdays and Thursdays in November
- starting with Maple Leaf PS on November 16th
- Volunteer list circulated
- volunteer review to be help before start date

8) **Zone Meeting:** Lion Mike Barker

- September 25th
- volunteers needed to set up and clean up food service
- cold dinner, sandwiches to be catered and salads and desserts
- still haven't been notified by Zone Chair of number of attendees and food requirements
- Lion Ron Head with take the \$15 meal donations at the door
- any Club members that wish to attend, will have their meal paid for by the Club
- volunteers to meet for a brief meeting after tonight's meeting

9) **Hybrid Meetings:** Lion Sue Williams

- Lion Sue Williams has a line on a program the Club can try free for 30 days
- to purchase would cost \$1,500 for the microphone and camera
- would need a laptop and volunteer to monitor at each meeting

10) **Good of Lionism:**

A) Inn from the Cold-Lion Kirby Brock

- November 10th
- need 5 volunteers to cook from 12:00 to 3:00
- still no serving involved
- Lion Kirby Brock will purchase the food

B) Santa Fund Vouchers- Lion Kirby Brock

- 2022 voucher distribution cost the Club \$38,000 \$26,000 was received in donations
- the Era Banner has been discontinued, loss of advertising
- ask the North Newmarket Lions Club for a monetary donation
- expecting more families to apply this year, 62 families were missed last year
- current values: \$50 for 1 person
- \$75 for 2 people
- \$100 for 3 people
- \$125 for 4 people
- \$150 for 5 people
- Proposal- \$175 for 6 or more people

- Lion Kirby Brock to review last year's distribution list to get an idea of how many people fall into each category

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock - "That the Club increase the voucher amount given to families of 6 or more to \$175.00."

Second: Lion Brad Jones

Motion: *Carried*

C) Afghan Family- Lion Kirby Brock

- they are still struggling, husband lost job
- the North Newmarket Lions Club are still providing \$300/ month in aid for food

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock - "That the Club extend its support of the family until the end of December and provide \$300.00. per month for food"

Second: Lion June Foot

Motion: *Carried*

Next meeting Monday October 2, 2023

**Guest Speaker: Danielle Gibb of Community Living
of York Region**

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