



Aiken Lions Regular Meeting—November 19, 2024

The following members were present: Heath Bradham, Lou Ann Finley, PCC Bill Finley, PCC Pat Friday, Charles Goodman, PDG. Joyce Haskell, Adam Keller, Arthur Lader and a nice surprise, Now Lion Juanita Woods who has been reinstated into our club.

The meeting was held off a bit due to the weather but Lion Charles, President welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 6:05. Everyone was especially happy to see Lion Adam back with his new knee and it was raining, and Lion Juanita Wood, sure put a smile on Lion Pat's face! She sent out a memo to the BOD's that should have come from Lion Charles even though he was very pleased.

We had the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lion Heath Bradham.

Invocation & Prayer was led by Lion Bill Finley.

Due to a death in his family, Lion Larry Woods was unable to come and bring desserts. Lion Charles handled it. Lion Heath asked Lion Charles to step outside for a minute and he quickly explained what he had planned as the Tail Twister. Every time Lion Charles used the word Lion the first to jump up received a \$1 bill.

Lion Charles mentioned the many thank you letters that we received from those who received a monetary gift from our club.

Lion Susan was not able to attend, but did send a report to Lion Charles for the Eye Screenings and the Salvation Army Bellringing Schedule. There are still a few spots available. We will be at Kroger and Rose's on Saturday, December 14.

Lion Heath gave a quick rundown on what he has planned for the Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 8 in downtown Aiken. He has not been notified of our exact spot to date but it is in the general area of Union Street SE and further east on the side streets.

We will gather at **1:30 pm** as the parade starts promptly at 2 pm. Lion Pat was given the Aiken Mid-Day Lion Suit and Lion Heath offered to wear it and asked Lion David to drive his truck which he will have decorated prior to his arrival. We will need two walkers to carry the banner that Heath has ready. An invitation was extended to Lion Art to see if any of the Leos would like to march behind the truck,

Christmas Party Chairman, Lion Joyce Haskell told what her plans are for the party. She will prepare a list of menu items and it will be passed around. It will be held in lieu of our regular meeting in Ward Hall on **Tuesday, December 17—6:30 pm.** We discussed adopting an Angle Tree instead of playing the Chinese Auction and possibly go together with another Lion so that we could personally give to this project.

Lion Bill gave an update on the Elderly Repair project. Lion Pat asked where he is getting his referrals and he said the Senior Center as he took the lanterns to them to hand out. I also asked about the \$140 that he withdrew

and paid to a “handy man” that didn’t end of doing the job. He got sick. I suggested we have a policy of getting the job done and I would be happy to send them a check.

Lion David is interested “is the BOD’s” covered by liability insurance? I sent him the link to check it out for us. As I read it for every project, we should go on-line and fill out paperwork to be covered. The main problem is the repair work being done Lion Bill decides to do it, however no one but Charles and Jen know anything about it until it is finished. Lion Bill mentioned they are getting ready to do another wheelchair ramp, what if something goes wrong and the person gets hurt using it.

Lion Joyce mention that there is sorting of eye glasses on the third Wednesday at 12:30 pm at the Hope Center.

Lion Art spoke up and said that the Leo Club did a Strides Walk for Diabetes and there were at least 88 kids involved. Thanks to Lion Art for keeping that club going.

Lion Pat encouraged the Leos participation in District 32C Convention that will be held in North Charleston on February 1, 2025. She encouraged all Lions to consider doing this it is a great networking experience and fun too!

Lion Charles then called on Lion Heath to do the Tail Twister and he explained that it was done and what we did!

Lion Charles called for a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Heath made it and David seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Pat Friday
Secretary