

Thurmont Lions Club Membership Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2021
President Susan Favorite Presiding

The Thurmont Lions Club Membership meeting was held on June 23, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church, Thurmont, MD. The meeting was called to order by President Susan Favorite at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Lion Dianne McLean
Invocation by PCC Bob Muchow

Welcome Guests: District Members: DG Barbara Brimigion, FVDG Nadja Muchow, SVDG Jeremy Bair, Lion Bob Johnson, Zone Char, PDG Paul Cannada, PCC Bob Muchow, Lion Doug Favorite
Grace Smith and Lion Lisa Riffle's daughter and two granddaughters; Lowman Keeney, Thurmont Ambulance Company

Signup Sheets: Pit sandwich sale on July 3, 2021

Secretary's Report – Nothing

Treasurer's Report – Lion Doug reported \$4,933.22 in the Administrative Account and \$6,811.94 in the Activities Account.

Table Announcements:

- Lion Marci Veronie reported the Wag and Wine fundraiser will be held in April 2022
- Lion Gayle DiSalvo reported the items from Roar Like a Lion day were delivered to the various organizations
- Welcomed Lion Mary Michael Richard back to the meetings
- Lion Bill and Cheryl Long are expecting their 7th great grandchild in October
- Lion Nancy Echard contacted Pat Rhodes – she is not able to rejoin the Lions Club but will continue to support the club on Facebook

Tail Twister. Lion Don told his usual funny stories which were enjoyed by all and proceeded to collect fines from members.

Raffle Drawing

Lion Debbie Schray thanked the many Lions who helped to sell tickets for the raffle. The club raised approximately \$1,500. The winners were:

Donna Hovcle	1 st place – Bushel of crabs
Sherry Ridenour	2 nd place - \$100 gift card to Shuff's Meat Market
Anthony Hess	3 rd place - \$50 gift card for Hillside Turkey Farm

This was the final meeting of the year with President Susan Favorite presiding. President Susan's theme for the evening was "Celebration of You". She emphasized the "Celebration of You" are the members who did the job working at many, many events and service projects. A lot was done this year, and COVID did not defeat the members. The focus was on positivity. President Susan presented numerous certificates/awards:

- A portrait of Lion Glenn Richard on glass was presented to Lion Mary Rickard letting her know the club is thinking about her due to the death of Lion Glenn, and we are keeping her in our thoughts and prayers.
- All the members were recognized for the events and service projects they helped and supported.
- Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Lion Lloyd and Bev Berry – for recognition of their "behind the scenes" work.
- Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Lions Larry and Stephanie Steinly – recognition of new and fresh ideas to continue the growth and for the club to stay viable.

2nd VP Lion Marci Veronie was recognized by President Susan Favorite as the recipient of the prestige award "Lion of the Year for 2020-2021.

President Susan Favorite presented a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow award to Lion Joyce Anthony, Immediate Past President and secretary.

President Susan Favorite established two new awards for the club this year.

- “Nancy Dutterer Service Award” – This award will be given annually to a TLC member who doesn’t stop with their work with the Thurmont Lions Club, they assist and volunteer with other organizations in Thurmont, Frederick County and beyond. This award will not only honor Lion Nancy’s memory but will honor a Lion who emulates her philosophy of giving of one’s self. The first recipient of this award was Lion Carie Stafford.
- “Patrick Stellitano Hero Award” – This award was named in honor of the son of Lions Julie & David El-Taher – The award will be given to a veteran that will be determined with the assistance of Operation Second Change and Cindy McGrew. The award will consist of a \$500 gift card to assist with medical expenses or to provide something for the veteran’s family or to help the veteran with a special project. The first recipient of this award was Bill Lamb, a two-time veteran and an Iraqi war vet.

DG Barbara Brimigion made a special recognition to two members:

- Lion Bob Johnson received the Honor Roll Award. Lion Bob’s name will be inscribed on the master plaque which is displayed at the convention.
- Lion Jan Ely received the District Governor’s Medal of Commendation. Lion Jan demonstrated performance above and beyond what is normally expected during the operation of the club, a club project or a special event or occurrence.

District Governor Barbara Brimigion officiated the Installation of Officers for the 2021-2022 Lions year. She expressed to the members in order to have a successful year depends upon what individual members are doing to make a difference in the community and worldwide. The success of the club depends on their officers.

President Susan Favorite presented the gavel to the incoming President Dianne McLean. 1st VP Dianne presented a gift to outgoing President Susan - a portrait of her late mother, Marilee McKissick.

President Dianne McLean gave the members words of encouragement for the upcoming year. Her goals are:

- Engage local businesses to encourage membership in the club
- Continue the service projects, activities, fundraisers and support LCI’s focus areas of Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and Environment
- Increase and retain current membership and encourage member participation in leadership roles
- Add some new projects

PCC Bob Muchow gave the benediction.

Meeting was adjourned by President Lion Susan Favorite at 8:13 pm.

Joyce Anthony

Lion Joyce Anthony
Secretary