

NEW MEXICO LIONS EYE FOUNDATION
Minutes
OFFICERS & TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President PDG Tom Himrod at 9:05 AM.

Present: President PDG Tom Himrod, Secretary Bernie Holzapfel, Treasurer PDG Ruben Vigil, DG 40N Chuck Easton, MDCC Jeff Kriz, Gemma Ferguson, Rita & Juan Lucero, Bryson McCool, Phil Marvel, George Mulholland, PID Gordon Post, Melissa Washburn.

Absent: Chuck Galusha, PID Ray Marley, Heidi Martinez, John Miller.

President's Comments: PDG Tom Himrod welcomed all and briefly reviewed activities since the last meeting..

Secretary's Report: On motion made by DG Chuck Easton, seconded by Phil Marvel the minutes of the November 15, 2008 meeting were approved without comments or changes. - Secretary Bernie Holzapfel noted that other than a few thank you letters for donations there was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: PDG Ruben Vigil reported account totals of \$107,925.00 as of February 21, 2009. Receipts since November 15, 2008 amounted to \$4,675.00 consisting of donations and payment by the State for screening of dilated diabetics. Expenses during the same period were \$3,080.00 which included the insurance premium for the van. On motion made by PID Gordon Post, seconded by Gemma Ferguson the treasurer's report was approved. - PDG Ruben Vigil suggested that we transfer the funds in the reserve account from H&R Block to a local bank for easier access and better communications. There were no objections. - It was also suggested that the clubs which donated to Foundation be recognized the Roar.

Committee Reports

Scheduling/Conditon of Eye Van: Rita Lucero suggested that reservations for the eye van be made as soon as possible since the schedule for the summer and fall is starting to fill up. - Juan Lucero reported that the windshield on the driver's side needs to be replaced at a cost of \$700.00 to \$800.00. During the next year the van will also need new brakes.

Screenings: Bernie Holzapfel announced that we will have a screening for legislators and their staff on February 27 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe. This is in cooperation with the NM Academy of Ophthalmology. He reported that screenings at La Familia Medical Center in Santa Fe have resumed. Two screenings were held so far with more scheduled for March and April.

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Operation KidSight: Bryson McCool announced that ten cameras are now active in New Mexico. During 2007/08 3,100 children were screened. So far in 2008/09 already 6,200 children were screened. - We will apply to LCIF for a grant of \$150,000 to be paid over three years. These funds can be used for administration of the program, but not for the purchase of cameras. It is planned to established a central office in Albuquerque with a full time salaried employee to apply for grants to help sustain the program, collect screening results, and handle referrals from clubs. - A new camera (PediaVision) is being evaluated, but has not as yet been approved by Lions Int'l. It has certain advantages over the camera we now use. The acquisition cost is \$9,500.00 per unit with an annual license fee of \$1,800.00 (waived for the first year). There is no limit on the number pictures taken per year

Fund Raising: Rose Himrod followed up on the suggestion to conduct a Phantom Ball this year instead of the normal Eye of the Future Ball. The purpose is to raise funds and also to thank the doctors who have helped with eye screening by providing them with gift certificates for restaurants, stores, hotels etc. She read a letter which is being sent to all clubs asking for their cooperation.

Old Business

MDCC Jeff Kriz briefly reviewed the current status of the UNM project. He will give a more detailed report at today's MD40 Council meeting. He stated that Lions are not asked to make any donations but rather to provide names of and introduction to potential donors who will then be contacted by UNM's professional fund raisers.

New Business

President Tom Himrod presented two requests for assistance received by the Foundation. One is for \$400.00 to help with cataract surgery from a person in Carrizozo, submitted by the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions. The request was approved on motion by MDCC Jeff Kriz, seconded by DG Chuck Easton. - The second is for \$350.00 for gas permeable contact lenses for a Window Rock student, submitted by the Gallup Lions. The request was approved on motion by MDCC Jeff Kriz, seconded by DG Chuck Easton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted.
Bernhard "Bernie" Holzapfel, Secretary