

**Thurmont Lions Club
Board of Directors Meeting
February 19, 2020**

The TLC Board of Directors met on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. The meeting was brought to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Joyce Anthony. Also present were: 2nd VP George Bolling, Lion Bob Johnson, Lion Gayle DiSalvo, Lion Don Keeney, Lion Doug Favorite, 3rd VP Marci Veronie, Lion Don Ely, Lion Deb Schray, 1st VP Susan Favorite, and Lion Dianne McLean.

Absent: IPP Julie El-Taher, Lion Nancy Echard, Lion Hank Schlitzer, Lion Allison Hazen, and Lion Jan Ely.

The minutes from the January Board meeting was presented by Secretary Lion Dianne. Lion Gayle DiSalvo made a motion to accept the minutes. Lion Don Ely seconded. *Motion passed.*

The Treasurer's report for January was presented by Lion Doug Favorite. President Joyce noted she would like to do a raffle for Lion Nadja's SVDG fundraiser at the April Cabinet meeting to add to the funds received to date. Lion Doug noted once the District sets up an account for the SVDG funds, they will be transferred out of the Club's account. Lion Bob Johnson made a motion to file for audit. Lion Don Ely seconded. *Motion passed.*

Old Business

Website – Lion Doug noted the Board met last week after the Club meeting and approved up to \$1,000 for the website start up. He also noted we cannot use the Go Daddy account since it was canceled nor can we use the host on LCI due to restrictions and regulations, therefore, there is a need for a new account which will be with E-Plus. The cost for this first year will be \$180; usual cost per year is \$190. The website is now up and functional with content being added, and forms and flyers can also be posted on the site. Lion Doug has agreed to be our webmaster through 2020-2021. The .com expires in July and we will purchase a .org account as well. Either will get to the same site. The focus of the site is "Donate" and "Become a Member". Donations will go into the Foundation account. A second phase of the website will have a "Members Only" section with the club directory, sign ups and to pay dues. Members will access this section via their LCI member ID number. There was discussion on getting consent from members and non-members to post photos.

Club Advertising – President Joyce noted some members are sending articles and flyers directly to the newspapers and not going through Lion Bev Nunemaker, the club's Public Relations chair. President Joyce would like everything to go through Lion Bev: photos, articles, flyers, etc. In discussion, Lion Deb noted it is nice to have a PR chair but committee chairs should be responsible for getting the information to Lion Bev or whoever is PR chair next year prior to the deadline date and assume responsibility for any late submissions. Lion Bob suggested a notice be placed in the newsletter concerning advertising. Lion George made a motion the PR chair be responsible for all media releases. Lion Doug seconded. *Motion passed.*

New Business

Membership – Lion Bob has an application for Julie Eiseman who is sponsored by Lion Lisa Riffle. She previously lived in Thurmont then moved away and has now moved back. Lion Bob has tried getting in touch with her for an interview. Lion Doug reported he knows her, endorses her, and made a motion to accept Julie Eiseman for membership. Lion Don Ely seconded. *Motion passed.* Lion Bob will need to set up a date for induction, and she will not be entered into MyLCI until after her induction. Lion Bob is trying to reach three other candidates to have them attend a meeting. He will follow up again. And Kountry Kitchen server, Becky, is interested in joining the club as well.

Member Dues – President/Dues Treasurer Joyce reported everyone is on schedule.

Slate of Officers for 2020-2021 - 1st VP Susan distributed her list of Board candidates for next year for both the Club and Foundation. There was discussion on the readings and voting by the membership: 1st reading at 1st March meeting (3/11), 2nd reading at 2nd March meeting (3/25) and voting at 1st April meeting (4/8). Lion Doug made a motion to accept the slate of officers for 2020-2021. Lion Don Ely seconded. *Motion passed.*

Lions SMS (Text) Service – Lion Don Keeney presented an idea on using a text service to notify anyone who signs up on upcoming events/fundraisers. Example: Pit Sandwich sales. Slick Text, an organization Lion Don looked at, has users texting a number which puts them on a list to receive our messages. Slick Text handles all phases. Plans: 50 texts/month = no cost; 500/mo. = \$29/mo for two words; 1000/mo. = \$49/mo. for four words. There was discussion on paying for the texts from the fundraiser (TLCF) events. Lion Don Keeney made a motion to start with 500 texts/month. 3rd VP Marci seconded. *Motion passed.*

Honorarium DG Gift – President Joyce noted an honorarium has been requested for DG Evan Gillett. There is a budget of \$50 for the honorarium. Lion Dianne will email Lion Doug the letter.

Convention Delegates – Lion Dianne informed the Board that the list for delegates at the convention in May has been received. Anyone wishing to attend the convention and act as a delegate is to notify Lion Dianne. She will send the notice to the membership as well.

Comments –

- Mr. Bolling noted the next three club meeting programs include Mayor John Kinnaird, Barter Night, and on April 8 at the joint meeting with Emmitsburg will be Raven Rock. Mountain Gate is set for a maximum of 120 with a start time of 6:30 p.m.; starting on March 11 the sign up sheet will be available including the number of member guests – maximum is four per member. Mr. Bolling is still trying to contact the Emmitsburg club. Ms. Schray suggested inviting the Mayor and Commissioners and comp their meals. There was discussion to also suggest to Emmitsburg to invite their mayor, and only to invite Mayor Kinnaird from Thurmont. It was also discussed to provide the author with an honorarium of \$100. Mr. Bolling made a motion to invite both mayors and approve the \$100 honorarium. Ms. Schray seconded. *Motion passed.*
- Mr. Favorite reported upon calculating meal costs at club meetings, there has been an increase in drinks of \$2.50. Mountain Gate has been charging this amount on the total meal charge but did not inform Mr. Favorite of the increase. He will make an announcement at the next club meeting.
- Mrs. Anthony would like to stop passing the Food Bank jar at club meetings since members are already being asked for money for 50/50 and mini barter. She would like to put a line item in the budget for the Food Bank. The jar can be set on the head table but no longer passed around. Also put the jar out at each Pit Sandwich sale.

There being no further business, adjournment was at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Dianne McLean, Secretary