

Cuyuna Range Lions Club
Club Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024
Salem Lutheran Church

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Lion LeAnn. Those in attendance were Steve and Marian Freese, Gary and Becky Guida, Dave and MaryLou Smith, Robin Novotny, Mark and Bonnie Rekucki, MaryJo Wehseler, Cathy Aykens, Ron and Laura Martin, Chuck and Judy Odegaard and Terry and LeAnn Tichenor.

Approval of Agenda. The agenda was reviewed with no changes. A motion was made by Lion Dave with a second by Lion Judy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was voted and passed.

Approval of October 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes - The minutes were sent to members via email for review. There were no changes or discussion to the minutes. A motion was made by Lion Cathy with a second by Lion Laura to approve the Oct. 17 club meeting minutes. Motion voted and passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - The report was presented to all that were present. Lion LeAnn stated the total amount of money available for the holiday family gifts was \$4,000. A motion was made by Lion Robin with a second by Lion Ron to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion voted and passed.

Correspondence:

- Thank you notes were received from the following:
 - Les Swift
 - LCIF
 - Cuyuna Range Food Shelf
 - 5M-9 Leader Dog
 - Childhood Cancer
 - Kamp KACE
 - Lions Diabetes Fund
- We received the Membership Satisfaction Award for 2023-2024. The patch we received will be sewn on our banner.

Requests for Donations

- Received a request from the Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network. We have donated \$200 this year.
- Sponsor Leader Dog - The request is for \$500 to sponsor a specific dog. MaryLou will research what this entails and report back in January.

Committee Reports

- Chaplain - Lion Marian reported that Mark Rekucki will not be having surgery.
- Riverton Park Project - Lion Laura presented the idea for the club to donate money to this project and the club could submit grants to match the money the club is donating. There are two grants at this time she is researching, one from Sourcewell and the other from the Sheehan Foundation. If we work with Sourcewell there is better buying power for purchasing equipment for the park. Lion Laura will work up a proposal and present it to the club.
- Shed Clean Up and Maintenance - Lion Mark was not at the meeting to present. Maintenance will not happen until spring.
- Food Truck Clean Up and Maintenance - The food truck is being stored indoors thanks to Riverton City Council. Projects will take place in the spring.
- Roadside Clean Up - Lion Chuck thanked those that assisted with this project. Did not have a large group but they group that was there did a great job.
- 26 Club - Ticket sales are going well. Raffle will take place at the Town Tavern at 7:00 on November 30.
- Donut Sales - No Update.
- Holiday Party - Lion Laura reported the party will be held at the 40 Club on December 19. Will be buffet style and dessert is included. Lion Diane will be sending out invitations when she returns from vacation.
- Event for Community to Expand Membership - Lion Judy stated she had not received any suggestions from members on what we could do to try and increase our club membership. She suggested having an event with Santa could bring in families and they would become familiar with the Lions. We should do a project that involves kids. Another suggestion would be some type of party near Valentine's Day.

Old Business

- Fundraising Suggestions - What are some options we have in addition to what we already do. Lion LeAnn mentioned that Lion Steve had a suggestion at the board meeting to collect plastic to recycle and then have benches made. We are also looking into assisting with vision screening at the elementary school.

- Thank You in the Courier - Lion LeAnn will submit to the Courier a thank you from Lions to the community for all the support they have given to us for our various projects and the projects will be listed.
- Additional Donation Opportunities - If anyone has any suggestions for donation opportunities, please let Lion LeAnn or another board member know.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Lion Laura presented the yearly Bell Ringing campaign to the club and if we want to participate again this year. A motion was made by Lion Terry with a second by Lion Judy to support the Bell Ringing Campaign and for Lion Laura to get dates out to the club members for signups.

New Business

- Fundraising Suggestion - Lion Gary presented that he looked into having a raffle for elk hunting licenses. Turns out it's not very viable to pursue.
- Additional Service Projects - Community Effect - Lions LeAnn, MaryLou and Mary Jo met with Tyler from Community Effect. He discussed with us different opportunities he would like the Lions to help with projects that they are planning on doing. Some of these include a corn feed and volunteers to read with kindergarten students. An e-mail was sent out by Lion LeAnn giving information for anyone wanting to read to the kindergarten students. Lion Diane will be the main contact with Tyler.
- Zone Club Meeting Host - Are we interested in hosting this event? We would need a large space and then decide on things we would want to do such as a 50/50 raffle, raffle off prizes, etc. It was decided to table this for a year.

Tail Twister - Lion Terry had a quiz on German wines.

Meal Winner - Lion Chuck won the free meal.

Adjourn - Lion Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. A second was made by Lion Steve. Motion voted and passed.

Upcoming Events:

12-05-24 - Lions Board Meeting at Hallett Library

12-19-24 - Lions Club Holiday Party

Respectfully Submitted,
MaryLou Smith