

**TLC Foundation
Board of Director's Meeting
January 17, 2024**

The TLC Foundation Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:41 pm at Thurmont Regional Library. The meeting was called to order by President Susan Favorite. Present were Mr. Doug Favorite, Mr. Don Keeney, Jr., Ms. Dianne McLean, Mrs. Nancy Echard, Ms. Debbie Schray, Mrs. Ruth Heaney, Ms. Lisa Riffle and Ms. Joyce Anthony.

Absent: Mr. David Crum; Mrs. Julie El-Taher, Mrs. Kim Grimm, Ms. Bev Nunemaker and Ms. Sharon Morgan

Guests: PDG Paul Cannada, Mr. Larry Steinly, Mrs. Stephanie Steinly

The Minutes for the November 15, 2023 meeting were presented by Ms. Joyce Anthony for review. Mrs. Nancy Echard made a motion to approve the Minutes as written. Second by Ms. Dianne McLean. Motion passed.

The November and December 2023 Financial Reports were submitted by Mr. Doug Favorite for review. President Susan Favorite mentioned the \$89.10 for the ad for Rex Davis fundraiser was not to be charged by the Catocin Banner. She will contact Deb Spadding regarding this item. Mr. Doug Favorite reported the club bought another cooker from the Westminster Lions Club. The cooker couldn't be repaired, so they turned in the metal. An anomalous donation was received to cover the shortfall for George Bolling's dedication. On the December 2023 Financial Report, Ms. Joyce Anthony noted Item 85 should read "... Geo Bolling pictures (\$53.56) and postage for the Bolling family (\$24.53)." President Susan Favorite noted Item 86 that the funds should be earmarked for Toys for Tots. Ms. Debbie Schray will do an article for the February newsletter. Item 92, the word "Slack" should be changed to "Slicktext". Mrs. Nancy Echard made a motion to file the reports for audit subject to be above corrections. Second by Ms. Dianne McLean. Motion passed.

President Susan Favorite mentioned ads for advertising should not be placed in the Catocin Banner more than once unless specified by the chairperson when submitting the ad.

TLC Foundation Draft Budget for January-December 2024 – Mr. Doug Favorite presented the draft budget for the TLC Foundation for January-December 2024 to the Board for approval. The Board added \$100 for Roar like a Lion and \$150 for Police Recognition and Senior Center Christmas Party. It was noted the word "BS" would be changed to "Scouts" since the troop included both girls and boys. Ms. Debbie Schray made a motion to approve the budget incorporating the above changes. Second by Dianne McLean. Motion passed. The budget will be presented to the Membership at the January 24th meeting.

Tabled Items

Recognition of Police Officers in January – Ms. Debbie Schray delivered various drinks and hand written notes to the Police Department on January 16th in appreciation of Law Enforcement Day on January 9, 2024. Labels were attached to the drinks and the club members wrote messages to the police officers. They were very appreciative and thanked the club for their support and kindness.

Roar like a Lion (RLAL) Event – Ms. Dianne McLean reported Ms. Joyce Anthony and herself attended a meeting held by FVDG Susan Cox at the 3rd Cabinet meeting. The RLAL event will be held on April 6. Region Chair Wendy Drum is canvassing the Frederick County Libraries to determine where the event will be held. The Leo clubs are invited to participate. At the January 13, 2024, the District approved \$2,000 for each of the four regions to support the event. The funds will be coming from a grant.

Old Business

VDG 2nd Service Challenge – Food Locker - Ms. Dianne McLean reported she has received 738 items to date. After the January 24th Membership meeting, Ms. Sharon Morgan will deliver all items to the students going to a campus college such as Frostburg at Hagerstown (not a community college). Ms. Joyce Anthony will notify FVDG Susan Cox the number of items donated.

Options for Wreaths across America – The committee consists of Ms. Debbie Schray and Mr. Don Keeney, Jr.. They talked about various ideas to support the national holiday Wreaths across America rather than purchasing wreaths. Some of the suggestions were:

- a. Purchasing stands for the wreaths
- b. Putting a flag on the graves
- c. Grave markers
- d. Coin or stone on each Veteran's grave
Each stone would specify a different logo
Possibly alternate between years a stone and flag
- e. Look for Corporate support from local companies
- f. Wreath sponsor
- g. Put one wreath for each branch of service at each church
- h. Put one wreath for each branch of service in Memorial Park or at the square

The committee will obtain more information, e.g., flat stones, etc. Ms. Carie Stafford will report how many wreaths were actually bought for 2023. A free wreath was not received this year if you bought two. Ms. Lisa Riffle made a motion to table the action until the next meeting. Second by Mr. Don Keeney, Jr. Motion passed.

Catoctin Youth Association Soccer Club (CYASC) – Ms. Joyce Anthony received a letter from Kimberly Andrews, President of CYASC, requesting a donation to sponsor the youth soccer club by helping to provide full financial aid for players, uniforms and equipment offsetting the cost of tournament expenses. Action was tabled until Community Night.

CHS Music Program Sponsorship – Ms. Joyce Anthony received a request from Evan Felmet, Band Director at CHS, requesting financial support to help the music program in order to provide musical opportunities to acquire instruments, fund scholarships for financially disadvantaged students and provide essential resources. Ms. Dianne McLean made a motion to provide \$100 to support the program. Second by Ms. Lisa Riffle. Motion passed.

Fundraisers in General – Ms. Joyce Anthony commented individuals were asking about the outcome of the fundraisers, e.g., how much money was raised, etc. It was noted all members are invited to the Board meetings. Sometimes the final outcome is reported in the club's newsletter. **The Board made the decision if anyone having a question about the funding outcome, or if someone asked what was the final profit, the question should be answered by saying "(x) dollars were made before expenses being deducted."**

Cookie Bakeoff Update – Mr. Larry Steinly reported the cookie contest was successful, everyone involved enjoyed the contest and were looking forward to the contest next year. It was suggested the contest could be publicized more in the future by placing the event on Channel 99, putting signs up early at major events or businesses and flyers around town. Ms. Lisa Riffle suggested there should be a children and an adult contest next year. The funds received will be provided to Toys for Tots.

Christmas Ornaments – President Susan Favorite expressed all 2023 Christmas ornaments were sold and the club made a profit of \$1,427.75. Mr. Albie Little also sold several prior year Christmas ornaments.

Soup Fundraiser – Ms. Joyce Anthony reported orders have been received for 46 quarts to date. She has picked up 60 pounds of sausage donated by Shuff’s Meat Market and Rocko’s Meat Market. She urged everyone to spread the word. A flyer will be distributed to the JerMae community.

New Business

Financial Assistance – Mr. Doug Favorite reported there was a request approved for vision assistance. The local resident had an earlier request approved.

3rd VDG Service Challenge – The 3rd VDG Service Challenge is Diabetes Awareness. During the January 24th Membership meeting, President Susan Favorite will request a volunteer to chair the service challenge.

Catoctin Connector Night – President Susan Favorite received a request from Sabillasville Elementary School (SES) and Catoctin High School (CHS) they were providing meals for families on January 24, 2024. They have invited the Thurmont Lions Club to set up an information table at the event. President Susan Favorite expressed that the club would not be attending the SES event. IPDG Nadja Muchow has volunteered to attend the CHS event as the club representative. The Emmitsburg Lions Club will also be attending the event. Ms. Debbie Schray made a motion to donate \$150 toward the Community Night meal. Second by Mr. Doug Favorite. Motion passed.

Thurmont Lions 2024 Tour de Catoctin – Mr. Larry Steinly presented to the Board an Action Plan for a Tour de Catoctin bicycling event. He outlined the objectives of the event, initial goals, information on the bicycle ride, the bicycle route, registration, community collaboration/support and the support he will need from the Thurmont Lions. The registration will be done on line with Mrs. Maxine Troxell’s help, and a cost of \$60 to rent the pavilion. It was suggested to check with Gnarly Artly to obtain tee shirts for the event. The recommended date is September 28, 2024. There will be more information to follow.

2024 Annual Easter Egg Fundraiser – Mr. Doug Favorite reported the Easter egg fundraiser is in the planning stage. The egg will be deep green and contain a picture of the trolley car.

Table Comments

- a. Volunteer of the Year – Ms. Joyce Anthony asked if the club would be doing the Volunteer of the Year since it was listed under her name but not on the Committee List. President Susan Favorite replied “yes”, and guess what, Ms. Joyce Anthony will be chairperson.
- b. Colorfest – Mrs. Nancy Echard expressed Vickie Grinder and Carol Robertson were interested in the Thurmont Lion Club’s spot for Colorfest. President Susan Favorite indicated the club will be having a full food booth this year, and we would need the space.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Joyce Anthony

Lion Joyce Anthony
Secretary

Note: Since there wasn’t a quorum for the meeting, all actions were tentatively approved subject to receiving approval from Board members not in attendance. Attached to the Minutes is a copy of the action items which received the necessary votes for final approval.