

MEETING MINUTES
MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
Maryville College Profitt Dining Room
January 17, 2017

President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm with 1 guest and 11 Lions present. Lion J.V. Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance, Lion Tom Miller led the Lions toast and Reese Wills provided the prayer. Lion Karen Fontaine shared the Pin Contest "Hundreds of homeless and low-income people show up for one-day delivery of social services at a community center in Bremerton, Washington..." Lion Tail Twisters collected by Tom Miller in Lion Fred Becker's absence. Meeting minutes recorded by Karen Fontaine in the absence of Ron Hultgren while he is vacationing in Florida.

Lion Susan Shearin introduced our guest speaker – Ed Harper from Blount Memorial Hospital (BMH) Social Services and his new position Emotional Health & Recovery Center. Ed Harper offers a free service for any adult caring for another adult nationwide. Ed Harper provides 1 on 1 consultations and will meet you wherever and whenever needed. He also is very passionate about his Caregiver Support group that meets every Wednesday night at BMH. BMH is a Community here for Protection, Production, Procreation and Purpose versus a Collection (showing up to get on bus same time) or Gathering (i.e. shared experience such as concert). Ed Harper stated "We are showing the next generation how to do it." Ed Harper left pamphlet/flyer on Life Long Learning and Foothills Adults Enrichment Services.

President Reese Wills covered communications received. First was a card from DG Paulette Bailey Thanking the Maryville Lions Club for their \$100 donation toward the "Gatlinburg Relief Efforts". To date contributions from Lions was \$50,000. Second was Application for Lion of the Year/Decade for June 1, 2007 – December 31, 2016. Application must be postmarked by February 28th, 2017 and he asked for members to think of names to submit. Third was Poster Peace Contest. Club needs to recruit child 11-13 years of age to design poster. Kit cost \$10. Reese asked Club to purchase 1 kit and Susan Shearin 2nd the motion. Fourth he passed info on earthquake in Indonesia. He commented that he contributed to the foundation directly and others can do so. Lastly, Reese passed around the newspaper picture/article "King Honored by Lions Club". Picture was in newspaper Sunday January 8th, 2017 giving Bobbi King 20 year Plaque for her service as Treasurer. "Thank you!" again Bobbi.

Old Business

Eye Screenings Lion Kathi Browne said eye exams are tomorrow and all volunteers have received emails.

Eye Glasses Lion Tom Miller no news to pass along this meeting.

Centennial Service Project – discussed possibility of donating to Shannondale a bench in honor/legacy of couple that left money for our Memorial Account. Chuck Bailey was asked to look into cost and subdivision bylaws.

Old Maryville P.O. Box was closed. Full refund of \$70 collected by President Reese Wills. Lion Karen Fontaine will obtain new P.O. Box in Alcoa. Address change then to be submitted and address changed on website once obtained.

Update given on Pecan Sale by Lion Charlotte Miller. 2 bags of pecans and 2 bags almonds left. Reese bought on bag almonds for \$8 paying cash (needing \$2 change from \$10), Lion Elaine Bowers bought 1 bag pecan for \$10 also paying cash. Susan Shearer turned in \$70 cash. Treasurer added that so far \$9,913 collected and \$8,220.96 paid for nuts. Profit before \$ turned in during meeting was \$1,692.04.

District Convention February 24-25th Reese asked for show of hands who was attending. Charlotte and Tom Miller were attending Friday to deliver large Lion. Reese attending. DG Paulette and Chuck Bailey attending. DG to email to Kathi Browne application to print off for other interested in attending. DG highly recommended since this is local (Airport Hilton in Alcoa) and cost very minimal.

Nominating Committee assigned to Lion Fred Becker (in his absence) and Lion Elaine Bowers (present). Secretary's job open and is a fairly big job. Also President Reese Wills said he has served 2 years as President and was open to giving job

to someone else but also willing to do 1 more year. DG Paulette shared that her and Chuck would be done in Loudon County July 2017 and would be available for a position in Maryville after that time.

New Business

Lion Kathi Browne shared of lady in Blount County nursing home with Macular Degeneration Disease was in need of machine to magnify pictures. Lady would love to see pictures of her grandchildren. Kathi mentioned machine quite pricey (Approximately \$2,500) and that she had info on 3 possible machines. She asked if this would be a possibility for Centennial Project. Machine could be left at nursing facility for future patient. Reese concerned with machine being lost, stolen or forgotten. Chuck Bailey said he would look into machine that may already be available and donated in past to District. Chuck would locate and see if possible fit for lady. DG also mentioned that some funds may already be available in discretionary fund for district.

Lion Susan Shearin pointed at that Maryville College on Spring Break March 18-25. Our March 21st meeting moved to March 28th at Maryville College Profitt Dining Room.

New Members Campaign – President Wills asked that members be thinking who they can invite for meetings in March/April.

DG Paulette Bailey asked for Maryville Lions Club to help with food for Hospitality for Convention for Friday night February 24th. Food needed for 3-5:30 and 8:30-10pm. Food would be for approximately 35-50 people and she suggested Chips/Salsa, Veggie Tray, Desserts. Chuck Bailey has been assigned Convention Chair and can give us better idea of number of people at convention as it could be as many as 100. Club agreed to providing food.

Lion Karen Fontaine passed out order takers for a spring Butter Braid fundraiser. Pastries cost \$14. Profit is \$6 per braid sold. We will decide on new end date since March 21st meeting moved to March 28th. Delivery set for April 4th. We will discuss next meeting.

Reese adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.