

Kiwanis Club of Lehigh Acres  
Board Meeting at the Thrift Store  
January 8, 2024

Present: Damon Shelor, Jerry Liddle, Dave Butler, Joanne Miner, John Miner, Rick Anglickis, Paula Bobb-Semple, and Charlene Golden.

Absent: Phil Koenig, Greg Stancel, Tom Vonderhaar, Phyllis Vonderhaar, Dustin Gollopp, John Boardman, Mike Slenzcka, and Jean Leopold.

1. Damon called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

1a. Charlene gave the invocation.

1b. Announcements: Damon noted that we would have our board meetings at the Thrift Store.

2. Agenda: Add 7b Our Future to the agenda. Joanne motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Paula seconded. Motion passed.

3. Secretary's Report: The December minutes were reviewed. Joanne motioned to approve the minutes. Jerry seconded. The motion passed.

4a. Treasurer's Report: Damon reviewed the flash report. Nothing much is going on with the club. Dues are the big expense and they were paid through the Foundation with the credit card and reimbursed through the Thrift Store. The Thrift Store fell short of budget. We did receive cash back on the credit card and we were the recipient of a \$5700 donation in stock of a trucking company. Expenses were inline with the budget. Transferred to Project \$645 to reimburse K-Kids and Builder Club dues. \$6000 transferred to Project Reserve. The expenses in the Project account went to scholarship checks, SLPs, and charitable donations. We had a good increase in the investment account. The total assets of the foundation and club were \$311,437. Dave motioned to approve the financial report to audit. Jerry seconded. Motion passed.

5. Activity Reports:

5a. Youth Services: Paula is receiving transcripts after sending out reminders. She is going to limit the number of reminders to three. Damon gave examples of students not responding to our emails for information. He suggested having a training session on how to access transcripts and how to send them out along with including their student ID number. We have some checks being held until we receive the information requested.

5b. Community Services: Jerry noted the next road clean-up is Beth Stacey Boulevard on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

5c. Special Events: We don't have any special events coming up. We do have some community events and fundraiser ideas. Dave brought up the casino night in March. We need to start working on these events.

5d. Youth Protection: Charlene reported that everyone that needed to complete the training has done so.

6. Requests for Funds:

6a. Learning for Life: Damon noted that Tina asked and we are giving \$3000 this year. Board members thought we had discussed whether to support this or not at a previous meeting. Tina is retiring and this is her last time working on the Learning for Life Talent Show. *Note: Charlene reviewed previous minutes and no decision was made and the topic was tabled for a future meeting.*

6b. Rick brought up athletics, bands, and choirs/drama that were not paid to the high schools last year. He proposed \$3000 to Lehigh Senior High School and \$1000 to East Lee County High School. East Lee has a

band. Discussion covered that it wasn't done because we didn't receive information from the schools. The groups should contact us instead of us tracking them down. The discussion then went into other organizations we supported but don't receive any direct benefit to the club. Damon would like to meet with the Little Leagues, etc. and have a Kiwanis Day at their games to hand out information and meet people. Rick will provide vouchers. Damon motioned to fund the sports and humanities for \$4500 with \$3000 going to Lehigh Senior High School and \$1000 going to East Lee County High School with an additional \$500 contingent on receiving information on East from Larry Hammond about additional programs (band and choir). John seconded and the motion passed.

#### 7. New Business:

7a. DCM at ECHO: Damon noted we have four people going. It conflicts with the road clean-up. The Beth Stacey Boulevard road clean-up will be moved to January 20<sup>th</sup>. Tom can't attend the DCM so Jerry will go. Damon asked about expensing it from the club account and it was agreed.

7b. Our Future: Damon noted that we have a low number of members attending meetings. We don't have people coming forward to be active especially on the board. Membership is the lowest it has been in many years. Several members have health issues and others are moving out of the area.

How can we attract new members? What projects would draw people? Who wants to be active with the SLPs? What can we do to make an impact in the community? There was discussion on recent activities that went well, other activities that could have been better, how to reach people and get the word out.

#### 8. Old Business:

8a. Meetings: Board meetings will be held at the Thrift Store on the second Monday of the month. Our next club meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> will be at the Thrift Store. Damon will check with Hope Hospice again.

8b. Bylaws: The proposed changes were reviewed. Rick brought up the number of directors. There was discussion on the number and quorum requirements. The consensus was to go with 6 directors with 2 being elected each year to hold office for 3 years. We also need to note that board members need to be members in good standing.

Meetings – we need to note one regular meeting. The third Thursday of the month at the Thrift Store was decided on as the regular meeting. Discussion on having a different purpose at each meeting. Have satellite meetings on different days of the month, for example have a breakfast meeting the first week, board meeting on the second Monday, regular monthly club meeting on the third Thursday, and a lunch meeting on the fourth week.

The bylaws proposed changes were approved by the board. We will hold an annual meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Thrift Store for the members to vote on the bylaw changes. We will not vote on officers or directors at this meeting.

#### Member Comments:

John asked about the college intern. Damon explained that everything was approved by the college and the intern is coming.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

The next board meeting will be February 12th, 2024 at the Thrift Store.

Respectfully submitted by Charlene Golden, January 10, 2024.