



Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club

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Meeting Digest 6/3/2020

The meeting was called to order by Lion President George Salet. Introductions were handled by Lion Tail Twister Bob Fenech by calling on each of us in turn. 8 Lions were in attendance: Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon, George Salet, Lyle Workman, Bob Fenech, Bill Graziano, Joe Farrah, Viela du Pont; a good showing.

Correspondence

From Lion President George Salet:

- An email from Emily Powell about the Balboa Alumni Association telling us about how they use the funds we donate to them each year.
- A Thank You note from Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence for our donation in memory of PDG George Habeeb.

Board Meeting

We almost went directly into the Board Meeting. Touched on in the meeting:

- Lion George called the IASC to check their status; they may be opening in mid-July for inside service. We look forward to in-person meetings.
- Ward Donnelly's status; last report available says he is still waiting for a surgery. No further info was available.
- Discussion and approval of the Minutes as presented in the Club bulletin.

“Stay Safe, and Be Well”

- Although not the official minutes, they were approved.
- Quorum - did we have a quorum and what constitutes a quorum for our Club?
- Treasurer's report - approved as presented.
- Year End Donations; noted elsewhere in this bulletin.
- Screening: No current requests.
- Committee reports: none presented.
- Installation of Officers: Will there be one this year? Yes, at the IASC, perhaps in September.
- Online video: no online recording of this meeting should be available due to the matters discussed.
- Possible new charities to donate to presented by Lion Zenaida Lawhon. See For Future Reference below.

Year End Donations

The following year end donations were decided upon during the meeting:

- **\$1,800 Balboa Alumni Association:** There was a bit of discussion on this including comments emailed in by Lion Paul Corvi. Also noted was the need for

- more reporting from them about how funds are used; specific dollar amounts used for what functions.
- **Wilderness Camp for the Deaf** was passed over for this year because there is no camp this year; they will resume next year.
- **\$4,000 Clinic by the Bay:** This amount was increased by \$1,000 for this year. Most were in agreement of the need for increased medical support in the community.
- **\$250 S. F. Adult & Teen Challenge:** Amount budgeted was approved without much comment.
- **\$1,000 Lions Clubs International Foundation:** Amount budgeted was approved without much comment.
- **\$250 City of Hope:** aka Time & A Prayer; budgeted amount was approved.
- **\$200 SFPD National Night Out:** This is our fourth year support this community outreach project.
- **\$1,000 SF-Marin Food Bank:** New to us this year, in place of the closed Daly City Food Bank, was approved easily with some discussion.

This year we've donated \$14,205.14 to various groups and organizations plus an additional \$8,834.00 through the Youth & Community Raffle for a total of \$23,039.14. A great year by any measure; a complete list can be seen here: [GE Lions Giving page](#). Good work Lions!

For Future Reference

Quoted from **Lion Zenaida Lawhon:**

"I searched the Internet for charitable organizations in San Francisco in preparation for our Zoom meeting.

During the last meeting, I mentioned the following organizations for possible donations.

- **La Casa De las Madres:** responds to calls for help from domestic violence of all ages, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is a non-profit provider of service and shelters for victims and their children.
- **826 Valencia:** helps kids with their writing and homework. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting under-resourced students ages 6 to 18.
- **Faces SF:** provides critical assistance to low-income families citywide, with focus in Haight Ashbury, Western Addition, Visitation Valley, and Bayview Hunters Point neighborhoods. Their mission is to nurture, teach and empower San Francisco children and families to transform their lives.
- **Alliance for Smiles:** It is an international humanitarian organization founded in 2004 in San Francisco. The organization provides free comprehensive treatment for cleft lip and palate anomalies. The goal is creating smiles and ultimately changing lives by providing free reconstructive cleft lip and palate surgeries for underserved children worldwide.

I'm sure there are more causes to research and discover. However for now the above are just a few suggestions to start with and determine if they meet our criteria for donations."

Etcetera

Student Speaker Contest: A question was received as to what is going on with the Student Speaker Contest. The last report on

the contest was in the March 24th Bulletin and no new news has been received or found.

Officer Training: This past Saturday and Sunday there was six sessions of Leadership Training put on by District Leadership and the Global Action Leadership Team. Lions Bob & Zenaida Lawhon attended the President and Vice Presidents session, and Lion Lyle Workman attended the Treasurers and Marketing & Communications sessions. It is unreported if any other members attended sessions. Recorded videos will be available at a future date.

Technical Issues

Members are still having technical issues with our Zoom meetings. Here are several:

- **Side Conversations and Noise:** Please mute your audio feed if you have a side conversation or noise. Sorry, your editor is guilty also.
- **Lighting:** If possible, avoid very strong back lighting, or windows with sunshine behind you, when in the meeting; other members can hardly see you. Try to improve on facial lighting so you can be better seen.
- **Echos:** Some members have been experiencing an audio echo. If you've had that problem, please look at the Zoom Help page.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

6/16 Happy Birthday to Kathryn Hammarstedt!

6/22 Happy Birthday to Lion Zenaida Lawhon!

From the Inbox

If any Lion, or other person, wants to see the emails this info came from, email me and let me know what you're interested in. They'll be available for a short time.

From District 4-C4:

- Details on a grant from LCIF for \$10,000 to benefit Seton Medical Center, Sequoia Hospital, and San Mateo County Medical Center. The application, grant and associated paperwork can be viewed online.
- There will be a GoToMeeting online meeting about the Multiple District Four Youth Protection Act on Saturday, June 13th from 2 to 3 PM. Join here on that day. This seminar will be about screening for volunteers who participate in Lions youth programs. See the pdf flyer here.

Coming Events

6/17 Last Regular Lions Meeting of the Year, via Zoom.

6/21 Father's Day.

7/1 Business & Board Meeting via Zoom.

7/4 Independence Day!

A ton of events around the District are shown in the District 4-C4 Weekly Thread email which is forwarded to all members that want it, and linked under Upcoming Events on the District website. If you don't have an email address, get one.

