

## **Board Meeting 9/2/21**

Meeting called to order @ 6:33 p.m.

### **Welcome – Lion Matt Rafa**

Secretary's Minutes from last Board Meeting

Reviewed online by Lion Matt.

Motion by Lion Jan Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mike Rafa, approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Lion Mary Ann Rafa

\$737.17 made from the Craft Fair.

Motion by Lion Chris Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jan Ross, approved by unanimous vote

Membership – Lion Jan Ross

1 new member in July– Faith Hicks

2 meetings; exploring new ways to invite members, may create Leo Clubs for schools.

Motion by Lion Chris Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Kris Quinn, approved by unanimous vote.

The Road Forward

Noticing a marked decline in volunteers.

State of WV predicts increases in COVID cases at least until November. (Per Lion Matt)

In home visits not allowed until June 2022. (Per Lion Jan)

Lion Mike Rafa observed that people seem to fall into two camps; the very afraid due to COVID and the defiant doers despite COVID.

Motion made to transition back to only working virtually through 2021.

Motion by Lion Jackie Coleman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mike Rafa, approved by unanimous vote.

Lion Mary Ann Rafa stated that this will require the budget to be amended.

How do we increase volunteerism among our members?

Lion Jackie Coleman suggested that information may need to be more streamlined. Perhaps assume members are unaware of facts and restate them. (bullet points?)

Also she suggested perhaps many members are unfamiliar with Spond.

Lion Mike Maguire suggested offering a tutorial or refresher to members on using Spond.

Lion Matt has not had time to contact each member by phone to poll them about communication preferences due to increased work demands. Lion Jackie offered to make the calls using a prepared questionnaire.

Lion Pat Mercer suggested including in the phone calls that all polls and requests are answered yes or no.

### **Old Business**

Flags for Heroes 9/11

Lion Julie Davis said set-up will be Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Take-down will be Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

No programs are scheduled.

September 11 program at the Ohio County Airport

OVVLC will not participate due to a low volunteer response.

Blanket Tying Event

The Highlands sports complex is booked solid. The only availability is Thursdays 1-3. Since in person events are not recommended this event will be postponed.

Volunteering at the Recycling Center

The Solid Waste Authority lost its Director. A poll was generated on Spond to see if OVVLC could man the recycling center a couple hours each week.

This has been postponed.

Foundation form approval

Lion Matt included copies of the forms required in our email. This must be presented for vote at the Board meeting and at the general meeting.

Motion to approve the formation of a foundation for the good of the children of Ohio County.

Motion by Lion Pat Mercer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jennie Berdine, approved by unanimous vote.

Trex Recycling Program – Lion Mike Rafa

We have a new partner, Wheeling Country Day School

1000 lbs of plastic have been collected.

We will shop for bids on creating plates for the benches.

### **New Business**

## Craft Show before Christmas

Due to the unanimous vote to work virtually for the remainder of 2021 this was disbanded.

## Book Drive for Little Free Library

Katy Kurz is an Usborne representative. She detailed two fundraising ideas in an email to Lion Matt.

1. Party for a Purpose: people buy books online via a facebook "party". Lion Jennie suggested the term party is overused and a misnomer. It will be rebranded as a Book Fair.
2. Book Drive: people can purchase books online for OCVLC. These will be donated to local schools and put in our Little Free Libraries. Usborne books will match all donations 50%.

Lion Mary Ann asked whether we still have a surplus of books. Lion Matt responded that we do. These books would be a better quality. Plus it is a fundraiser that requires no effort on our part.

## Another Dine to Donate

Lion Matt said the last one earned us \$98

Lion Jackie asked if the event was an implicit statement by OCVLC that in-person gatherings are encouraged.

Lion Mary Ann observed the event sends a mixed message.

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## **Meeting Attendees:**

Matt Rafa

Mary Ann Rafa

Mike Rafa

Pat Mercer

Chris Doty

Jackie Coleman

Jan and Greg Ross

Julie Davis

Jen Berdine

Mike Maguire

Kristine Quinn

Motion to adjourn by Mike Rafa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Davis, meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.