

Phoenix Phil-Am Lions Club

February 10, 2021

6:30-8:30 PM

Zoom meeting minutes



Attendees: 22

6:41 Meeting started.

6:42 Lions Prayer by 3rd VP Tom Jaeger

Approval of minutes done.

6:45 Guest speaker: Executive Director Lion Jeanette Russell

Retiring as the executive director of the Az Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation.

2 new big projects coming up:

1. Trying to partner with ASU Audiology Students to perform audiology exams in the vision center building.

2. Get a warehouse to store recycled glasses and partner with the Phoenix Rescue Mission to provide volunteers to help in the sorting of this glasses, that can provide future income to the foundation.

The foundation has done well financially in spite of the covid-19 pandemic. A new PR personnel was hired by the AZ Lions vision and hearing foundation.

6:57 Pres. Lion Nena: The club received reading eyeglasses from the vision center today for the future mission of the club. There will be a need of volunteers to sort the eyeglasses, dates to be announced later.

7:02 Secretary report:

February 15 is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

February 26 Last day for early discount on convention registration fees.

March 1 Leos of the Year Award nomination form submission

March 20 Lions Day with the United Nations

March 31 Last day for regular convention registration fees

April 22, 2021 Earth Day

February 12, 2021 Last day in office of Executive Director Lion Jeanette Russell, AZ Lions Vision and Hearing foundation

February 14, 2021 LCIF Helping Hands Telethon YouTube live event featuring Martyn Lucas

LCIF Convention is Virtual June 25-29, 2021

Registration is \$50 until March 30, 2021

Registration is \$75 starting April 1, 2021

Leo registration is \$30.00

AZ Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation will need 2 new board members. Election is in May.

Contact Pres. Lion Karen Pryce at pryceone@aol.com

7:06 Treasurer's Report:

Activity Account ending balance: \$140.63

Tacloban Mission Backpack/Sling bag (Teachers and membership appreciation) expenses \$1,660.00

Administrative Account ending balance: \$268.95

Membership dues were paid to LCI.

7:11: 1st VP Lion Angie Radau:

Attended the zoom state project Feb. 1st

There are 4 groups that the Lions are involved:

1. LFA serves as a Lions resource and manages properties of the Lions .
2. AZ Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation -provides vision and hearing screening
3. Camp Tatiyee helps special needs individuals, not only for kids.
4. Melvin Jones International Memorial Foundation: all donations will be used for the upkeep of the Melvin Jones Memorial in Fort Thomas. There are various levels for donating with corresponding recognition.

7:18 Pres Nena asked PDG Rosemarie if there will be a parade of checks. Details to follow.

7:18 2nd VP Lion Elizabeth talked about the 600 backpack ordered for the Tacloban mission and 150 sling bags for the teachers and membership appreciation.

7:22 3rd VP Lion Tom : Still 113 members.

Hike: Brown Ranch Trailhead, Scottsdale, date will be selected and shared to the members.

7:24 Plans for attracting new members per Lion Tom: Unable to connect with the right person in GCU for a possible interest in joining our club.

7:27 Vision: Co Chair PP Macbeth

Shared information from the State Projects Zoom Meeting.

3 surgeries done, 150,000 new and refurbished glasses were distributed, about 2000 hearing and vision services given. Vision screening might resume in August and mobile clinic might be re activated.

Retirement present to Lion Jeanette from Lion friends was collected and will be given to her tomorrow by PP Lion Macbeth, who initiated this.

MCH has donated equipment for eye examination. The confoscan, a diagnostic tool to examine the different layers of the cornea was received.

Per Dr. Ballecer our medical mission is for cataract. The confoscan is for cornea and is beyond our capability to provide the necessary resources for it. The club also received IOL (intraocular lens), and if they are universal size, we can use, but other sizes can be exchanged locally.

7:45 Hunger Report by Lion Angie, reported earlier, no activities due to covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

7:46 Diabetes awareness by Lion Carol: Continue with zoom zumba and offered another zoom zumba for elders, with combination of tai-chi. Links will be given during the day of the scheduled events. Blood sugar test strips were donated but will expire March 2021.

7:51 Sec. Grace : Greeted the February birthday celebrants:

Reported on Environment: Used pill bottles will be recycled by filling them up with powdered laundry soap and will be given to a predetermined homeless shelter.

Ongoing collection of used empty bottled waters, to be given to St. Joseph's water ministry.

7:52 : Pediatric Cancer Awareness: No report

7:52 : Phoenix Phil-Am Lions Charity Foundation Inc. : by PP Lion Dr. Conrad:

Informed the club that the foundation received monetary donations from Mr. and Mrs. Ward and from the elder sister of Lion Carol.

The donation of the sister of Lion Carol will be used to anywhere it is needed. The foundation will have the control on where it will be used, according to PP Lion Mack.

There will be 2 mission trips: 1. Philippines 2. Mexico

Per Dr. Ballecer: Rocky point has the best clinics, and resources, that is why we do our cataract mission there. They can recruit the poorest of the poor in need of cataract surgery from the outskirts of Rocky point to avail of the services provided, rather than going somewhere else aside from Rocky point to perform the cataract surgery.

7:59: Leo Advisor PP Emma:

Reported a meeting last Sunday and informed the club how our leos provided the best written report of past activities especially the Connecting the dots grant project.

Environment: Collected used bottled waters were taken by Pres. Ethan Ballecer to St. Joseph church for their water ministry.

Hand sanitizer project: will be done before next month utilizing funds from the Leo's.

Asked to collaborate with the Phil-Am Lions monetary wise, but was informed by Pres. Nena, that they can use their own funds at the moment for this project. Further details will be discussed by the Pres. Nena and Leo advisor PP Emma.

No fundraising planned at the moment.

8:09 Omega Leo Club still exists. Lion Gigi is interested in getting it active.

8:10 New business: PP Dr. Ballecer mentioned a Filipina in need of help in every aspects. Please contact PP Lion Macbeth, if anyone is interested in helping or about her situation.

(To respect the privacy of the person, what was discussed in the meeting will not be included in this minute)

8:21: The newly hired PR of the AZ Lions vision and hearing foundation is a Lons from Phoenix Valley of the sun, according to PDG Rosemarie.

8:23: GST Lion Maribel: Invited everybody to a fruit gleaning project. Please see more information in our Facebook page.

8:24: Lion Amy, suggested to Leo Advisor PP Emma, that this can be a Leo project.

8:26: Hike is scheduled for Feb. 27 : Browns Ranch Trailhead. Details to follow.

8:27: Closing Prayers by Lion Patti.

8:28: Meeting adjourned by Pres. Lion Nena Ingermanson.