

NEW MEXICO EYE FOUNDATION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2011 MEETING

The meeting of the trustees of the New Mexico Eye Foundation began at 9:30 with a welcome to all new trustees by President Lion Christel Post.

Lion Gemma Ferguson conducted the roll call. All trustees and advisors were in attendance except for Lion Lenny Bean who was conducting an eye screening, Lion John Chess who was excused and Lion George Mulholland.

Items discussed:

- Request to help defray the cost of an eye surgery for a Farmington area resident. The request was given to Lion Donna Talley to investigate further
- Eye Van – request for \$407.95 (on credit card) for repairs and general maintenance. Also request to allocate no more than \$3,000 to repair the transmission. Lions Dot & Lenny Bean currently keep the van at their home and would like to store it in a secure facility at a later date. Lion Ruben Vigil moved to approve the allocation of \$3,000 for transmission repairs, Lion Lucky Sells seconded. Motion carried.
- Request from Lion Dot to allocate \$1,600 from the St. Joseph's Grant to use at Special Olympics in Las Cruces and Albuquerque to purchase t-shirts, hats, etc. Lion Gemma Ferguson moved to approve, Lion Mona Fredrick seconded. Motion carried. Lion Dot also requested \$600 to use for lodging at the Special Olympics screenings. It was decided that those expenses should be charged to the credit card.
- The President read a portion of the letter from the St. Joseph's Foundation that stated they intend that the money can be spent on various community needs including Special Olympics.
- The President asked Lion Chuck Galusha for the 2010-2011 budget for the Kid Sight program. Lion Chuck handed out the 2010-2011 final report.

The meeting was adjourned for a break and reconvened at 10:00 for all Lions.

The President stated that the trustees make all the decision for the foundation and the president is there to guide. All the trustees don't have to agree with the outcome of any decision, but the majority rules.

Minutes – The previous minutes had been sent by Lion Bryson McCool by email to all and were also posted on the NM Lions web site. One correction to the previous minutes – PCC Lion Jeff Kriz should be listed as an advisor, not a liaison. Lion Mary Jean Reese moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Lion Franklin McKay seconded. Motion carried. DG's Claudia Jensen and Shelly Smith should also get a copy of the minutes this year.

Treasurer's Report – Lion Ruben Vigil reviewed the treasurer's report. PDG Lion Bill Guss moved to approve, DG Claudia Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Kid Sight - PID Gordon Post wants to see an accounting. Lion Mary Marley wants detailed reports as she is the treasurer of the Foundation. Lion Chuck stated that this is the first meeting that he didn't bring the data. Lion Lucky Sells stated he wanted to see the income vs. expenses and trustees should get a

hard copy of all. Lions Chuck stated there is a separate account at Wells Fargo for Kid Sight. Lion Mary Jean stated that the trustees need to know all the expenses and the Foundation should write the checks. Lion Chuck said he'll form his own 501 (C)(3). The President stated that if that is done, all monies received from the St. Joseph's Grant would have to be returned to the Foundation. The \$150,000 LCIF grant was returned because our program couldn't operate under their guidelines. Kid Sight has purchased one piece of equipment. Lion Bill Waugh was the executive of the Kid Sight committee and gave authority to apply for grants. Lion Bryson is also on the Kid Sight committee. On June 10, 2011, \$25,000 was given to Kid Sight from the St. Joseph's Foundation and was requested for camera expense and changed after the fact for general use. Why? Lion Melissa Washburn stated that the past is past and we should go forward. Lion Lucky suggested that a finance committee be established before the next meeting. President Christel asked that he be on the committee. Lion Franklin moved to establish a finance committee to look at all aspects of the Foundation monies. Lion Ruben seconded. Motion carried. Lion Lucky suggested that Lion Mary chair the committee with Lions Lucky & Mary Jean as the other members.

UNM Project – PCC Jeff Kriz stated the grant that was submitted to LCIF has been returned to be rewritten. He and DG Shelly had a phone conference with Sight First II. Lion Jeff has also met with the Sight First II director. Recently a Kansas request for a grant similar to ours was approved. The Sight First II director indicated that \$250,000 for three years would be more acceptable to them. They will vote on it in January. LCIF wants to spend more money in the U.S., they are not receiving many grant requests from the U.S. On the question of donated money, if the building is not built, the money will stay with UNM for the project. UNM is going to build it with or without our help. We have \$6,500 – money that has been donated in large part in memory of Lion Chuck Easton. President Christel asked about a letter that was signed last year stating that we will raise \$3M. Lion Jeff stated that the letter was just in support of the project. The NM Lions are in no way responsible for the \$3M. The NM Eye Foundation was originally founded for the purpose of building a research facility. There have been a few problems with UNM contacting people on the lists that we have given. The Lions name recognition is not good. The personal or phone contacts will be made by Lions Jeff, Shelly, and PCC Tom Himrod. All donations should be made to UNM. The project has not broken ground yet but the site has been assigned to the facility. They still need names of people to contact. Lion Shelly stated that LCIF wants to stay involved after the grant is approved. We all need to continue to help with names.

Lion Mary moved to adjourn. The meeting closed at 11:00.