



September 5, 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, Don Gardiner and John Liska

1. **Call to Order:** Lion Mike Barker

2. **Welcome:** Lion Mike Barker

3. **Minutes of the Meeting of June 5, 2023**

Motion: Lion John Liska- "That the minutes of the June 5th meeting be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion June Foot

Motion: *Carried*

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Report was emailed to members earlier today
- 6-month food subsidy for Afghan family has ended
- dues invoices were sent out July 15th, several people haven't received invoices-Lion Mike Barker to check with Treasurer Sue Williams to see if any QuickBooks problems
- dues must be paid by September 30th. Etransfers to swilliams@lionsa16 go directly into Club's bank
- \$120 is a 20% increase per individual, same for family

Motion: Lion Howard Wetmore "That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

5. **Committee Reports**

a) **Bingo-**Lion Marilyn Gray

- Marylou Alessandrini, Bingo helper, unable to attend, certificate of appreciation to be presented to her
- Can we endorse Catch the Ace at Bingo World? Lion Marilyn Gray has written a letter to administration and is waiting for a response
- put flyers under windshields?
- must follow Bingo World rules

b) **Blind/Low Vision:** Lion Sylvia Brock

- Lion Sylvia Brock had a meeting with Dr. Quaid and Valerie Kitzaki of the York District School Board to discuss the assessment program
- The Club put aside \$5,000 last year for advanced vision screening, 3 students were assessed
- these children require the next step in the process, trying to find other sources of financing besides the Club

-Dr. Quaid would like to present an update to the Club, tentatively scheduled for November 6, 2023

-looking into the possibility of supporting one child to complete the program, but must have at least some financial commitment from the family as it is very demanding

c) Catch the Ace: Lion Ron Head

- approximately \$20,000 ready to give to Camp Dorset
- Volunteers needed for Saturdays at the Market**-contact Lion Rick Metcalfe

d. Coats for Kids: Lion Christiane Zoidl

- Sneakers & Sweatshirts event went well, about 125 people were served
- Thank you to the volunteers
- One person came back to thank the Clubs
- New home is the basement of the Quaker Meeting House on Yonge St.
- Opening October 7th running until December 30th only
- the North Newmarket Lions are dealing with storage
- flyers have been posted in Food Pantry, the Newmarket library and on social media
- need flyers for Teachers Night at Maple Leaf
- volunteer sign up sheet forthcoming

Motion: Lion Christiane Zoidl "That the Club provide a budget of up to \$1,000 for the Coats for Kids program."

Second: Lion Marilyn Gray

Motion: *Carried*

e. Food Insecurity: Lion Kirby Brock

- the Food Pantry serves 2000 people per month, 800 are children
- 136 families from Maple Leaf PS needed assistance at Christmas
- Maple Leaf PS has already requested funds of \$500 to start their food program, they have no other sponsors at this time. They serve 40 children for breakfast and another 30 at lunch, as well as providing a snack. They need \$1,500 to get through September
- Meadowbrook PS has a new Principal and Vice Principal, they are not up to speed
- Meadowbrook PS needs \$2,000 to get them through September, last year the Club gave them \$2,000 over the entire year.
- The North Newmarket Lions Club is also receiving requests for assistance
- Lion Kirby Brock to meet with Lion Glenn Conduit of the North Newmarket Club to see how we can work together
- expecting more families accessing the Santa Fund, 64 families were turned away last year
- reminder that the Club is providing the community meal at Inn from the Cold on November 10th
5 volunteers needed to prepare meal only

Motion: Lion Kirby Brock- "That the Club set aside \$15,000 to help alleviate food insecurity in local schools."

Second: Lion Brian Havard

Motion: *Carried*

f. Community/School Requests: Lion Sylvia Brock

Action Table Partnership with Maple Leaf School

- Lion Sylvia Brock has a meeting with the school on September 12th to discuss use of the \$8,000 grant
- October 3rd, the school is having a meet the teacher night and asks that the Club set up an information booth
- as part of the Action Table program, the school has enlisted a guest speaker to talk about parenting, problem solving, social services available etc.
- Lions Ron Head and Sylvia Brock to discuss banking. Cheques will be

required immediately upon request. Don't want to burden the Club Treasurer with this extra work.

- the Club is responsible for tracking expenditures
- Program will be finished by February
- November 16th is interview/games night, the Club has been asked to assist

g. Effective Speaking: Lion Mike Barker

- The Executive has recommended a donation of \$1,500 to the Youth Opportunities committee to help with the expenses of the MDA Effective speaking contest
- the Club sends the most representatives to the MDA each year

Motion: Lion Brian Havard- "That the Club accepts the Executive's recommendation and donate \$1,500 to the Youth Opportunities Committee."

Second: Lion June Foot

Motion: *Carried*

h. Vision Screening: Lion Sylvia Brock

- 4 schools to do in November, 3 of which weren't done last year and Maple Leaf PS
- the Health Department has provided equipment and a slide presentation
- the Health Department is too busy to assist
- refresher with volunteers to be scheduled
- Volunteer sign up sheet forthcoming

8) Swans: Lion Mike Barker

- a letter was received from the Swan's Club President requesting permission to continue using the Lions Hall for their meetings
- they do not use the kitchen
- ask them to assist with Santa Lunch

Motion: Lion John Liska "That the Club grants the Swans the use of the Lions Hall for their meetings, for one more year."

Second: Lion Ron Head

Motion: *Carried*

9) Zone Meeting: Lion Mike Barker

- September 25th
- volunteers needed to set up and clean up food service
- cold dinner, sandwiches and salads to be catered
- will be notified by September 18th of attendees and food allergies/special diets
- Lion Ron Head will take the \$15 meal donations at the door
- any Club members that wish to attend, will have their meal paid for by the Club
- Zone meeting is attended by all clubs in our district to discuss issues, share ideas

Motion: Lion Mike Barker - "That the Club pays for any Club member wishing to attend the Zone meeting."

Second: Lion Sylvia Brock

Motion: *Carried*

10) Good of Lionism:

- a) Donation to Children's Aid to support their Continued Education Scholarship-Lion Sylvia Brock

-this \$1,500 is part of the Club's annual budget

Motion: Lion Sylvia Brock - "That the Club donate the budgeted \$1,500 to the Children's Aid Society for Continued Education Scholarship."

Second: Lion Marilyn Gray

Motion: *Carried*

- b) Keaton Hamilton Videos-Lion Kirby Brock

-videos of Peace Essay contest winner Keaton Hamilton will be available for the next meeting

Next meeting Monday September 18, 2023

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