

BOARD MEETING OF THE CACTUS LIONS CLUB
AUGUST 1, 2006
Minutes taken by Maureen Kofkee

Members Present

Dean Baird
Bob Nelson
John Massey
Fannie Mae Massey
Hal Griffin
Tena Andrews
Maureen Kofkee
Boyd King
Lou Voit

The meeting was called to order by President Tena Andrews at 6:38 p.m.

Old Business

Secretary John Massey read the minutes of the July board meeting.

Secretary John Massey read the financial report for July 2006. Fannie Mae Massey made a motion to accept the financial report as read. Dean Baird seconded the motion. The motion to accept the financial report as read carried.

New Business

President Tena Andrews suggested that John Massey, Hal Griffith, Fannie Mae Massey and Tena Andrews plus the individual chosen to fill the currently vacant position of Second Vice President plan to meet within the next two weeks to discuss the 2007 budget.

Discussion was held over which member might be best suited to become Second Vice President. Maureen Kofkee stated that she would consider taking the position, and that she would have a decision by the club meeting time the following day.

Discussion was held over who should receive the \$1000 Melvin Jones Sight First award. A recipient was selected and approved by the board. The award will be presented at a future Cactus Lions event.

Hal Griffin read a proposal written by Sandy Griffin. The proposal asked the Board to consider aiding John Bruce, an Abilene individual who will soon be eligible to receive a leader dog, in paying for Cactus Lions Club dues and/or some club meeting meals. Discussion was held on the topic and issues were raised about whether Mr. Bruce would have transportation to meetings, how much and for how long the club would aid with dues and meals, what type of membership might be considered for Mr. Bruce, and whether approving this case might set a precedent for future similar cases. John Massey spoke in favor of a partial, not full, payment of Mr. Bruce's expenses. Lou Voit

mentioned that Mr. Bruce might be invited to join the branch club and said that he would speak with Sandy Griffith before the club's business meeting. Discussion was tabled until the club can hear more details during the business meeting on August 2, 2006.

Boyd King reported that the Cross Plains volunteer fire department has received help in both monetary donations and new volunteers. They have gotten a new fire trucked funded, but they still need wild land fire gear for the new members. The total cost of the gear is in the \$1900 range, and the Cross Plains FD already has received funding for \$1000 of that cost. Boyd King suggested that the Board consider contributing to the new gear, and Board members decided that the budget group would discuss the amount of the donation during their meeting.

Lou Voit brought an opportunity for fundraising before the Board. Branch Club member Eric Gough provided a flier explaining how Stream Energy might allow the club to raise funds through the sale of power by club members. Because of the nature of the fundraising set up, Board Members were reluctant to participate. John Massey pointed out that Lions International might require the club to submit 20% of our earnings. After discussion, the Board decided not to pursue this fundraising opportunity. Fannie Mae made a motion that the club not get involved with fundraising through Stream Energy. Bob Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Bob Nelson brought up International President Jimmy Ross's recent communication recommending how clubs can re-evaluate their effectiveness on a variety of levels. Discussion was held over how many Lions actually received the communication directly. Maureen Kofkee stated that she would be interested in reading the communication and perhaps guiding the club through some evaluation activities if the Board approved.

August birthdays are:

8/2 Thomas Morris
8/5 Marlin Steven
8/7 Irene Grant
8/10 Lou Voit
8/16 Eric Gough
8/25 Dean Baird

August programs are:

8/9 Blair Haynie, TX DOT Engineer
8/16 Lady from the zoo who will bring a critter
8/23 Steve Able from the Better Business Bureau
8/30 Randy Gentry from old time radio

Hal Griffin said that he hoped the club would try to get one Lion-focused program per month as well as include programs by groups that we give money to.

The Board Meeting was set for Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at Dean Baird's office.

The meeting was adjourned by President Tena Andrews at 7:40 p.m.