

**MEETING MINUTES
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
SHANNONDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
January 3, 2017**

President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 11:56 am with 1 guest and 10 Lions present. Lion J.V. Britton led the pledge, Lion Susan Shearin led the Lions toast and Reese Wills provided the prayer. Lion Karen Fontaine explained the Pin Contest of "Hidden Heroes" with the article being found in the November 2016 Lion Magazine Page 36. Lion Tail Twisters by Lion Fred Becker. Meeting minutes being recorded by Karen Fontaine in the absence of Ron Hultgren while he is vacationing in Florida.

Karen Fontaine provided dessert with a Bavarian Crème, Blueberry & Cream Cheese and Strawberry & Cream Cheese Butter Braid pastries.

President Reese Willis thanked Susan Shearer for her hard work organizing the Christmas Party held December 13th catered by Casual Gourmet. Food and entertainment were both great.

Reese shared that Charlotte and Tom Miller and himself visited Bobbie King just before Christmas and took her a 20 year service plaque. Charlotte had a picture of the visit presenting the plaque which was submitted to the newspaper. Bobbie is afraid of feeling isolated and always appreciates the Lions Club members visiting her.

Old Business:

Pecan sales update given by Charlotte Miller and Susan Shearer. Susan turned in today over \$3,000 for more of her sales with a smaller additional amount to come yet. 14 bags of nuts were still available for sale and at least 5 plus bags purchased from members during meeting leaving approximately 8-9 bags of pecan pieces. Treasurer Karen Fontaine reported on 12-14-16 \$3,294 of collected nut money deposited in Benevolent Account. 12-14-16 a check for a partial payment was made for \$2,406. 12-19-16 another \$3,144 of collected money was deposited. 12-19-16 an additional \$3,000 was paid toward the bill for the nuts leaving a balance of \$2220.96. With money turned in today from Susan Shearer, all members voted to pay the balance in full once money deposited in account. Profit yet to be determined since not all of the money has been turned in yet.

Eye Screening Report from Lion Kathi Browne opened with asking for volunteers to help with the screening being held January 18 and 19th at Maryville Jr High School. She has two shifts available to break the day up 7:30-11:30 and 11:30-2:30. Several members' present filled slots for that day. Kathi gave stats for 2016. 1508 children screened in Kindergarten and below. 115 call for eye glasses. 137 followers on Twitter. 39 Facebook likes. 500 views/searches on Google with 51% of them being in English. No data available for used glasses collected with Ron Hultgren on vacation.

Centennial Service Project Discussion briefly discussed and a Maryville College student is looking into the standard required to place a bench at Shannondale as a "Thank You" for allowing Club use of Community Center for meetings per suggestion of Chuck Bailey. Club is considering placing bench with Lions Club logo. Currently checking into cost of bench as well as subdivision bylaws.

Lion Jana Weaver had no new news on Vests/Tee Shirts as place was closed during holidays and she was going to go to on Wednesday January 4th. More info next meeting.

Lion Kathi Browne gave update on MC Campus Lions Project. She is afraid most interested members may have lost interest due to nothing exciting for them to do currently. Kathi suggested a common goal with recycling, helping environment, year- long eye glass drive on campus, Leader Dogs. Most members were interested in possibility of sponsoring someone in Blount County. With Maryville College Campus being closed in May, members felt trying to get in touch with Leader Dogs (? Chuck McDonald with Leader Dogs) and organizing event would be too little time and suggested we start looking into it to do when College returns in September 2017 for the Fall semester. All in agreement.

Lion Tom Miller had no new info to report on Eye Glasses.

New Business

Adoption of date for Annual Picnic set for June 20th 2017 to be held at Ross Springs Subdivision Community Center (benefit of Kathi Browne and Jana Weaver living in subdivision).

Adopted dates of September 29th and 30th and October 6th and 7th for Annual White Cane Fundraiser at Walmart. Walmart requires a minimum of 6 months lead time to request dates. Reese Wills to look into securing dates.

Lions District 12N Convention dates February 24-25, 2017 at Hilton Knoxville Airport. Registration forms to be received by February 15, 2017.

LIONS Learning Retreat January 20-22, 2017. Early registration already closed. Regular registration available.

Be thinking about Nomination Committee to make recommendations for 2017-18 officers. Ron Hultgren ready to step down from Secretary Job as well as President Reese Wills.

Bank Statements to PO Box in Maryville all returned to bank. Discussed moving PO Box from Mayville to Alcoa branch. Box currently paid up for at least 4 plus months. All in favor to move PO Box to Alcoa with Maryville not doing job. Will also allow easier access to newly assigned Treasurer Karen Fontaine who will get most of mail.

Discussed Spring Fundraiser selling frozen Butter Braid Pastries during February and March to get delivery before Easter. Karen Fontaine to put together fundraiser and present at next meeting. All members in favor. Information to come next meeting.

Next meeting January 17, 2017 at Maryville College Profitt Dining Room at 6pm, arrive 5:30 pm to eat meal.

Reese adjourned the meeting at 1:04 pm.