

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB**  
**SHANNONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**September 6, 2016**

President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 11:56 am with 11 Lions present. Lions J.V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Reese Wills provided the prayer and Fred Baker led the Lions toast. Pin contest won by Lion Karen Fontaine sharing about the video of "Sand Angels" (video shared on facebook by Kathi Browne). Lion Tail Twisters by Lion Fred Becker and his side-kick Reese Willis.

Kathi Browne provided the dessert today: warm rice pudding with raisins, fresh baked molasses cookies, iced tea, coffee and water to drink.

Secretary Report (Karen Fontaine filling in for Ron Hultgren): One correction made to last month's minutes. August 2, 2016 minutes stated three Maryville Lions received pins from LCIF for their longevity as lions. Susan Shearin also received her pin for 15 years. Thank you Susan! Otherwise motion by Lions in attendance to accept August 2, 2016 meeting minutes.

Karen shared that on Wednesday August 17, 2016 Reese Willis deposited \$140 of paid dues into the Administrative Account and then transferred \$2,874.71 from Regions to CBBC for the Administrative Account and \$3,685.87 from Regions to CBBC for the Benevolent Account. The Memorial Account will remain at Regions until a suitable notion has been passed by the Maryville Lions allowing Reese to transfer the Memorial Account.

A motion was made by Karen Fontaine and seconded by Tom Miller to allow the President of the Maryville Lions, Reese Willis, to close the Memorial Savings Account presently with Regions Bank and move the funds to CBBC Bank. The motion further specified that access to this CBBC account will only be allowed to the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Maryville Lions Club. After an explanatory discussion the Club voted unanimously to pass this motion and directed Reese to transfer the funds to CBBC.

Treasurers Report: None given, treasurer Bobbie King absent and still in Morning View. She is in good spirits.

Presidents Report: Reese Willis read a letter from Ben Sugg Jr thanking Club and LCIF for 15 year volunteer Chevron Pin. He mentioned that he is available for administrative help as needed. Letter given to Kathi Browne.

Reese discussed membership re-up. We had 4 members drop; Arnie Pesterfield, Jeremy and Lori Huffaker, and Mary Brown. Email read mentioning Mary Brown being transferred from active member to honorary member. Email given to Kathi Browne. Currently have active role of 20 members but in reality 14, as 6 are inactive. Discussed "Dreams & Visions" for our club. Each member needs to develop a prospect list.

Maryville Lions Club business cards passed out for everyone. Card had been made by Kathi Browne last year. Do not mention meeting times/places. Daily Times Newspaper still shows we are meeting at Ryan's Steak House on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm and need to be changes to Maryville College.

Letter read "Silver Award" to Lori Huffaker for congratulations on growing centennial award membership. Reese needs to get this forwarded to her since she has become inactive and moved according to facebook. He asked if Club members knew her new address.

Letter read by Reese from Debra Ersch in regards to Club contributing to buying trees for a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class for Arbor Day March 3, 2017. Cost is \$1.79 per child. Do we have the funds? Is this something we want to do?

Letter passed around to Club from LeaderDogs for the Blind.

Letter passed around from Chancellor Bob Corlew President message regarding "Build your Clubs legacy". Suggested Clubs consider a Centennial Legacy project for our centennial year. Letter discussed "Showcase Your Legacy Project", "Show your Lions Pride", and "Impact Sight in Your Community".

Month of August very busy despite not having a meeting. Kathi Browne very busy with screening and Tom Miller with glasses. Discussed possibility of utilizing Good Neighbors as possibility for people who do not qualify with food stamps. With cost of \$10 for exam and \$20 for glasses, some still cannot afford. Some still have transportation issues getting to Fountain City. Reese said to address those transportation needs with him as needed. Tom Miller says he usually has 6-7 per year that fall into not being eligible do to not truly getting or proofing they get food stamps, but still need assistance.

Discussed success with volunteers, mainly college students. Can we make them active and give them some type of title without them paying dues. Most college students unable to afford cost of \$70. Could college students be "Associate Members"? Current requirement must be 18. Per Kathi Brown, we currently have 5 volunteers at College. Four are over the age of 18, but one is not. Paying dues is a major stumbling block. Can we invest in "Lionism"? If they join can we supplement their dues? We need to brainstorm and make recommendations at another meeting. Kathi Browne mentioned to start a Campus Club at Maryville College (per Brandon Johnson) we may have to pay their dues.

Charlotte Miller discussed her issues of not getting return calls from Tony in regards to "Nut Fundraiser". Apparently Tony answers emails but does not return phone calls. Has prices for Pecans for this year. Prices per case up slightly. \$10 per bag (24 per case). \$8 per bag (32 per case) for 12 oz bags. Don't have order takers yet, didn't get in time due to Labor Day weekend. Will have order forms next meeting. Orders need to be submitted by third week of October for delivery first week of November. Call Charlotte at (865) 448-6716 or email at [tcmille1@yahoo.com](mailto:tcmille1@yahoo.com).

White Cane Collection: Still have some open slots. Schedule passed around. Reese is having copies of White Cane Days to pass out to donors. He would love to see two volunteers at each door. Friday September 16 in Maryville have 10 - Noon Missy Lynch, Noon -2 Reese Willis, 2 - 4 Tom & Charlotte Miller. Saturday September 17 in Maryville 10-Noon Karen Fontaine, Noon - 2 Susan Shearin, 2 - 4 J.V. Britton. Friday September 23 in Alcoa 10 - Noon Missy Lynch, Noon - 2 Fred Baker, 2 - 4 Tom & Charlotte Miller. Saturday September 24 in Alcoa 10 - Noon Karen Fontaine/Elaine Bowers, Noon - 2 Fred Baker, 2 - 4 Susan Shearin/J.V. Britton. Stickers passed out for those to attach to milk jugs. Kathi Browne is in need of milk jug if anyone has any extras.

Kathi Browne still has opening for near/farsighted screenings. 2 people are really needed each day. One to do screening and one to do paperwork. List being sent around of dates/times.

Per Reese Willis and Kathi Brown, presentation of Lions Club at Bonner Scholars Dinner went really well. Both Amy and Chaplain were very impressed. Kathi Browne set up a text message response and got 3 almost immediately. 3 possible volunteers. None to help with screening since they are done during the daytime. But got two to assist with picking up glasses at drop off boxes. Excited about one volunteer who is writing major and volunteered time helping to write short articles for social media. Could give fresh look to communication/flyers/brochures/etc.

Missy Leigh Lynch talked about Peace Poster. Only has one possible girl working on poster. Open to budding artists. Kathi Browne had sent an email about contest to all schools in Blount County with no response.

New discussion that Bobbie King is resigning from Treasurer Position. She has done for 20 years. Karen Fontaine volunteered to take over position if it could be in January 2017. All lions in attendance in agreement to motion and would help Bobbie through December while she was still in Morning View.

Next meeting September 20, 2016 6pm at Maryville College Profitt Dining Room. Bonner Scholars were invited to attend. Per Susan Shearin, Paulette Bailey will be going over things with the Lions Club as District Governor.

Reese adjourned the meeting at 1:17.