

West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation

3-27-2011 Minutes

Christ Methodist Church, Clarksburg, WV.

The meeting was called to order by President Beecroft at 2:00, 3-27-2011. Those present were: District Governor Jeff Baxter, District Governor Lisa Keffer, District Governor Cindy Glass, VDG Bob Moffett, PID Bob Browning, Mary Jane Grubb, Loxie Wood, Shirley Hlad, Lion Pat Julius, Lion Rachel Johnson, VDG David Nicholson, Lion Rob Grubb, Lion Paul Amrhein, Lion Del Cohrs, PCC Steve Glass, PCC Dennis Keffer, PCC George Woodrum, Steve Clendenen, PID Larry Johnson, Lion Charlie Biggs, PCC Paul Wheeler, John McCue, Lion Billy Nichols, Lion Steve Beecroft.

Governor Lisa led the pledge with Trustee George Woodrum giving the invocation. President Beecroft made the introductions. Governor Jeff Announce that PID Harold Ott from Pennsylvania, our 2010 International guest at Snowshoe was being treated for a brain tumor.

A Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Secretary Pete was called to read minutes, Governor Jeff motioned minutes are approved, Trustee Billie 2nd: MOTION PASSED.

The financial report was given. Trustee Paul motioned to accept the report, Governor Lisa 2nd: MOTION PASSED.

Financial Committee:

A) Trustee Larry reported that the CVRP grant requested for Randolph County was reviewed. Recommendation was to approve the request with our Low Vision account to be used to partially fund project with the remainder of funding to come from Walmsley account. Trustee Larry made motion for approval as explained, Governor Cindy 2nd. There was a discussion about possibly using DHHR funds if available. This was added to motion: MOTION PASSED.

B) MESU Equipment Purchase: Governor Jeff reported on the condition of unit #1. He reported mechanical problems with the unit that would cost approximately \$2000.00 to repair. Jeff also has concerns with the frame and body condition of unit #1. Comment was also made about the overall appearance of unit. MESU #2 needs brake work and fluids and hoses replaced. Jeff also expressed concerns of gas prices and how it would affect MESU usage. Trustee Billie reported that demand for portable equipment was increasing over MESU demand. There was also a discussion of safety railings for unit #2. Governor Jeff reported that the signage on unit #2 needed updated and renewed. He was asked to obtain pricing for this project and also banners for portable equipment. Discussion of condition of unit #1 was continued. Governor Lisa motioned to remove unit #1 from use, Trustee Charlie 2nd: MOTION PASSED. Secretary Pete was directed to remove insurance from MESU #1. Since unit #1 I out of service equipment purchase was addressed. We do not need amount of equipment originally planned. Trustee Larry motioned to purchase a visual acuity machine for \$2500.00, Trustee Charlie 2nd: MOTION PASSED.

Budget: Trustee Paul reported revenues were ahead of expenses and budge was in order.

Fundraiser: Trustee Charlie had no report.

Training and Education: Trustee Billie reported training was ongoing with sessions being scheduled in northern panhandle in April. Trustee Billie continues to work with service coordinators.

Policy Manual: Trustee George reported:

1. Meeting dates this year have not been confirmed to policy manual
2. Policy Manual Directs president to travel to conferences and conventions. Trustee George recommended compensation to President for expenses under rule of audits. Trustee Larry indicated that the policy manual also allows for compensation.

Marketing and Development: PCC Steve reported he has established a data base of WV. Ophthalmologist. He has also identified 25 large corporate donors in WV. Also he is in process of applying for grand from Sisters of St. Josephs in August.

Liaison Committee: Secretary Pete reported a meeting on March 12 about future projects between WVLCF and Eye Institute. Meeting on May 19 to continue work on new project to be reported at a later Sight Foundation meeting.

Web Page: Phyllis reported no problems.

PID Browning addressed the MD redistricting issue which will probably be decided at 2012 State Convention. How will redistricting affect the Sight Foundation structure: President Beecroft appointed a committee to study this problem: PDG Paul Amrhein chair, Trustee Charlie Biggs, Trustee PID Larry Johnson.

Trustee Billie introduced JW McCue, a vision coordinator from WV Dept. of Rehabilitation Services. Mr. McCue spoke about programs available to help visually impaired people return to work and how WVLSF could work with the rehabilitation program.

Grant Status: PID Browning reported that answers to question from LCIF were submitted satisfactorily. Decision on grant will be at next board meeting. Sight Foundation will be responsible for \$40,000.00 of pledge to Eye Institutes upon approval of grant. We sill still owe \$20,000.00 toward pledge.

New Business: Governor Jeff announced the donations of four pieces of optometric equipment by Dr. Stout of Morgantown valued at \$6500.00.

Governor Jeff also announced Dr. Lindburg from the Eye Institute is returning to volunteer work at Health Right in Morgantown and has a need for the Auto Refractor and Lens Analyzer. Governor Jeff recommended we donate these two instruments to Dr Lindburg and clinic. Trustee Paul motioned, Trustee Charlie 2nd: MOTION PASSED. There will be a plaque in the Health Right clinic recognizing the WVLSF donation. Governor Jeff motioned to present Dr. Stout with a humanitarian Award for his donation, Trustee Charlie 2nd: MOTION PASSED.

President Beecroft announced Paul Daugherty had resigned his position as Director of Development at WVU.

Discussion on service coordinators and guidelines:

PCC Glass expressed concern that all coordinators were not working together under written guidelines or had been trained properly. Much discussion ensued. President Beecroft mentioned the possibility of eliminating the service coordinator positions and asking the trustees to assume their duties. PID Browning replied that would be a constitutional issues and too late to bring before State Convention at Lakeview.

DG Jeff motioned that the WVLSFC adopt 200% of federal poverty guidelines as the WVLSFC guidelines. Governor Lisa 2nd. A discussion of borderline cases and policy manual wording ensued. MOTION PASSED.

VDG Dave Nicholson presented the Foundation with a \$4700.00 check from District I Elimination Dinner.

President Beecroft called for Executive Session following adjournment: Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Pete Johnson
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