Kansas lions Foundation Board of Directors meeting McPherson, Kansas October 23, 2026

President and 17-N Director, PDG Stephen Langley called the meeting to order at 7:30pm at the First United Methodist Church, McPherson, Kansas. Attending were secretary and 17-K Director, PDG Kathie Bell; and Directors PCC Helen LeBlanc (17-N); PDG Carleen Rajala (17-A); 1st VDG Cheryl Kerns (17-A); and PCC Pam Bilyeu (17-N). Vice President and Director 17-A, Lion Ron Weaverlin, Treasurer and Dicector17-K PDG Tom Baumann, and Directors PCC Diana Baumann and PDG Louis Morgan (17-K) were absent. A quorum was present.

Review of minutes from the last two meetings was tabled. As the Treasurer was absent there was no Treasurer's report.

President Langley announced Director Ron Weaverling wife's (PID Debra) sister had passed away earlier in the day and proposed of silence.

The first order of business addressed the Treasurer's duties. There have been numerous complaints from Lions Clubs and individuals throughout the State. Disbursement of funds and processing deposits is slow or is not happening. Communication with the Treasurer has broken down. Due to these problems, the reputation of Kansas Lions Foundation has suffered greatly. It has gotten to the point where Clubs have stated they will no longer donate to the KLF. The Treasurer has not given anyone a reason for these difficulties. In short, the Treasurer is not doing their job as Treasurer.

It was pointed out the Treasurer position is voted on by the KLF Directors and, unlike the Director positions, not by the Lions of any of the Districts. Therefore, the Board of Directors have the authority to remove the Treasurer from office.

This is a matter the board is not taking lightly.

Kathie Bell moved Treasurer Tom Baumann be immediately removed from the office of Treasurer of the Kansas Lions Foundation and Cheryl Kerns seconded. The motion passed unanimously, A directive was made for President Langley send a certified letter to Tom Baumann stating he must send all financial records, reports. software and debit cards to the Kansas lions State Office within 30 days of this meeting.

Helen LeBlanc moved that PID Anne Smarsh be elected as Treasurer of the Kansas Lions Foundation, Cheryl Kerns seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

State Secretary PDG Dan Funke will go to the bank as soon as possible to freeze the account.

The account signers voted on by the Board in May were Tom Baumann. Ron Weaverling, Cheryl Kerns and Dan Funke with Tom Baumann and Ron Weaverling having the authority to write checks. Helen LeBlanc moved Tom Baumann be removed as a signer for the accounts and Anne Smarsh be added. Cheryl Kerns seconded the motion which carried.

Pam Bilyeu stated the Marysville Foundation account contains $56,591.03, The account originally had $45,000 which was earmarked for disaster relief. Money has been withdrawn from the account since it was established.

In other business, Helen LeBlanc suggested the requirement in the proposed bylaws that the Treasurer must be a CPA be removed. Kathie Bell suggested the election of board officers be continued to be held at the State Convention. The Board will take action at the Zoom meeting in January.

At 7:30pm Pam Bilyeu moved the meeting adjourn and Cheryl Kerns seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Secretary PDG Kathie Bell