



PURRS AND ROARS

**February
2017 A
Maryville Lions
Club
Officers
2016-2017**

President:

Reese Wills

1st VP: Tom Miller

2nd VP: Elaine

Bowers

Lion Tamer:

J.V. Britton

Tail Twister:

Fred Becker

Treasurer:

Karen Fontaine/Jana

Weaver

Secretary:

Ron Hultgren

Program Director:

Susan Shearin

Membership Chair:

Susan Shearin

Outreach Chair:

Kathi Browne

All Lions are

Membership gatherers

Newsletter Publisher:

Ron Hultgren

**** WEB SITE -- MaryvilleLions.org ****

This web site contains ALL of the detailed schedule data and more for the Maryville Lions Club. Please use this source for information concerning all the activities of the Club.

**** MEETING SCHEDULE ****

February 24-25 Airport Hilton – District Convention – Meal at 6:00 pm on Feb 24.

March 7, 2017 – Noon Meeting – Shannondale Community Center – Ron Hultgren to supply dessert and drinks

NOTE - NO MEETING ON MARCH 21

March 28, 2017 – 6:00 pm – Maryville College Dining Hall – Gather early for a delicious meal (\$9.75)

SPECIAL NOTE: Our noon meetings are at the Shannondale Community Center which is handicapped accessible. It is located at 1507 New Providence Road in the Shannondale of Maryville Community just off Montvale Road. It is a “bring your own sandwich” meal with drinks and desserts provided by Lions starting at 11:30 am – Reese does his best to end by 1:00 pm

**Lions Clubs
International Mission
Statement**

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

MARYVILLE LIONS CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2017
MARYVILLE COLLEGE DINING ROOM

President Reese Wills called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm with 8 Lions, 2 Lions guests and 1 other guest present. Lions J. V. Britton led the pledge, Karen Fontaine led the Lions toast and Reese provided the prayer. Karen solved the challenge that Reese had provided in the Meeting agenda and now Reese is looking for any spare pins that he can offer as prizes for future winners.

Reese reminded everyone that the next evening meeting at Maryville College will be March 28 rather than March 21.

Susan Shearin introduced Roger Murphy who aids the Maryville schools health screening efforts and who has worked in the school system for 40 years. He noted that the Maryville eye screening effort is approaching 20,000 total screenings and about 7 percent of students need some vision remediation. The school system, working with local optical shops and ophthalmologists, has been able to provide free eye examinations and about 30 pairs of glasses each year to students who could otherwise not afford them. Roger also visits Costa Rico during summer trips with optical teams that usually include students studying ophthalmology. The Lions provide glasses for them to carry to Costa Rico and he provided a series of stories involving the gratitude of those who receive these glasses. He noted that sun glasses are not provided and Lion Tom Miller suggested that the Maryville Club members segregate sun glasses without corrective lenses during their collections and provide these to Roger to carry with him on his next trip. He departs June 23. It was rewarding to hear from a Lions "customer" regarding the eye screening and eye glass collection work we do.

Treasurer Karen Fowler stated that the Quickbooks accounting program has been installed on the computer that Kathi Browne contributed to the Club and that she has gotten the early present fiscal year data from Regions Bank.

Secretary Ron Hultgren reported that a poster contest entry package has been received. He and Elaine Bowers who constituted a Nomination Committee gave their report of the following officers for 2017-2018:

President: Reese Wills
Vice President Elaine Bowers
Treasurer: Karen Fontaine (primary)/Jana Weaver
Secretary: Chuck Bailey*(note below)
Tail Twister: Tom Miller
Lion Tamer: J. V. Britton
Outreach Chairman: Kathi Browne
Program Director: Susan Shearin
Membership Chairman: Charlotte Miller
LCIF Coordinator: Elaine Bowers

Tom Miller moved that the nominations be accepted and the nominees elected. The motion was seconded by Karen Fontaine and carried unanimously. * Since Chuck Bailey will not be a member of the Maryville Lions until July 2017, Ron Hultgren's name will be put into the LCI data base (the input is required by March 2017) as tentative secretary and Chuck will replace him in July.

Maryville Lions will aid the provisioning of the Hospitality Room (#541) for the District Convention on Friday at the Airport Hilton. The goods must be in the convention area by about 2:45 pm.

Karen stated that the orders for the baked goods spring fund raiser should be communicated to her by March 21. She must receive the money for the orders at the March 28 meeting.

Chuck Bailey reported that 3 styles of metal benches are available for about \$500 each. One of these could be contributed to the Maryville Greenway as a centennial project for the Club. Chuck will check with the Parks and Recreation Department people concerning which of the 3 styles are acceptable. He will also suggest that there are 4 places along the trail beneath the Blount County Library that have benches that are in disrepair and could be replaced by a Lions contributed bench. This portion of the walking trail is popular and a Lions bench would thus be noticed by a lot of the community. Chuck was commended for his efforts on this project and the assembled Club members all felt this was a good project for the Club with the bench locations suggested by Chuck as excellent.

Since the Club presently has 25 members and 1 honorary member, the Club is entitled to 3 votes at the District Convention. Tom and Charlotte Miller and Elaine Bowers were appointed as the voting members.

At 7:05 pm Elaine Bowers moved for adjournment with a second from J. V. Britton and approval by all.

Submitted by: Ron Hultgren