

Iron River Lions Club Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Faith Pittsley and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to our country.

**In attendance:** Fred Baue, Wendy Biggerstaff, Donna Callahan, Jim Duclon, Carol Evens, Linda Hultman, Lisa Hyde, Jeanne Joseph, John Joseph, Ray Kangas, Marie Larson, Jan Lee, Ray Levine, Kristine Luoma, Anne Madison, Tom Madison, Reen Modeen, Willard Ogren, Jim Olson, Nan Olson, Ernie Pittsley, Faith Pittsley, Carol Reasbeck, Lona Schmidt, Kathy Suo, William Trautt, Ken Watters, Karen Wicklund

**Excused:** Ted Callahan, Leroy Forslund, Tony Mullozzi, Rick Nelson, Howard Prell, Robert Ruef, Roberta Ruef, Guy Suo

**Guests:** Christine Levine

**Secretary Report:**

- Motion by Lona Schmidt/Ray Kangas to approve the secretary's report from the October 7 meeting. Motion carried.
- Dues: Members in attendance picked up their letters for membership dues. Remaining letters will be mailed to the members. Dues are \$50 per person or \$80 per household. Checks are to be made payable to the Iron River Lions Club and mailed to PO Box 821, Iron River, WI 54847. Members have the option of paying in full by December 31 or half by December 31 with the second half due by June 30.
- Attendance reminder: Please remember to mark your attendance at the meetings. If you are not able to attend, you may contact the secretary for an excused absence.

**Treasurer Report:**

- The treasurer presented a reconciliation report. Motion by Lona Schmidt/Jan Lee/Carol Evens that the report be filed. Motion carried.
- Football ticket sales are going good.

**President's Report:**

- Correspondence:
  - A thank you letter was received from the Leader Dog program thanking the IR Lions Club for the \$500 donation.
  - A thank you note was received from the Evelyn Goldberg Briggs Memorial Library for the donation of \$500.
  - A thank you note was received from the Upsilon Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa for the donation of \$200.
- Board Meeting:
  - Date Changes:
    - A change of date is being considered from the last Wednesday of the month to our regular meeting night for the months of December and January. Stay tuned for more information.

- Recap of Board Meeting
  - A draft of the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation Agreement was presented as it pertains to the Iron River Lions Club Marie Larson Honorary Scholarship Fund.
  - Nan Olson is following up on officer insurance with Lions International.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Special Projects – Kim Hamilton
    - The special projects team met on 11/2. The next meeting is scheduled for November 30 at 1:30 at the Winery.
      - The banner project is ready to submit to (3) companies to obtain proposals to make the banners. This should be done and ready for spring.
      - Letters are going out to (2) playground companies for cost. Fundraising ideas are in process. There are people in the community that have voiced and interest in helping with fundraising.
      - Jeanne Joseph reported an article was on the front page of the Legionnaires Magazine.
  - Vision – Anne Madison
    - We have received the SPOT Scanner. It is currently with the club in Hurley.
    - We received draft copies of the permission letters, etc., needed for parents. Now planning can move forward to schedule vision screening at the local day care center.
  - Diabetes – Faith Pittsley
    - There is one more class to this session. Six people attended. Five of the six have taken other classes and are interested in coming back for another class. The Living Well classes are free. Please spread the word.
  - Sunshine – Donna
    - Howard Prell is ill.
  - Web – John Joseph
    - 41,000 hits in October with 5,100 visits
  - Environmental Services –
    - Deer hide boxes are set out. The Widdes store in Maple was sold, but hides can still be sold to the new owners.
    - Ten members participated in the highway cleanup.
- **Old Business:**
  - Veteran's Appreciation Event – Ray Kangas
    - The Lions Club helped set up, serve brunch, and clean up. It was a good program with 38 fourth and fifth grade students participating. There were about 55 guests plus workers. Thank you for all of your help and support.
  - Elementary Fall Fest –
    - Lions served hot dogs, chips, and punch in the kitchen. The children enjoyed dressing up, playing games, and receiving trinkets and candy prizes. Thank you to all who helped.

- **New Business:**
  - Community Thanksgiving Dinner
    - November 25 set up with dinner being served on November 26. Contact Doug Thyberg to volunteer to help (715-372-5249).
    - The board recommends donating \$50 for the dinner. Motion by Kathy Suo/Linda Hultman to donate \$50 to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Motion carried.
  - Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Lisa Hyde
    - See Lisa Hyde to sign up to ring bells. Ray Levine offered to help count money on Mondays at the bank.
  - Lions Club Christmas Party
    - Friday, December 4 at Northern Pines Golf Course. Kurtz Catering from Superior will provide the meal. We will be provided plates, silverware, napkins, ham, turkey, sweet/sour meatballs, garlic mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, coleslaw, relish tray, white and wheat rolls, and butter. We will provide appetizers, dessert, beverages, and servers. Member cost is \$12 each.
    - A sign up sheet was available for those in attendance. Contact Anne Madison, Secretary, to sign up and pay for your reservation. Once reserved, members are responsible to pay for their meal even if they are not able to attend at the last minute. The treasurer will send a bill to anyone who reserved a place but doesn't pay.
  - Christmas Candy Date
    - December 22 at 8:00 a.m. meet to bag candy at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Santa's visit to the school to follow at 9:15 a.m.
  - New Member Induction
    - Kris Luoma
    - Geri Dresen (absent)
  - Installment of Directors
    - Jan Lee – 3 year term
    - John Joseph – 3 year term
    - Lona Schmidt – 2 year term (completing Scot Eisenhower's term)
  - Awards and Special Recognitions
    - President, Faith Pittsley, recognized members for 5, 10, 15 years of membership.
    - Special recognition awards were presented in fun.
    - Lions of the Year award for 2015 was presented to Dave and Linda Hultman. Congratulations!
  - A reception of snacks and beverages were enjoyed by members. A special birthday cake was shared in honor of Carol Evens' birthday.
- 50/50 Drawing Winner: Jon Hamilton.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Madison, Co-Secretary