

## **General Meeting 1/27/22**

Meeting called to order @ 6:34 p.m.

Secretary's Minutes from last General Meeting

Sent by email.

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

Lion Matt complimented Lion Jackie for completing minutes in a timely manner.

Treasurer's Report – Lion Mary Ann Rafa

Sent by email.

Currently we are spending more than we are raising but we are not overdrawn.

Christmas store sales netted OCVLC \$256.

Money was raised through donations and the Christmas store.

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

Membership – Lion Jan Ross

Membership is 58 people. We have 4 new members and 2 potential new members.

Lion Matt observed that the membership losses were due to circumstances beyond

our control. He commended the work done by Lion Jan,

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

## **Welcome – Lion Matt Rafa**

Lion Matt related that the website was down, but it was fixed by Lion Mike Maguire.

State of the Club

Lion Matt showed a PowerPoint presentation offering some statistics.

In this year, (beginning July 1, 2001), over 32,000 people have been served.

Over 40 projects have been completed.

We lost 16 members, but our club is larger than many. The loss is relative.

OCVLC is a strong organization. Don't be tempted to focus on negative things.

No club recruits well during a pandemic. We are competitive with others.

Volunteerism hours are evenly distributed.

OCVLC has done well.

15 benches

Joined the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce

Two pop-up markets provided visibility

Volunteer signs promote the club

Formed a Foundation

Partner in Education with OCS

Had a float in the Christmas parade

#### The Road Forward

OCVLC must continue to grow. The bar will continue to be set higher. People applaud  
OVCLC.

Kindness Matters pins will be given by Lion Matt to lions going above and beyond.

Lion Julie Schultz for her work securing the OCS partnership

Lion Mary Ann and Lion Pat for efforts with the craft fair and Christmas shop

Lion Kris and Lion Kayla, Lion Kim and her husband, George, Lion Mary Ann,  
and anyone else involved with the parade.

Lion Mike Rafa for his work with the plastic collection and benches.

Lion Chris and Lion Jan for efforts on service reporting.

#### Food for Thought

70% of volunteering is not through a program. People are helped.

Over 90% of volunteers feel they make a difference and have fun.

Volunteering improves mental health.

Many now shop online. We received much revenue from online book fair.

#### In person versus virtual events

The plan is for a mixture of events. Hope for improved circumstances.

#### Foundation update

Our application is still pending with the IRS. When approved, it will be retroactive.

We will need 5-11 members for a board.

#### Old Business

##### Spond/Remind

Both offer benefits. Spond is a form of closed communication for members. Remind sends

texts as reminders. Lion Matt offered to help anyone after the meeting.

#### Club Dues Arrears

Lion Mary Ann pointed out there are 8 members needing to pay dues totaling \$289.

All plan to pay. We are current with LCI.

#### Plaques for Trek Benches

There will be 8-9. Lion Mike Rafa said a call describing the need has been placed to Cardinal Stamping.

#### QR Codes on Little Libraries

Lion Matt said some have fallen off. They are revisiting the best way to adhere them.

New books from the book fair are slowly being released.

Encourage the donation of books.

#### Distribution of plush lions to VFD and other agencies

Lion Mary Ann said dozens are available, none have been distributed.

As yet, there has been no response to the queries in November. Lion Matt will try again.

#### Identification Badges

Lion Jan said all had been distributed.

#### **OCVLC Collections**

##### YSS Freeze Shelter

Collection of gloves, hats, and towels is ongoing.

##### Plastics

Plastic caps – Solid Waste Authority is giving them to WPHS

Used batteries – recycled at electronics stores

Printer cartridges – for recycle, used for Lion Chris Doty's classroom

Virtual yard sale – people may find items to donate during Spring cleaning

Food / toiletries – pantries and Blessing Boxes championed by Lion Julie Davis

##### Volunteer WV Signs

Some have been put up. Others are available.

They display our global causes.

#### **New Business**

## Fundraising

Lion Mary Ann suggested three no-risk ideas

GiGi at Undos in Benwood have \$5 coupons. 10 per sheet.

Sheet sells for \$20. Split proceeds with Undos. No minimum # to sell.

Can be used on Dine to Donate orders. Limited supply available.

Lion Matt felt it was a win/win scenario.

Miklas meat bundle raffle

Encourage donations. Every \$5 enters name on a 60 line raffle.

Drawing for every \$300 donated.

Lion Matt displayed trust in Lion Mary Ann's financial assessment.

Lion Jackie suggested advertising the raffle is important. Lion Matt suggested a visual.

Lion Mary Ann will contact Miklas about a possible discount on the bundle.

Lion Julie voiced encouragement on the project.

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

Undo's in Benwood agreed to a Dine to Donate event. 3-8 pm. OCVLC nets 15%

Lion Julie confirmed that 15% is high end.

This event will be connected with the coupon sale.

Lion Mary Ann will contact them to secure details.

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

Lion Jan proposed running a \$250 raffle

No license is needed

\$10 per ticket. Annual event, drawings monthly.

Lion Jackie asked if this would run concurrently with the other raffle.

Lion Jan said the two raffles do not conflict with each other.

Lion Matt observed the rewards for each are different.

Lion Lora suggested they should run separately, perhaps quarterly.

Lion Jan explained this was just once per year.

Lion Matt felt different people may be attracted to each.

Lion Wendy asked if an online vehicle may work better.

Lion Lora proposed a virtual ticket.

Lion Julie shared there are designated locations available.

Lion Matt stated OCVLC has 800-900 fb followers very diverse. May like this.

An online campaign will be necessary.

Lion Julie has worked on graphics. "Lucky Lion" drawing

Lion Mary Ann assured sales would not be mandatory.

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

Lion Matt thanked Lion Jan and Lion Mary Ann for their ideas.

#### Recognition

Guiding Lion Paul- his two-year tenure ends soon.

Lions Pin, Donation in his name

Thank you for supporting OCVLC

Lion Paul congratulated the club. "Spread your wings over Ohio County."

Hears good things about OCVLC and commends our efforts.

Believes ruffled feathers have been smoothed.

Lion Bernie Lombard – storage for much of our stuff

Gift Card (doordash) \$100

A plaque designating his contribution on a bench

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

#### Diabetes

A state website is being developed. Administered by OCVLC.

Lion Mike Maguire will create a risk assessment for it.

Lion Brendan Burn from the Berkley Springs club.

Online Diabetes Symposium scheduled again for November.

#### Governor's Volunteer Award

OCVLC will apply

They reached out to us to apply.

Lion Paul reminded the Leadership retreat and the district retreat at Oglebay were cancelled.

The state retreat at Canaan is still on.

## Environmental Committee

Lion Mike Rafa said we have made 16 benches.

Lion Matt has talked to the Soup Kitchen about one.

Mt. Olivet will be our first repeat site.

## For the Common Good

Lion Mary Ann asked Lion Chris for credit card statements.

Lion Mary Ann revealed we have 4 flag sponsorships.

Lion Matt will work with Lion Julie on the website.

Lion Matt observed successful organizations need Manpower, Motivation, Money

Share posts and spread the word.

Motion for adjournment by Lion Mike Rafa, adjourn at 8:15.

## Meeting Attendees:

Matt Rafa	Mike Turbanic	Paul and Phyllis Armhein
Mary Ann Rafa	Jan Ross	Daniel Heintzman
Mike Rafa	Julie Davis	Jackie Coleman
Chirs Doty	Lora Peluchette	Wendy Cain
Jolinda and Ev		