

Carmel Lions Club – Newsletter

September 2017



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Ron Todd

President's Message

My fellow Lions, first let me apologize that you have had to go so long without a newsletter. Our 1st Vice President has been unable to do the newsletter and I have been was not unable to do a newsletter.

So far we have had our Strawberry Festival, Golf Event and Fish Fry. The hard work and dedication of our Lions was evident. Thank you all for your participation.

September 30 is the last Farmers Market for the Brat Tent! Thank you to all that have signed up to work. Please see Bill Nesbitt to volunteer for this event. If you are interested in Chairing the Brat Tent for next year please tell Bill as soon as possible. If no one steps up to chair the Brat Tent for next year then the Brat Tent may not happen in 2018.

The Fall Pancake Breakfast is October 28. If you have not signed up to help set up or work the breakfast, please contact Tom Lorson with your availability or sign up at the next meeting.

We Serve!



President Angie

August Activities Recap

August 5: Board Meeting

August 8: No Meeting

August 22: Catered Meal – Spouse Night – Fish Fry Thank You
Objective: General Meeting

August 18-19: Fall Fish Fry
Objective: Fund Raiser
Project Leaders: Ron Todd

Upcoming Events

Saturday's May through September: Carmel Farmers' Market Brat Tent
Objective: Fund Raiser
Project Leader: Bill Nesbitt

Carmel Farmers Market will be held on Saturdays from May through September. Carmel Lions partner with Kiwanis of Cicero to operate the Brat Tent. This season, each group will provide 3 workers on each Market date. Signup sheets will be available at the next meeting.

October 28: Fall Pancake Breakfast
Objective: Fund Raiser
Project Leader: Tom Lorson

December 8-9: Annual Fruit Sale
Objective: Fund Raiser
Project Leader: Jeff Adair

September Meetings

September 12: General Meeting
KPs: Paul Arnone, Kevin Clancy, John Rutherford
Program: Program Committee

September 26: General Meeting
KPs: Jason Randlett, Tom Lorson, Bill Ryan
Program: Program Committee

Carmel Lions Club Member News

Carmel Lions Club Board Meeting **July, August and September 2017**

Carmel Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes July, August, & September 2017

July Meeting (7/5/17 - 8 board members present)

We need to train a new chair for the Brat Tent, if it is to persist past 2017. E-mail to be sent to full membership.

Bill Shaffer to use Tail Twister proceeds to beautify the lawn.

We will move up the Dictionary Project; Bill to work with Gossetts on the mail list for volunteers.

David DeVilbiss reported on the Strawberry Fest -- \$2,800 gross for a net gain of \$2,070. This was a good year.

David suggested increasing our club's contribution to state Lions projects.

The Girl Scouts will not use rebar to mount their Christmas trees in future sales they conduct in our front yard.

Someone needs to be identified to put out the monthly newsletter.

August Meeting (8/1/17 - 9 board members present, 2 regular members as well)

Carl Kinker presented the financial report and 2017-2018 budget; Greg St. Amour made a motion to approve the financial report, Tim Fischer seconded, and the report was approved by voice vote.

After discussion of planned donations, and some modifications/reductions to the list, approval of the budget was delayed until the September meeting, to allow for further review.

Bill Nesbitt reported that many openings remained for volunteering at the Brat Tent in 2017. Jim Colter was mentioned as a possible co-chair in 2018, if we continue with the Brat Tent. An e-mail will be sent to club membership about volunteering in 2017 and leading in 2018.

Steve Gross got the tree removed.

Dwight Gossett estimated a \$7,000 profit from the golf tournament, pending receipt of final bills.

Greg St. Amour reported problems with the KP people.

Ron Todd discussed Fish Fry preparation --prices will remain the same as 2016. Angie will obtain cups from McDonald's; Tom will get condiments from Steak n' Shake.

Tom Lorson sold raffle tickets at the Farmer's Market, and encouraged people to sell pre-sale tickets for the Fish Fry.

Angie will e-mail the directory in .pdf form.

September Meeting (9/5/17 -11 board members present, 1 regular member as well)

Meeting commenced at 7:07 p.m. and concluded at 8:37 p.m..

Carl Kinker presented the Treasurer's report; Bill Shaffer made a motion to accept, Jeff Adair seconded, and the report was approved by voice vote.

The results of the Fish Fry were reviewed, our net proceeds declined about \$2,500 this year. The drive through business was off noticeably this year, and we didn't have a title sponsor. While attendance appeared down in the regular seating area, it appeared to be offset by patrons spending more per person this year. Despite a heroic effort by Tom Lorson -- selling 930 tickets himself -- raffle tickets were down, due in part to the closure of Marsh & O'malia's. The late weekend at Ace Hardware seemed to work well, so we will try to expand that next year.

The 2017-2018 budget was reviewed. It was noted that the budget overspends anticipated income by roughly \$7,500 - which would draw down our current checking account balance. David DeVilbiss made a motion to increase donations to state Lions projects by \$200 each (\$1,000 in total). Dwight Gossett seconded, and the board voted 8-3 in favor of the increase. Steve Gross made a motion to donate \$300 to the Carmel Education Foundation to support Carmel teachers' projects, Bill Shaffer seconded and the board approved unanimously.

Carl Kinker made a motion to approve the budget as amended, Tom Lorson seconded, and board approved the budget by a 10-1 vote.

Angie Swenson made a motion to increase the donation to the Girl Scouts by \$100, to provide for a party to reward the local Girl Scouts troops who participate in the eyeglass collection for Sight Night. Steve Gross seconded, and the board approved by unanimous vote.

Building & Grounds: Steve Gross reported that Aaron Mueller will be using a bush hog to mow the weeds at the back of our property.

Membership: Tom Lorson noted it had been a considerable time we had a new member. He also related his recent experiences with Channel 59 -- an interview he & Angie had conducted at the clubhouse, as well as future opportunities for the T.V. station to cover Sight Night and eyeglass recycling -- both in Upland and at state prisons.

Hurricane Harvey donations: Information will be presented at the next regular club meeting about how members may donate to relief efforts, through LCIF or the Texas Lions Foundation.

Dictionary Project: Bill circulated a sign-up sheet for dictionary distribution volunteers. Bill will be encouraging students to have their parents participate in Lions Club fundraisers, or the Lions Club itself.

Pancake Breakfast (10/28/17): Tom reported that prices will increase -- tickets at the Fish Fry will increase to \$7, pre-sale tickets may increase to \$6.

Vision Screening with Zionsville Lions: In September, we will be partnering with the Zionsville club to perform in-school eye screening. Contact the Gossetts if you can volunteer for this effort.

Fruit Sale: Jeff reported that tangelos will not be available this year, and there will be a slight price increase. Orders will be taken by mid-October for a 12/8 - 12/9 delivery.

Carmel on canvas volunteering opportunity: Contact Tom Lorson if you are interested.

Organized Dancing opportunity: Bill Shaffer floated the idea of incorporating a structured dance event/lesson as part of one of our fundraisers -- food for thought for future fundraising activities.

Larry Woodling concerns: Larry Woodling presented the following concerns:

1. Need to have a newsletter regularly distributed. Dwight Gossett seconded this concern. Angie will discuss this need with Zach, and determine if he will be able to perform this task during this year. Angie will distribute the September newsletter.
2. The Fish Fry needs to have a post-mortem, to determine how we can increase publicity, patron enjoyment, revenue, and club enthusiasm. Angie will appoint a committee to address this opportunity.
3. With Ted Zaleski moving to Arizona, Larry has taken on the project with LensCrafters to provide area people with eyeglasses when needed. Larry needs a second person to assist, and eventually take over, this effort. Tom Lorson noted that we have \$1,400 in funds from IU Health that could be used to support this effort this year. (this amount would cover 14 requests for glasses).

Key dates upcoming:

Fall Pancake Breakfast: 10/28/17

Fruit Sale: 12/8/17 & 12/9/17

Future meetings:

The next board meeting is on October 3rd, 2017. Bill Nesbitt will host.