

Date: 10/25/2023  
Time: 6:30  
Location: 2033 W Howard Ave.  
Milwaukee



## SOUTH MILWAUKEE LIONS CLUB

Board Members: Gonzalo Couto-Lain, Jonathon Seel, Tony Gardner, John Boswell, Denise Brzenk, Debbie Polzin, Bob Kingston, Julie Schramm, Fran Jasper, Dick Blaha, Judy Williams, Bruce Wranovsky, Scott Streich, Gloria Becker, Matt Eisenhauer, Ashley Prondzinski, Peggy Bartelt, Patti Redlin

Lions Present: Gonzalo Couto-Lain, John Boswell, Debbie Polzin, Denise Brzenk, Dick Blaha, Fran Jasper

Lions Board Members Excused: Scott Streich, Bruce Wranovsky

- I. Call to order at 6:34pm
- II. Approval of Board Meeting minutes dated 9/27/2023:
  - a. Motion by Lion Dick 2nd by Lion Fran
- III. **Secretary's Report** – Lion Denise Brzenk
  - a. The proxy votes were invalidated, leading to a decreased total number of votes that fell short of the minimum requirement of a 2/3 majority for the ratification of the Constitution and Bylaws
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Lion Debbie Polzin
  - a. Accounts Balances: Checking \$11,903.18 Savings \$13,309.80 Total: \$25,212.48  
Giving \$6,819.56
  - b. Our Club received a gift of \$350 from the family of Ralph Windler
- V. **President's Report** – Lion Gonzalo Couto-Lain
  - a. Handed out short version of Roberts Rules
- VI. **First Vice-President's Report** – Lion Jonathan Seel (absent)
- VII. **Second Vice-President's Report** – Lion Tony Gardner (absent)
- VIII. **Third Vice-President's Report** – Lion John Boswell
- IX. **Club Marketing/Communications** – Lion Peggy Bartelt (absent)
- X. **Old Business**
  - a. Work is still being done for Committees, per Lion Gonzo nothing will be put in handbook
  - b. Lion Fran is working with Dedra, the new Superintendent, on the Leo's Club. He will arrange a meeting with her to discuss the Leo's Club going forward.
- XI. **New Business**
  - a. District Governor Tal will be our guest at next Club meeting and he will be introducing Robin Robinson as a potential new member for our Club."

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- b. We explored ways to optimize our time during Club meetings, including the following adjustments: starting meetings promptly at 6:30, resuming discussions during dessert, and introducing a practice where presenters provide brief highlights of their handouts for more efficient communication.
- c. Club's Website : Lion Gonzo talked about more changes he would like for website, including replacing Jim's email with his own. Lion Debbie will put Gonzo in touch with Donna to discuss his concerns.
- d. We encourage better participation from Board members at our Board meetings and we also welcome all interested Lions to attend and contribute to our meetings. The Board meetings are held each month at:

Collins Engineers  
2033 W. Howard Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

**Adjournment:** 8:10pm Motion Lion Debbie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lion Fran