

MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation

Board of Trustees Meeting MINUTES

September 29, 2025

Masonic Children's Hospital

Welcome from Chair:

Gary Stevens

Roll Call of Directors present:

N	5M01 Deb Nisbit	N	5M06 Tracey Braaten
Z	5M01 Greg Larson	Y	5M07 Lindsay Vokaty
Y	5M02 Chuck Toltzman	N	5M07 Mark Landwehr
Y	5M02 Debbie Trebiatowski	Y	5M08 Bob Thompson
Y	5M03 Patty Peterson	Y	5M08 Jeff Thompson
Y	5M03 Tammy Horner	Y	5M09 Cora Hohnstadt
N	5M04 Merlin Athmann		5M09 OPEN
Y	5M04 Sue Krumrey		5M10 OPEN
Z	5M04 Susan Krumry, DG	Z	5M10 Tom O'Brien
Y	5M05 Colleen Patterson	Y	5M11 Jodi Sorenson
Y	5M05 Gary Stevens	N	5M11 Katie Damm
Y	5M06 Judy Zewers	N	Eric Glenz, Legal Counsel

Additions or Corrections to Agenda:

Motion by: Sue Krumry

Seconded by: Jodi Sorenson

1. Cancer Grant
2. Alternative Fundraising
3. By-laws Discussion

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by: Judy Zewers

Seconded by: Chuck Toltzman

Introductions of Trustees

Consent Agenda:

Tom O'Brien

(A consent agenda is a board meeting practice that groups routine business and reports into one agenda item. The consent agenda can be approved in one action, rather than filing motions on each item separately. Using a consent agenda can save boards anywhere from a few minutes to a half hour. A consent agenda moves routine items along quickly so that the board has time for discussing more important issues.)

1. Confirm the following matching grants that have been approved by email:

None for 1st Quarter ending September 15, 2025

Secretary Report:

Motion by: Chuck Toltzman

Seconded by: Jeff Thompson

See attachment sent with meeting materials 2025 07-28 MLCCF Minutes

Treasurer & Finance Report:

Motion by: Jeff Thompson

Seconded by: Chuck Toltzman

Approved by Finance Committee on

See attachment sent with meeting materials.

Finance Committee Report

Tom O'Brien, Chair

- a. Chuck made motion to approve disbursement of \$40,000 to the University of Minnesota. Approved by a vote of 13 in favor and 1 opposed.

- b. Reviewed numbers from 2025 to 2024.
- c. Filing of IRS 990 will be done.
- d. Page 10 of 990 for is very important. 97% of our money goes to our mission and 3% goes for administrative costs, which goes to program expenses. Our actual administrative expenses is coming in at 2.2%

Committee Reports:

1. Hamel Rodeo

Gary Stevens

2. Believe Award

Colleen Patterson

- a. Displayed the award with the etching to replace the nameplate. Consensus favored the etching.
- b. Offer Believe Awards to Linda-Norby Albrecht and Bob Knutson
 - i. (Linda received one in March 2023; Bob has not received one.)
 - ii. Motioned by Jeff Thompson; Seconded by Jodi Sorenson
- c. Discussion on foundation paying for each trustee to have an award to display at club visits.
 - i. Motioned by Gary Stevens; Seconded by Lindsay Vokaty
- d. Judy Zewers asked for number of pins and artwork.

3. Family Needs Matching Grant Program

- a. On September 19 we received request for a match for Faith Sanders.

4. University of Minnesota

Gary Stevens

Jenn Foss, Development Director, M Health Fairview; Emma Gamoke, Development Officer, Cancer & Children's Health and Dr. Lucy Turcotte, MD Pediatric Hematology-Oncology stopped in to thank us for all we've donated.

Dr. Turcotte explained how the survivor app has been working and small grants, including two Lions grants have kept the app growing and evolving. Grants will look at physical activity and function in survivors based on studies.

One of the key donors.

Annual reports highlight specific projects. *Can those reports be shared with the public on our website?*

Patient stories should not be posted online.

Quarterly updates

Basic research summaries

Amounts that start small and lead to large grants from NINH.

Could U of M staff look at our website and give ideas and information?

5. Tour concluded at 2:15 PM

- a. We presented the check to staff and had opportunities for pictures.

Other Business:

1. What other things can we do to help families?

- a. Fleece blankets
- b. Lego's
- c. Match Box cars
- d. Models (airplane, car, etc.)
- e. Play Dough

2. Is the age limit for childhood cancer 18 or 25?

- a. If they are diagnosed w/ pediatric cancer. Our wording in by laws should change to reflect.

3. Alternative Fundraising

- a. Eden Prairie Lions has a policy of giving to Foundation, separate from Club.
- b. Include Presidents & Secretaries of club for communication in case one doesn't share information.

4. March 24, 2026 Lions Day at the Capital Judy Zewers

- a. To show legislators who and what we are and why their support is important. Hoping to Brian Sheehan or Bruce Beck to join.
- b. Make an appointment early with your legislator.

5. Committee structure – Gary Stevens

- a. Updates or additions to the list

Finance Committee	Marketing & Public Relations	Fundraising	Family Needs	Grants
Chuck Toltzman, Chair	Katie Damm, Facebook	Jeff Thompson	Sue Krumry	Debbie Trebiatowski
Cora Hohnstadt, Vice Chair	Colleen Patterson, Website	Gary Stevens	Patty Paulson	Tom O'Brien
Colleen Patterson, Secretary	Mark Landwehr	Lindsay Vokaty	Tammy Horner	
Tom O'Brien, Treasurer (non-voting member)	Tracy Braaten		Jodi Sorenson	
Gary Stevens	Judy Zewers			
Greg Larson				

Meeting Dates for 2025-2026

1 st Quarter	(Jul-Aug-Sep)	In-Person	September 29, 2025
2 nd Quarter	(Oct-Nov-Dec)	Zoom Call	<u>January 2026</u>
3 rd Quarter	(Jan-Feb-Mar)	Zoom Call	<u>APRIL 2026</u>
4 th Quarter	(Apr-May-Jun)	In-Person	<u>JULY 2026</u>

Adjourn:

Time: _____ Motion by _____ 2nd by _____