

Vision Beyond Sight Foundation

Minutes June 21, 2008

10:00am

Pledge all

Prayer Jeffrey Stribing, PCC

In attendance:

Mike Curran, PDG	Lion John Davis	Lion Richard Teetsel
Lioness Betty Myers	Lion Sue Kimro	Robert Shively, PDg
Kimberly Stribing, PDG	Jeffrey Stribing, PCC	Lion Richard Jachimiak
Roger Haase, PDG	Lioness Barbara Stackpoole	Lion Len Thorton (Webmaster)

Excused

Lion Mike Shaver	Lion Dan Dunn	Lion Mike Buccheit
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Clarification of the Ross Eye Institute to help alleviate the confusion as follows:

The Ira G. Ross Eye Institute: Established through partnership with the Olmsted Center for the Visually Impaired, the University of Buffalo and Lions Clubs of WNY, is the first ever **Research, Diagnostic, Treatment, Low Vision and LIONS Volunteer Program** in the country.

Olmsted Low Vision Programs adjacent to the Institute:

Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Center for the Visually Impaired- Under the leadership of Lion Dr. Ron Maier, the Olmsted Center provides Guild Care an adult day care for Visually impaired. **Manufacturing Employment opportunities** for the visually impaired. Low Vision equipment and training are provided as well. In addition they provide a **Visually Impaired Pre-School, Housing for the Visually impaired, Orientation and Mobility and Rehabilitation Programs**

Statler Center- A unique concept in hospitality and computer training for visually impaired from around the world. It provides physically disabled individuals and those who are blind and visually impaired with the tools for successful careers in hotel operations, tourism and travel.

LIONS Programs within the Ross Eye institute

LIONS Diagnostic Center- Housed within the Ross Eye Institute has the most state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment equipment in the region. The equipment is purchased by the generous donations of Lions Clubs through the Vision Beyond Sight Foundation.

Lions Volunteer Office- sponsored by the Lions of WNY – provides volunteers to assist patients in filling out forms, assists the staff by answer phones, calling patients regarding appointments and filing papers.

Lions SEE Program- Sponsored by Lions Clubs International and Lions of MD-20, NY state & Bermuda- provides vision screening to Pre-K Children using Photo-screener's as well as Digital Sure Shot. After screening the pictures of the children's eyes along with digital imprint are forwarded to the Ross Eye Institute to be evaluated and then Lion Jennifer Butkowski, the program administrator performs follow-up.

Lions care for indigent- Should a patient be referred to the Ross Eye Institute for Care without proper insurance or financial ability, the Lions club closest to where they live will be notified to insure that they are taken care of.

The Vision Beyond Sight Foundation- is the not-for-profit 501c3 foundation where contributions are made in order to provide the funding for the Lions Diagnostic Center at the Ross Eye Institute. Representatives from clubs throughout District 20N serve as Delegates and Alternates of the Board to promote fundraising efforts by the clubs as well as promote the Ross Eye Institute and its programs.

University of Buffalo Programs of the Ross Eye Institute

All of the Eye research head up by Lion Dr. James Reynolds, CEO of the Ross Eye Institute is performed at the University of Buffalo Department of Ophthalmology and Bio-medical Sciences.

The Students at UB also assist the LIONS SEE Program by screening evaluation.

The Ross Eye Institute Serves as a teaching Facility for Students of university Of Buffalo.

Chair Assignments:

Delegate Relations Chair:	Sue Kumro
Fundraising Chair:	Mike Curran
Volunteer Chairman:	Jeffrey Stribing
Legislative Activities Chair:	Kimberly Stribng
Webmaster:	Lion Len Thornton
Publicity Chair:	Richard Teetsel

Reports

Cycle for Sight: Mike Curran:

4 clubs \$900 lot of time, not worth the efforts. Tom from Toms Pro-Bike has not followed through as promised. Three clubs did all the work, West Seneca, Lancaster, little valley and other volunteers. Mike Shaver put report together.

Lion Kimberly will check with Lancaster to see if they will take over the Cycle for Sight!

Kimberly suggested that we as a board should not be running the fundraisers, the clubs need to run them we will promote them and accept their kind donation but we will not run them.

Kensington Lions Club is hosting a fundraising event where ½ proceeds will go to VBSF.

Ask a club or a couple of clubs to sponsor an event together. Haase: whoever takes on challenges we have a representative at the Meeting. In our name. Delegate from club should report event

Pool Raffle: Kiamberly Stribing chairperson. Authority to print tickets & find date – Davis/Shively

Polish Heritage Festival: Haase reported that we have two cases of unopened canvas totebags.

Donate the bags to the Polish Heritage Festival (Haase, Shively) Haase will contact Josziak to get rid of them

Swing for Sight Cancelled June 12, not enough people involved and price scared Lions Away.

Website: developing a website has to have input before you start creating it. Chairman will work with Len. Infor about organization, Fundraising, Speaker packages, Links to other organization

Vision Beyond Sight Foundation.org,

Home page differentiate what we are. Resource, Press Release, logos, event son behalf of organization, History Foundation. Officers Delegates Calendar Meeting Dates, Volunteers and their duties. Download and input form to

submit, Equipment we purchase, What we have accomplished. Electronic newsletter sign up form. Publish quarterly. Minutes, and Treasurers reports. Link to 20N website.

Pay pal to give online. Approved Pay Pay. Haase/Curran

Just under 900 patients have been seen at Lions Diagnostic Center. Latino club had someone from Puerto Rico. Have Personal Story and Testimonial. Steve Metz Story.

Responsibilities of Volunteers: at this time mostly clerical filing. Mundane office work ½ dozen people. Build up the Presence. Recognition of Volunteers

Teetsel: Lady from South Carolina children get help from State but there Lions Helped her get glasses.

Recognition. Cabinet recognition dinner – Volunteers. We might have a pin created for recognition.

Speakers tool Kit and brochures.

Kimberly create brochure bring to Teetsel to add info. Bring to September meeting.

Get DVD to Len for website

Finances:

Mail is picked up by Lion Jeff and checks are brought to Lion Mike Shaver at M & T who copies checks and deposits and forward copy to Lion John Davis who then records payments on pledges giving the corporation proper checks and balance. Bank Statements are mailed directly to John Davis as well. Also a copy is mailed to Barb Stackpoole, financial secretary who sends out thank yous.

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Most Lions Clubs are not 501C3 if they say to benefit VBSF their pancake breakfast are tax deductible

Assignments:

Richard Jachimiak will be contact DG Jim about putting Neighbor for Sight in Packet for each Presidents packet

Bob Shively will work with Lion Tom on Walk for Sight.

Kensington Lion ½ go to VBSF

Treasurer Report (see attached)

Total income: \$206,691.05 Total Expenses \$27,927.24 Net Balance: \$178,763.81

\$379.03 was for VDG visit

\$375.00 newsletter was for sixth month of advertisement

Acceptance (Curran, Kumro)

Authorize \$150,000 matured CD to turn over to the Ross Eye Institute, for the benefit of the Lions Diagnostic Center (Teetsel, Shively)

Finance report (see attached)

Presented by John Shaver

Last record ends in May 31, 2008 as treasurer report is up to date to clarify discrepancy.

All state and federal tax return are up to date, everything is up to date

Check to see if Mike Shaver has a copy.

14 sources at least \$4,000 account more than 80% of our profit.

Newfane and Randolph have not completed their pledge. Send letter as a reminder.

Motion as amended (Curran/Haase)

Chairman Jachimiak will ask Myrna Reynolds to replace Lioness Betty Myers on the Board

Goals:

Focus attention on the Lions Diagnostic and Imaging Center

Will speak at next cabinet meeting

Need to have a single vision

Need new brochure

Lions Diagnostic and Imaging Center

Publicity (identify spokesperson to lions and others)

Speakers tool kit (multi-media, brochure, talking point, who we are and , update website

We have a good story to tell. Local newspapers are looking for that

Our purpose, clarify who everybody is, VBSF we raise money and provide volunteers

Determine Board Roll. Delegates roll

We are governing body and we make decisions Finally collaborate on major fundraising into road map on how we will raise \$400,000

Chairman Goals adopted – Teetsel/Shively

Meeting Dates as suggested by Chairman Jachimiak approved – Curran/Kumro

Suggest Grant writing, jointly with Ross Olmsted instead of competing with each other

Walk for sight, journey for sight, Tom Witkowski proceeds will be for VBSF

Grant In Dr. Reynolds hands for grant with Tom Witkowski

We really have to sit down and do it.

Jachimiak with all our connections hopes to get M &T

Haase: will work on boiler plate package that needs to be updated. Format is there needs to be updated Make a package we can modify for each source. Build on grant applications.

Teetsel: Publicity: We got excellent bee when we made our purpose for VBSF we could pass message from BEE for their fundraiser. Use as a publicity Template.

September 9th next meeting

Motion Curran/Stackpoole.

Adjourn.