

Brainerd Lakes Area Lions Breakfast Club
Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2024

President Sheila DeChantal provided the agenda and called the meeting to order.

The Volunteer Hours page is coming soon to the website to record volunteer hours.

Battle of the Books: Several Lions volunteers helped at Battle of the Books for District 181. This program encourages reading through the summer months.

Upcoming Serving Opportunities: The Arboretum Haunted Trail needs volunteers. Alice in Wonderland will also need volunteers. We will need volunteers for the Mad Hatter's Ball. In the future we will need to break into small groups or committees to work on projects.

Mid-Winter Carnival is January 3-5, 2025 at Craguns:

- Our Club has committed to "Let's make a Deal" for Friday night.
- We will need volunteers to help, including an MC for Friday.
- Denise suggested we create bags for those who forgot paperclips/bobby pins/band-aids/stick of gum/etc and sell for \$5.
- Our club will receive one "golden ticket" which sponsors one person in every club \$145 value
- Remember to bring any unwanted prescription eyeglasses
- Saturday nights entertainment will be the BHS Madrigal Choir

Mr. Potato Head Project: Still looking for support to shipcare packages to parents of micro-premie babies.

Online Auction Status – 32 Auctions – We currently have 5 prizes. Need 15-20 items to launch the auction. It was suggested that we promote auction at the Mad Hatter's Ball and launch immediately afterward.

Other ideas:

Applebees

Turkey Bingo

Santa 5K

Raffle – for a spa weekend/golf weekend/cash option

Cash Raffle – reach out to Nisswa Lions for gambling assistance

Meeting Attendees: Denise Laudenbach, Joe Laudenbach, Robin Loftis, Cindy Bartle, Amy Misner, Cori Wrobel, Karen Kirt, Renee Defries, Laura Bielke, Cate Knoll, Pam Finch, Heather Kelm, Mitch Karels, Missy Karels,

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Kathe Jukish and Patty Hartman volunteered at Battle of the Books on August 6th. They helped serve food during the event for approximately 1 hour each.

Tricia and Laura Bielke helped at the Llama Llama Read-a-Rama at the Arb. Next year is the 20th Anniversary of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

Sheila DeChantal and Shannon Wussow attended the Nisswa Lions Breezy Belle cruise on Pelican Lake last week.

Breakfast Thoughts? Sheila brought a wide variety of breakfast items for the June 20th meeting, and had a lot of food left over. This meeting Sara brought muffins. Do we want a big breakfast? The consensus as that unless someone wanted to provide, coffee was enough.

Club Identity thoughts. There was some conversation that Nisswa Lions' yellow vests are very easy to identify. Some clubs have hockey sweatshirts, some have vests, some have buffalo plaid. It's up to our club what we want to choose. A Patagonia vest was suggested and Lisa Ackerman brought a sample logo to review. MN T's and the TeeHive both have the logo for Lions International. No final decision was made.

Merrifield Lions are looking for help this Saturday 8am-Noon for parking and registration. If you are interested please contact Sheila for details.

FOBPL Wine and Words event could use auction help for Friday, July 26 from 10:30am-noon or 1:30pm-2:30pm. The event is at Grand View. Contact Sheila for details.

Review of our Admin Fund vs Giving Fund. The Admin fund is funded by Lions Members and can be used to pay for supplies and things the club needs, like a computer for the Treasurer or the website. The Giving Fund is funded by the public and must be given back to the community.

*According to Denise, If you have a raffle fundraiser and include "are you a Lion" and "which Lions Club" on the ticket stub, those dollars can go to the Admin fund. All the rest of the funds raised by the raffle would go back to the community.

Update on our thoughts for a raffle. We would like to do a fall fund raiser. Sheila will reach out to Shawn at the Outreach to get a license for the event from the State.

Thoughts on other ways to raise funds.

- Raffle: We have not heard back from Grand View on the grand prize. It was suggested that we reach out to Suzanne Welch at Maddens to see if they would be willing to work with us.
- Jack Pine no longer does “Pints for a Purpose” with non-profits. 5 Rocks and Round House were suggested.
- Raffle Idea: \$500 to Costco or CUB Foods

Potato Head Project.

Denise is wondering if our Club would like to partner with her to provide Potato Heads to Nic-U’s. She has a contact that works with MN Hospital’s Nic-U’ to provide Mr. Potato Heads in premature babies cribs along with care pouches for parents.

- The Potato Heads are plastic can be sterilized
- They provide visual interest for the babies
- Provide parents with a measurement guide as their babies grow.
- We could launch this program at the Mid-Winter Conference at Cragun’s on January 3-5th, 2025 and could ask attendees to bring a Potato Head or funds to purchase wholesale.
- Denise has reached out to Mattel about including a Lions logo on the Potato Heads.
- We could have a potato bar as one of the meals at the Convention.

The Nisswa Lions have done a similar program with diapers. The Diaper Drive provides free diapers to LAPS, the Women’s Shelter and Central Lakes College. The Diaper Drive is held at the Pickle Factory and includes pizza and drinks with diapers in lieu of admission.

Meeting Attendees:

Amy Price, Robin Loftis, Amy Misener, Lisa Ackerman, Laura Beilke, Cori Wrobel, Renie Defresne, Missy Karels, Shannon Wussow, Jeanne Larson, Patty Hartman, Sara Moe, Cindy Bartle, Sheila DeChantal, Karen Kirt, Kathe Jukish, Mitch Karels, Denise Laudenbach and Joe Laudenbach.

Note: Special thanks to Amy Price for taking notes at the last meeting when I was unable to attend.
Thank you!

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Introductions were made: Name, occupation, super power, passion

T-Shift logo was discussed

Sign Charter

Meetings were moved to 3rd Tuesday of each month

Dues = \$100 per year. Can pay quarterly. Lions take a percentage.

Invited to the Breezy Belle on July 8th, \$30 for pizza and ride

Fundraiser ideas:

Outreach does fish house

Sell tickets for a raffle – cash or experience

Grandview

Pints for a purpose – matching funds

Meeting Attendees:

Lisa Ackerman, Kathy Jukish, Karen Kirt, Cori Wrobel, Patty Hartman, Amy Price, Mitch Karles, Missy Karels, Colleen Goedker, Cindy Bartel, Amy Misener, Trisha Peterson, Jeannie Larson, Sara Moe, Sheila DeChantal, Laura Bielke

Breakfast Club Lions

Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2024

In Attendance: Sheila DeChantel, President

Amy Price, Vice-President

Sarah Moe, Treasurer

Robin Loftis, Secretary

Introductions were made.

The launch Luau is tomorrow, May 8th, 2024. Please arrive early if possible.

We've received emails from Lions portal. Please disregard. Emails will not be sent after tomorrow.