

Cuyuna Range Lion's Club  
Club Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2024  
Salem Lutheran Church

Lion LeAnn Tichenor called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. Those in attendance were: LeAnn and Terry Tichenor, Marian and Steve Freese, Mark and Diane Boike, MaryLou and Dave Smith, MaryJo Wehseler, Ed and Jan Anderson, Jim and Birdie Walth, Mike and Jean Shermock, Karla Peterson, Chuck Lubowitz, Dennis and Gerry Nyberg, Dave Dehn, Cathy Akyens.

Introduce and Welcome Guests: There were no guests present today.

Table Grace & Meal: Lion Jim Walth

Program: No program today.

Approval of Agenda: There were three additions to the agenda: Old Business add Phone Book under Fundraising Suggestions, Holiday Kids/Families under Request for Donations and under Old Business remove Food Operations from Fundraising Suggestions. A motion was made by Lion Chuck with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Judy to approve the amended agenda. No discussion. Motion voted and passed.

Approval of September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed without any changes. Motion was made by Lion Karla with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mark. Motion was voted and passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Lion Steve provided a copy of the treasurer's report for everyone present. Members reviewed the report. Motion made by Lion Cathy with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Chuck to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion voted and passed.

Correspondence: Thank yous were received for all of the majors that were submitted as well as a thank you from CRMC for the donation to their Halloween event.

Requests for Donations:

1. Crosby-Ironton Grad Blast: In the past we have donated \$100 to this event. A motion was made by Lion Cathy with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Karla to donate \$100 to the Crosby-Ironton Grade Blast. Motion was voted and passed.
2. Food Shelf: The community food shelf is requesting a donation to assist with holiday food bags to be given to students prior to the extended Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. This would be for approximately 25 bags of food. A motion was made by Lion Ed with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Kathy to donate \$300 to the food shelf and be applied to the food bags for students during the holidays. The motion was voted and passed.

3. Holiday Kids/Families: In the past the club has traditionally donated \$2,000 to purchase gift cards for families identified by the school. These gift cards include but are not limited to Target, grocery stores and local restaurants. A motion was made by Lion Steve with a 2nd by Lion Dave to donate \$2,000 for the Holiday Kids/Families. Motion was voted and passed.

#### Committee Reports:

1. Chaplain: Lion Marian reported that Lions Ed and Mark have upcoming surgeries.
2. Riverton Park Project - Lion MaryLou reported that there were no updates at this time and work will most likely start in the spring.
3. Shed Clean Up and Maintenance: Lion Mark stated that a new ramp will need to be built/installed. Lions Terry, Dave and Chuck have volunteered to help clean out the shed. There is no way to totally mouse proof the shed. The shed will be cleaned out and a lot of items thrown away. Once that is completed, we can look at improving the outside of the shed.
4. Food Truck Clean Up: Lion Ron was not present to report on any updates.
5. Roadside Cleanup: Lion Karla reported that we have to pick a new date for clean up as the previous date was rained out. The new date is Monday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Anyone that wants to help can show up between 4:00 and 5:00 on the 21st.
6. 26 Club: Lion Mark reported that there are two books of tickets left to be given out to people for selling. Lions Mark and Bonnie have requested one of those books. The Town Tavern has been confirmed and there is a sign on the wall promoting the event. A friendly reminder when people are filling out their information to not go beyond the perforation. This will make sure all information is visible and can be read.
7. Donut Sales: Lion Jim reported that he has not been able to find anywhere that rents a donut making machine. The closest place is in the cities. Lion Chuck brought up having the waffle guy coming out for an event. At this time, it is yet to be determined if we will do this event. Lion Jim will continue to research.
8. Holiday Party: Lions Diane and Laura are still in the planning stages. Invites to go out by Thanksgiving.

Old Business: At last month's meeting it was announced that the Board determined there was not enough interest in the following ideas. The board then decided to bring these ideas back to the general membership for discussion.

#### 1. Fundraising Suggestions

- a. Heritage Days: Lion Mark spoke to Laurie about the Lions possibly working with her on Heritage Days. She was elated to hear this news. Laurie is interested in meeting with Mark and other Lions to discuss Heritage Days and what work would be involved. This will definitely require more than one person to help. Lion Mark will report back once he gets further information and we will then do additional research if needed.
- b. Directory: Lion Gerry gave the club information on the Directory the club in Canada made. This club made over \$40,000. There is a lot of time involved as you need to solicit companies to place ads in the book and then compile the book. She will present more information in the spring.

#### New Business:

1. Traditional Donations: The following is a list of traditional donations the club makes every year. Organizations were discussed and voted on. These donations will be made on Give to the Max Day.

- a. Youth Center: A motion was made by Lion Ed with a 2nd by Lion Steve to donate \$400 plus fees to the Cuyuna Youth Center. Motion was voted and passed.
- b. Kinship Partnership: It was decided to wait on a decision for a donation to this organization.
- c. Hallett Library: A motion was made by Lion MaryLou with a 2nd by Lion Karla to donate \$400 plus fees to the Hallett Library
- d. Cuyuna Lakes Education: A motion was made by Lion MaryLou with a 2nd by Lion Cathy to donate \$200 plus fees to the Cuyuna Lakes Education Foundation. Motion was voted and passed.
- e. Confidence Learning: A motion was made by Lion Dave with a 2nd by Lion MaryLou to donate \$400 plus fees to Confidence Learning Center. Motion was voted and passed.
- f. Habitat for Humanity: A motion was made by Lion Cathy with a 2nd by Lion Judy to donate \$500 plus fees to Habitat for Humanity. Motion was voted and passed.
- g. Prevent Child Abuse: A motion was made by Lion Mark with a 2nd by Lion Gerry to donate \$300 plus fees to Prevent Child Abuse. Motion voted and passed.

2. New Donations: If you hear of any organizations in the community that are seeking donations, please suggest that organization to the club. Lion Ed made a motion that we make another donation to LCIF for \$500. Lion Karla 2nd the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

3. Additional Service Projects: Are there any projects going on in the community that we can help with? Lion Mark talked about building a shelter with a built-in table. This is something that could be built in any of the parks in the area and all members of the community could use it. Another idea was to assist people with rides to doctor appointments. Some clubs collect plastic and have it recycled into benches. Think of additional projects that we can bring up and research.

4. Expanding Club Membership: Lion Judy brought up the fact that we need to get more members in our group. It's the same people doing all of the work and we need more people to help assist with projects and events. What is an event we can host that will bring in people and have them become members? We need to have members of the community know what we do. Let's think of an event and advertise it to get the new members.

5. Thank You in Paper - We will run an ad in the December issue of the Courier thanking everyone that has donated and/or helped the Lions Club this year in any way (i.e., SuperOne, etc.). Lion LeAnn will submit this information

6. Zone Club Meeting Hosting: Are we interested in hosting a Zone meeting? Discussion was tabled to research further and discuss at a later date.

Tail Twister: Lion Terry had a quiz on Culinary topics and Halloween. The winner with the most correct answers was Lion Cathy.

Free Meal: Lion Jim won the drawing for a free meal next month.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Lion MaryLou with a 2nd by Lion Judy to adjourn the meeting at 8:13. Motion voted and passed.

Upcoming Events:

11-07-24: Lions Board Meeting at the Hallett Library, 6:00 p.m.

11-21-24: Lions Club Meeting at Salem Lutheran Church Social Hall, 6:00 p.m. Social, Meeting begins at 7:00

Minutes respectfully submitted by MaryLou Smith, Recording Secretary