

Thurmont Lions Club Membership Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2021
President Dianne McLean

The Thurmont Lions Club Membership meeting was held on July 28, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church in Thurmont, MD. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Dianne McLean.

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Lion Bev Nunemaker
Song led by: Lion Nancy Echard
Invocation by: PCC Bob Muchow

Guests: Craig and Laurie Sheetz, Ruth Haney

Sign Up Sheets:

Don: Pit Sandwich Sale on August 7th. A number of positions especially for the 3rd shift are available. Need order taker for 1st shift.

Don: Need volunteers for Colorfest Weekend. Lot of shifts left to fill.

Joyce: Yearly Visitation Sheet – Time to finalize our yearly visitations. A few slots still available

Joyce has rooster books. Cost is \$2.50. Will bill you on your account.

Lisa: Raven Rock Veterans Group needs volunteers to help serve meals next weekend. Friday Lunch and Dinner and Saturday Dinner. Few hours to prepare and serve dinners.

Gayle: Sign-up sheet for Mini Barter. Have a small mini barter tonight.

Bev: Glad to see a lot of members we haven't seen in a while. She got to see Jill Long on her way home. We've been praying for her.

Getting to Know You: Nancy Echard

Career: Started at a hospital nurse's aide in intensive care nursery. She earned \$1.25 an hour. She quit her job to come to Rockville to take care of dad with Cancer. Eventually went to work for JC Penny in retail. She has worked as a babysitter, school transporter, rode bus with kids. She worked at DMV for 17 years. She retired in 2005 then moved to Florida for about 1 ½. Her son talked me in to moving back to Maryland and have been here ever since.

Favorite dream vacation: Take me on a cruise anytime

Bucket List: Had opportunity to go to Rome but cancelled it out.

Why did you become a Lion? Went to one of the benefit breakfasts with son one of the Lions approached me on the way out to talk me into becoming a Lion. From there she went and talked to Joyce.

Program: Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Club

Speaker was Lee Seers. Lee said she had been receiver of the Lions donations for which she is very grateful. Lee moved too this area in 2012. She's been with the program 8 years. Number of different roles: Side walker, Class coordinator. With COVID

restrictions, she was a member of the clean team sanitizing everything. Now she is part of the Tact pack.

Established in 1982 with 16 riders. They provide Maryland citizens with mental physical and emotional disabilities with opportunity to learn basic horsemanship skills to improve physically, gaining motor skills, gaining core strength, the ability to hold themselves erect, work on balance and posture. Through interaction with other riders and with volunteers they gain confidence and self-esteem.

They are classified as a 501c3 organization. Their Operation Budget is \$100,000 a year. Directed by a board of directors. Funding comes from rider registrations. We charge \$246 a session. We have a number of different fund-raising events each year. The main event is a silent auction in October during a Spaghetti dinner at the Lewistown Fireman's building.

Debbie Endlich and her husband run the program.

How do we approach the goals of each student? Each student gets an individual plan to work on their goals. Each session is geared toward a specific goal of the student.

Who are our riders? Ages 3 or 4 until mid to late 40's

Disabilities we see are down syndrome, autism, learning disabilities or anything that prevents them from learning

60 Students enrolled. 2 major sessions 6 weeks in spring and 6 weeks in fall abbreviated session in summer. For each of these classes we use 3 volunteers for each rider.

Side walkers – ride beside each rider to provide physical, emotion support. They know goals the rider is working on.

Horse Leader -3 volunteers per riders. Before each session each volunteer is briefed on the goal of the session.

Horses are donated with a range of issues Get special training throughout the year.' Horse buddies – interact with horses and with training activities. Volunteers to groom them check to see if they are ok.

Question: How many horses do you have in the program: We have about 18 horses. President Dianne gave Lee a special gift.

Secretary Announcements: I have a few Thank You notes: Thurmont Elementary, Seton Center, Gold Star Mothers the Maryland Chapter for the donation we made at the last meeting, DG Charles Croft, Travel Secretary Susan, Thurmont Little League.

Treasurer Report: Doug handed out Financial Reports Foundation account (Fund Raiser) ended June with \$13,157.75. The Club Account (administrative) ending June balance is \$3,341.90. Need to approve the new budget reports. The Foundation account runs from January – December of the calendar year.

The Club account runs from July 1 through June 30. Doug went through all the budget items for both accounts.

Table Announcements:

Mike: Picnic has been scheduled at Ole Mink Farm. Mike and Debbie will provide the food. Each member will pay \$5 for the food. Meeting the last meeting August (25th). Will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting.

Susan: Change of Banner Awards: 13

Club Excellence Award - Club, Newsletter Editor Award – Joyce, Secretary Award – Joyce, Club Service Coordinator Award – Julie, Club treasurer – Doug, Club Visitation Award Joyce 22W Feed the Hungry Award – Mimi, 22w Reading Action Award – Club, LVR Award – Joyce, LCIF Award - Joyce

George: Appreciation from the Mount Bike Riding Club.

Najah: Starting to do the Club visitation schedule. Sandy's daughter involved in a serious accident will be going through surgery. Keep her in our prayers.

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

President's Announcements

- Going to continue to hold meetings at the church. Maybe in January we can start having the meetings at Mountaingate Restaurant.
- Board Meeting Aug 16 at Kountry Kitchen in back room
- Cabinet Meeting Aug 14th at LaVale.

Mini Barter: 4 squash sold for \$150 per set of 2

The 50/50 (\$35.50) was won by Lion George Bolling

Meeting was adjourned by President Dianne McLean at 7:38 pm.

Maxine Troxell
Assistant Secretary