

## General Meeting 9/16/21

Meeting called to order @ 6:32 p.m.

### **Welcome – Lion Matt Rafa**

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Lion Eda on the passing of her husband and Lion Kendra and the Hoffman family on their loss.

Lion Matt welcomed **Lion John Yao Agbodzalu** joining from Ghana.

Lion Jesse Riddile was inducted by Lion Wendy.

Lion Jesse is a police officer of 28 years in Pittsburgh. He found OCVLC online.

His sponsor is Lion Jan. He has a wife and two children.

Attended Lions Leadership Forum

Showed presentation

Posted Lions Mission Statement

Brought back dangle pins for members who earned them and bachelor pins.

Has patches to affix to our banner.

President Douglas Alexander spoke. All Lions share a common goal.

Lion Matt stressed our model of “cafeteria style volunteerism”-just do what you can

Next global summit is Oct. 23 online

Campaign 100 – adding to the account is important. Lion Matt will match any donations.

WV receives more than it gives due to natural disasters. Name created in the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Lions service in 2017.

Lion Mike Turbanic is our LCIF chair. He will have more forthcoming.

Secretary’s Minutes from last Board Meeting

Reviewed online by Lion Jackie.

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

Treasurer’s Report – Lion Mary Ann Rafa

Due to the decision to return to solely virtual events for now she drafted a revised budget.

Projected from \$10,000 to \$8,000 – a 20% decrease

To be revised as needed.

Lion Jan reminded us that our 2-year probation period ends in February so we can have a 50/50 raffle then.

Motion by Lion Pat Mercer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Chris Doty, approved by unanimous vote

Membership – Lion Jan Ross

68 members, 2 associate members

Committee will work with the OCBOE to reach new members.

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

Relay for Life

Netted \$2,000 – 5<sup>th</sup> top team

Pepperoni Roll Sale

Working with Pizza Express

Sell by 10/18

Pick up at Garden Park and White Palace on 10/23 and 10/24

Delivery on 10/25

Blankets

Dual purpose; comfort and temperature regulation

WPHS ACS Youth Board will cut

**Old Business**

Flags for Heroes 9/11

Lion Julie Davis said a small team got flags removed on 9/16 in less than 1 ½ hours.

Will be getting metal sprouts.

Last event for this year is for 11/11. Information will be on Spond.

Oglebay wants to help for 11/11/22.

Volunteering at the Recycling Center

Anyone who can volunteer at the recycling center at The Highlands contact Lion Matt.

This has been postponed.

Foundation form approval

Lion Matt included copies of the forms required in our email.

This makes donations tax deductible.

Most grants require this.

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

Motion by Chris Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Mary Ann Rafa, approved by unanimous vote.

## **New Business**

### Book Drive for Little Free Library

Katy Kurz in 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”. It will be rebranded as a Book Fair. Oct. 14 at 8:30.
2. Book Drive: people can purchase books online for OCVLC. These will be donated to local schools and put in our Little Free Libraries. We have 11 so far. Usborne books will match all donations 50%. An anonymous donor will match \$250. Oct. 1 – 10

Share all ads on Facebook.

Gift Certificates will be available.

Book plates for donated books are in the works.

Lion Mary Ann suggested people buy books as gifts.

### Committee Reports

Environmental: Lion Mike Rafa said we’re working on the 12<sup>th</sup> bench. 350 of necessary 500 lbs have been collected.

Hunger: Lion Matt said St. Vincent students are working with the Mountaineer Food Bank. Kids learn math and money in this partnership. “Un-canned Food Drive”

Lion Julie spoke about Blessing Boxes. The need is real. Need donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, cleaning products, winter boots and gloves, etc

Lion Jan reminded us to donate COVID products as well.

When adding items to a Blessing Box post a photo on our Facebook page.

Sight and Hearing: an application was approved so the benefactor has an eye appointment with Dr. Pockl.

**Happy Birthday to Lion Mike Rafa, Lion Matt Rafa, Lion Chris Doty and Lion Wendy Cain**

### **Meeting Attendees:**

Matt Rafa

Kendra Huffman

Mary Ann Rafa

Kim Roberts

Mike Rafa

Pat Mercer

Chris Doty

Jackie Coleman

Jan and Greg Ross

Julie Davis

Jesse Riddile

Motion to adjourn by Mike Rafa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Davis, meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.