

Thurmont Lions Club Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 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 Ruth Heaney  
Song led by: Lion Albie Little  
Invocation by: PCC Bob Muchow

**Guests:** Grace Smith

**Sign Up Sheets:** Mini Barter and Green Fest

**Program: Youth Night**

***Leo of the Year*** – President Dianne McLean announced due to the late start of the Leo's having a meeting this year; the criteria could not be accomplished.

***Essay Contest*** – Two essays were received:

- Jaxon Rhone – Sabillasville Elementary School – topic: "You are a mouse in the pocket of Benjamin Franklin in 1776. Describe your day with him".
- Lyla Zelenka – Catoctin High School – topic: "Volunteerism in America started with Benjamin Franklin in 1736. How can YOU keep the tradition of Volunteerism alive in our country today?"

Each winner received a certificate and a \$50 check.

***Peace Poster Contest*** – The winner of the Peace Poster contest was Peyton Faller, Mother Seton School. The topic was "We are all Connected". Peyton was unable to attend Youth Night, but she will receive a certificate and a \$50 check.

Lion Julie Eiseman, Chairperson for the Peace Poster contest, reported a total of nine posters were received.

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

***Mini Barter:*** 1 item – Peanut Butter Fudge – purchased by PDG Paul Cannada for \$15.

***50/50 Tickets:*** \$33 won by Lion Sharon Morgan

**Table Announcements**

- Lion Bob Meunier received his 55 year Chevron pin
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lion Julie El-Taher – please bring in candy for the Easter egg hunt
- Lion Gayle DiSalvo – Be collecting your items for Barter Night
- Lion Don Keeney, Jr. – Sean Young has puddin for sale in 5 or 10 lbs. Contact Lion Don Keeney if you are interested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Lion Joyce Anthony  
Secretary

## Leadership Meeting

A Leadership meeting was held after adjournment of the Membership meeting.

There were three topics discussed:

Leadership – President Dianne McLean

Ask to help wherever possible

Need new ideas

Need leaders to support the club

Encouraged members to attend a Board meeting or Cabinet meeting

Encouraged members to attend the convention being held in Gettysburg this year

Committee Structure for 2022-2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lion Julie El-Taher

Distributed copies of the Committee Structure to all members. She explained the new structure to all

Putting together the Slate of Officers for 2022-2023

Ask members to step into leadership positions. There are many seasonal members available to help you in any fashion needed

Consider serving in a Board position

Consider stepping out of your 'comfort' zone and become a chairperson of a committee or a leader of a project

Read an orientation poem "Why be a Volunteer"

Contact 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lion Julie El-Taher with any thoughts or suggestions

Future Fundraisers – Lions Doug Favorite and Don Keeney, Jr.

Consider becoming a Board member and learning more about the club

Been chairing the fundraisers for twenty years

Club needs changes, but changes can make things better

Overall job of a recruit coordinator is to make sure members are on a team

There are a list of nine teams:

- Event Coordinator
- Sign up Team
- Shift Leaders
- Preparation Team
- Tea Team
- Thursday Meat & Potatoes Team (Work with Scouts)
- Friday Setup Crew Chief (Work with Scouts)+
- Saturday Startup Team
- Closing & Cleanup Team (Work with Scouts)

The key to the list of the teams is to operate as a TEAM.

There are seven sandwich sales this year. In the future, the number may be reduced.

The list of teams will be sent out to the membership electronically and paper copies will be available at the meetings.

The list of teams will be revisited in July and August to determine how effective the teams are working.

**Final thoughts** – Everyone has a skill, put that skill toward a productive use. If you have a passion in a certain area, please create a new committee.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 pm.

Lion Joyce Anthony

Secretary **Wag and Wine (W&W)** – Ms. Dianne McLean reported Ms. Sharon Morgan contacted Catoctin Breeze Winery to determine what their path forward would be concerning the club’s April 29<sup>th</sup> W&W event due to COVID, etc.

Ms. Sharon Morgan indicated we were two months away from the event, do not have a member to coordinate the event, no vendors, food trucks or band scheduled. With the current state of the club, lack of help and having a pit sandwich sale the following day, she suggested the event be postponed until fall or maybe a later date, possibly spring of 2023.

The Board unanimously agreed to table the event until possibly fall and schedule another W&W committee meeting. The event will remain on the Fundraising List for 2022-2023.