

Lions Club 10-10-11

Meeting opened at 7 PM sharp with Lion Bruce Steffey leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Betty Payne praying the invocation.

Lion Tim served as acting secretary.

Club voted to dispense with the reading of the Sept meeting minutes. Lion Betty Payne made the motion, Lion Tim seconded.

Lion Sandy gave the current treasurer's report and indicated he'd provide a hardcopy to the club secretary. Extra copies of the report were made available to the membership.

Business agenda commenced after dinner with committee reports:

- Sight & Hearing, Lion Betty Payne:

-- Pediavision screening occurred at the "STOP" organization and another was planned for the Children's Center on Oct 26th at 9:30 AM.

-- The club did not purchase eyeglasses since the September meeting. However there are two new requests.

-- Smithfield Lions provided glucose screenings at the Senior Health Fair. During the event, our Lions met a Dr. that can help with hearing requests.

-- Club authorized Lion Betty to discussing hearing aid support with the Phoebus club.

-- Lion Betty attended the Eyeglass Recycle Board meeting. It was announced that a banner and 2 generators are missing from the center.

-- The club was asked if we would be supportive of a Saturday morning session at the eyeglass recycling center after the Cruz-Ins are over. We discussed including pizza as an incentive. Date of visit remains TBD.

- Travelling Leo, Lion Martin Payne:

-- We're schedule for a traveling Leo to the York Lions Club on 10-27-11.

(side note--this event was cancelled--makeup date is TBD)

-- Lions Bruce Young and Tim Marinelli are planning a visit to the Warwick Lions Club on 11-10-11 to explain Cruz-Ins. We can turn this into a Traveling Leo too. (side note--this event was cancelled too--probably won't happen until after the holidays)

- Nursing Home, Lion Betty Taylor:

-- Club will host Bingo at Riverside Oct 15th at 2 PM.

-- The Leo Club may perform holiday music during our November visit. If not, we'll do Bingo again.

- Bland Competition, Lion Bruce Steffey:

-- Lions Bruce and David are contacting the other zone clubs about our Jan

28th competition. In addition, Lion Tim is inviting the other clubs to participate during his visits as Zone Chairman.

-- Once applications become available, Lion Tim will send them to the Zone club secretaries.

-- As Membership Chairman, Lion Bruce encourage everyone to bring a perspective member to our next meeting. There was a recommendation that Lion Sol obtain more Smithfield meeting flyers.

- Leo Club, Lions Terry & Tim:

-- Recommendation was made to include the Leos in our visit the eyeglass recycling center.

-- A motion was made (Lion Tim) and seconded (Lion Bruce Young) to contribute \$500 to the SHS Band Booster Club Scholarship Fund. Motion carried unanimously. It was recommended to approach Lion Sol for a new large ceremonial check. Check (was presented on Nov 4th).

Meeting moved on to Old Business:

- Legacy Project Update, Lion Bruce Young:

-- Interpretive Trail Walk: Lion Bruce is in contact with Mr. Dave Goodridge--our point of contact with the Windsor Castle board. Mr. Goodridge is heading up the historical research effort. A member of the SHS administration is also involved--interviews with previous land owners may be conducted by SHS students. The board is currently drafting a list of folks who should be interviewed. It's hoped the seniors will be able to impart history regarding how their land was used, history of the area and the homes that existed on the property. In addition, the board is trying to obtain historical property records. In the meantime, our effort is on hold until this preliminary work is done.

- White Cane, Lion Bruce Young:

--The club raised \$437 is less than ideal weather. Lion Tim sent a "thank you" letter to Smithfield True Value.

- Cruz-Ins, Lion Tim:

-- Smithfield Lions raised \$230 at the Charlie Daniels Racing car show (held on

-- Smithfield Lions are about to break all records in attendance and fund raising, and our prospects in 2012 looking even better. Lion Tim encouraged members to distribute flyers for our 1st "Trunk & Treat." Some members stated they didn't receive the e-copy. Lion Tim took action to e-mail the flyer again.

-- Duke Automotive wants to discuss an annual sponsorship package. Lion

Tim hopes to obtain a \$1,000 sponsorship which would cover our annual S&H van donation. Therefore, all monies earned next year could remain with the club.

-- Lions Terry, Tom and Tim plan to meet with Lion Charlie (our host) to plan next year's events.

Meeting moved on to New Business:

- Smithfield Christmas Parade (Dec 10), Lion Terry: Lion Charlie offered us the opportunity to decorate our entries (S&H van and float) at his garage ahead of the parade. We also want the Lion's suit for the parade.

- Farmers Market Broom Sale, Lion Betty Payne:

-- Smithfield Lions will participate in Oct 29th Farmers Market (0830-1230). Tent will be provided by the market. We have new cases of brooms. However, new brooms should be ordered ahead of the 2012 price increase. (side note--event was rained out)

- Holiday Food Baskets, Lion Betty Payne:

-- The club agreed to donate 10 baskets at Thanksgiving & Christmas. We've tentatively earmarked Nov 19th for assembling baskets. The date however coincides with our monthly visit to Riverside. But, if the Leo Club performs that day, we can concentrate our efforts with food baskets.

-- Club members are encouraged to purchase turkeys (for our holiday food baskets) as they go on sale. Lion Tim offered frozen storage for purchases.

-- Lion Betty will check with her sister about using her garage for storage and build-up of food baskets.

-- Lion Betty encouraged members to bring money donations to the next meeting for baskets.

- Dates to Remember, Lion Terry:

-- Lion Terry reviewed all of our upcoming events. There was discussion regarding our attendance at the Rushmere Fire Department on Nov 11th. More details are needed regarding the start time and type of event. Lion Sandy will send our "spare change" check.

- Lion Tim announced our "spare change" collection for the evening. (side note--I gave the summary of money raised at the meeting to Sandy. I don't have a record all of the monies we took in)

- Lion Bruce Young pulled the winning 50/50 ticket. (side note--all I know is that I didn't win--I believe Betty Taylor won)

- Lion Terry adjourned the meeting @ 8:45--next one will occur on November 14th at the Smithfield Center, 7 PM.