

## **General Meeting 11/18/21**

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

### **Welcome – Lion Matt Rafa**

Lion Matt welcomed District Governor Lion Ramona Sago and second vice-governor Lion Daniel Heintzman.

He posted the Lion Mission Statement.

He reminded us the theme for international president, Douglas X. Alexander, 'Service from the Heart'.

Birthdays for November-December: Lion Becky, Lion Kendra, Lion Ralph, and Lion John.

### **Secretary's Minutes from last Board Meeting**

Reviewed online by Lion Jackie.

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

### **Treasurer's Report – Lion Mary Ann Rafa**

Lion Mary Ann detailed revenue from the August craft fair, the pepperoni roll sale, the lemonade stand, and recycling revenue.

Fundraising is a bit below expectations.

The full report is posted.

Lion Matt Rafa stated fundraising and events have been a struggle and encouraged all members to participate in any way possible.

Motion by Lion Julie Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Jan Ross, approved by unanimous vote

### **Membership – Lion Jan Ross**

4 new applications possible for January.

Currently have 67 members.

At FFH a woman named Susan helped take down flags and showed interest in joining.

Lion Matt stated one of the possible new members is interested in forming a Leo Club at Wheeling Central.

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

### **Address by District Governor Lion Ramona Sago**

OCVLC is the first virtual Lions Club and one of sixteen in existence now.

OCVLC uses modern methods to achieve goals.

This time of year our focus is on veterans and the homeless. PTSD strategies help.

International President Douglas X. Alexander leads with his heart – OCVLC does too.

Thank you to OCVLC.

Encourages support for Lion Jay Howser.

Recognized Lion Daniel Heintzman.

A brief history of Lions Club was offered.

We currently face COVID challenges.

We all serve a common leader – lions serve.

Encouraged contributions to Campaign 100, which has been extended through June.

It has helped with hunger and disaster relief.

Encouraged attendance at the Diabetes Symposium on November 20, 2021.

New members are important, but so is taking care of existing ones.

Communication is vital, good leaders are needed.

She encouraged hope in all endeavors.

OCVLC presented gifts: care chain, lion mascot with printed wristband, donation to WV sight and hearing

### **Committee Reports**

Diabetes – Lion Matt Rafa

Symposium begins at 9:00 a.m. on November 20, 2021.

12+ speakers will present

Register on the district website

Environmental – Lion Mike Rafa

13<sup>th</sup> bench is finished. Working on 14<sup>th</sup>.

6831 lbs. have been collected, partnered with 11 organizations

Collecting 500 lbs. per month

Aluminum cans have been sent to Watch

Flags for Heros

Veteran's Day was the final event for 2021.

Due to the Festival of Lights it received many views.

Thank You to all volunteers

Lion Matt Rafa added that Oglebay has been very happy with our partnership and hopes to do more in the future.

Hunger – Lion Jennie Berdine

Partnering with Bellaire Middle School to donate socks and gloves to the YSS freeze shelter.

We partnered with St. Vincents for the uncanned food drive.

Lion Chris Doty and Lion Julie Davis reported that 30 food bags were assembled to distribute for needy.

Partner in Education – Lion Julie Schultz

We partnered with Bridgestreet Middle, Elm Grove Elementary, and Middle Creek Elementary. Next is Triadelphia Middle.

Lion Matt Rafa voiced that our attendance was appreciated.

Fundraising – Lion Pat Mercer

The online store features new items for holiday shopping.

Items viewed: many various ornaments, mugs, baskets, snowmen, tree outline, birdnest, coasters, gift packages

## **Old Business**

Chamber of Commerce

OCVLC joined last month. Should provide many connections and opportunities.

Foundation Formation

All paperwork has been submitted. Lion Matt has checked twice, still pending. Lion Ramona said she will look into it.

Bookfair / bookdrive

Netted \$3500 worth of books for little free libraries, 13 or 14 now

## **New Business**

Remind app

For reminders and conversations; [remind.com/join/ocvlc](https://remind.com/join/ocvlc)

## Parade

Float line-up at 5:00 p.m.

# 58, by smart center, be there at 6:00 p.m.

## YSS Freeze Shelter

Donations appreciated by December 15, opening of shelter

Drop off at any lions site or make \$ donation on paypal

## Volunteer WV

Grant received, will reimburse up to \$500

Signs for yards, 6 designs, submit choice by Thanksgiving

## Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving Meal

3:30-5:30, Kendra planned an activity

## **2022 goals / projects**

Last scheduled meeting of 2021!

Lion Jan: After 2 years (late January) we can apply for lottery license

Then raffles and such are possible.

Lion Ramona asked if the earnings will be under the 990 limit

Lion Matt and Lion Jan assured way under

Lion Pat: do another craft fair in Spring with Wheeling Central

Before Easter, they are looking at dates

Lion Matt encouraged if you see something, (a need, a possibility), then say something.

Lion Julie Davis urged attendance at the parade.

## **For the Good of the Group**

Lion Daniel Heintzman complimented the work of OCVLC, will help in any way needed.

Thank you to Lion Kim and Gorge Roberts for making our parade participation possible.

Lion Matt Rafa encouraged attendance at the leadership retreat.

Previously found it to be amazing, providing ideas and philosophies.

Lion Kim asked for someone to follow the float from storage to the parade.

**Meeting Attendees:**

Ramona Sago

Daniel Heintzman

Matt Rafa

Phyllis and Paul Armheim

Jolinda and Ev Smith

Mary Ann Rafa

Kim Roberts

Mike Rafa

Joey and Ashley Subasic

Pat Mercer

Jennie Bernadine

Chris Doty

Lora Peluchette

Jackie Coleman

Kris Quinn

Jan Ross

Julie Schultz

Julie Davis

Tiffany Hoffman

Jesse Riddile

Eleanor Clark

Motion to adjourn by Lion Mike Rafa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion Chris Doty, meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.