

Thurmont Lions Club Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2022  
President Dianne McLean

The Thurmont Lions Club Membership meeting was held on January 26, 2022, 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 Nancy Echard  
Song led by: Lion Paul Cannada  
Invocation by: Lion Bob Muchow

**Guests:** John Kinnaird

**Sign Up Sheets:** Mini Barter. Make a basket or make a dessert for Bingo Night, Need kitchen help for Bingo Night

**Getting to Know You:** Lion Sandie Duley

**Career:** Retired from Administrative Office of Anne Arundel Community College in Annapolis after 16 years; worked for 10 years for C&P Telephone and National Geographical Society

**Bucket List:** To get the date and meeting place straight.

**Favorite Vacation:** Hawaii, Alaska, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon. My favorite is Hawaii

**Why did you become a Lion?** Enjoy doing sandwich sales, bingo and other community projects to help other people.

**Program:** Mayor John Kinnaird – State of the Town

Mayor John thanked the Lions club for the lunch for the town employees. He really appreciates everything the Lions Club does for the community.

Elections held - Bill Blakeslee replaced Marty Burns as commissioner

Final budget is on track, and the revenue and expenses are at 50%. We have a General Fund, Water- Wastewater Fund and Electric Fund. All Funds are self-supported. We received \$780,000 in grants from the county. The General Fund is at \$2 million with \$480,000 in reserve.

The town has the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest electrical rates in Maryland.

The Police Department is 3 officers short. They are having trouble recruiting personnel.

The town put in a new walking trail at Eyler Park and the new Skateboard Park.

Streets Department is working on repairing drains on Frederick Road, getting \$600,000 from Highway Use Fund. Water Department is working on installing 8 inch water line that runs from the Pizza Hut building to Hillside Avenue.

Working on eventually having a Gateway Loop walking trail with Pedestrian Walkway that will run from the end of the Trolley Trail south of Thurmont to Catoctin Furnace.

In the near future we will be replacing waste-water lines from Church Street to Route 15.

The town has spent \$180,000 on new playground equipment at Woodland Park.

Possible new businesses coming to Thurmont include another Goodwill Store and a Gas & Go close to Weis Market.

Mayor John thanked the Lions Club for inviting him.

**Budget Presentation by Lion Doug:** Lion Doug Favorite passed out the proposed budget spreadsheet and explained the line items for the TLC Foundation's proposed budget for 2022-2023. Lion Bob Johnson made a motion to accept the budget with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Don Ely. Members voted to approve the budget.

**Table Topics:** Heroes Ridge is looking for volunteers for the week of February 4. Barter night is at the end of March. Scout Night is February 9. Youth Night February 23. Visitation Schedule.

**Mini Barter:** 2 items. Turtle Brownies purchased by Mayor John Kinnaird for \$20. Peanut Butter Fudge purchased for \$10 by Lion Don Ely.

**50/50 Tickets:** \$23 won by Lion Nancy Echard

**Presidents Comments:** We still have FVDG Nadja's raffle tickets available. Leadership Zoom meeting is 1/30. All members encouraged to tune in.

**Adjournment** by President Lion Dianne was at 7:53 pm.

Lion Maxine Troxell,  
Assistant Secretary