



The Tale Twister

Cullman Lions Club

February 7, 2022

Program

After Lion Richard Gurley again filled in as Tail Twister with few, if any, complaints from the audience, Lion Javon Daniel welcomed us to the second meeting of the new year, and he gave us a very welcomed program: After six decades or so, our Lions Club has sold all its Smith Lake property. This property was originally purchased as an investment. That investment has now been fully realized, selling at a price multiple times the initial investment price. The sale of this property had been a continuing issue which was investigated periodically, but sale was never approved by Club vote until a vote on the issue again in September 2020 within a price range through a local realtor. After the term of the realtor's sale-period ended without a viable offer, the Club's Board of Directors elected to sell this property without involvement of a realtor. An offer was received that was within the Club's price range. Lion Raymond Williams successfully negotiated a final sale agreement. Sale money is now in the bank and in the Club's account. Lion President Javon Daniel appointed a steering committee to make recommendations to the Club for use of these sale proceeds. This Committee includes Lions Raymond Williams (temporary-Chairman), Jerry Bonner, David Bussman, Wendell Copeland, Andrew Manning, Riley Smith, Barry Willingham, and Fred Osborne (As a matter of interest, Lion Fred Osborne is the only current member of the Club who was

a member when the property was first purchased.) The steering committee will elect a permanent Chairman at its first meeting. Approval of any recommendations from the steering committee will require a vote by the Club.



Lion Treasurer Jerry Bonner (L), & Lion President Javon Daniel (R), hold up a representation of our Smith Lake property sale check.

Other Business

Lions Don Smith and Steve Cartee are continuing to parcel out Ham & Fish Dinner tickets for Club members to sell. Lion Don reported deposits of \$3,130 so far in ticket sales; most of this came in from Lion Mike Ponder; someone speculated that Lion Mike probably delayed hooking up his tow-truck to their car until they agreed to buy a ticket. Way to go Lion Mike!

Lion Frank Odell talked up Ham & Fish Dinner. He suggested that Lions contact their Committee Chair or Co-Chair if they have not been contacted to schedule a specific time to work on the day of the dinner. He also said that Lions should show up starting at 2PM and until 5PM on



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Friday, March 4th to setup for the Dinner, which happens the following morning. Committee Chairmen should set time for their committee members to be on-station on the morning of the Dinner, March 5th.

Lion Bruce Harbison and his wife are now at an assisted living home in Birmingham, near their daughter. Lion Bruce has been improving since his bad reaction to a Covid booster shot. Lion Alton Pitzing has a birthday next week; he has been staying home as much as possible, due to negative physical impacts of cold weather.

Lion Charlie Powell sponsored the latest new member of our Club, Lion Jeff Lawson. Lion Jeff works as an investigator for the Sheriff's Department.



New Lion Jeff Lawson

Lion Secretary Craig Gadow read minutes from the Club's latest minutes:

The Club received a thank you note from Alabama Lions Sight after receiving

an emergency request for funding. Our Club typically provides more of its funding than any other Lions Club in Alabama. Lion President Javon Daniel recently visited the Lions Sight facility in Birmingham. He reminded us how our support for that clinic is, in that, it goes far beyond the Alabama Lions Sight treatments. It dramatically and positively impacts not only their patients, but the patients' family and friends who have been closely involved with the patients' daily care, due to their sight handicap.

Board of Director (BOD) meetings will now be scheduled for the second Monday of each month.

Upcoming Programs and Events

February 14: Don't forget: it's Valentine's Day. Program is TBD, but we should have one according to Lions Randy Kraft and Chris Robinson. We will be meeting at Commission on Aging building.

March 5: Fish & Ham Dinner. Keep this date, a Saturday, open to help.

Tale Twister Input

If you need something special or to report a correction in the *Tale Twister*, see Lions Carey Thompson or Don Smith at the meetings. Lion Carey can be reached at 256-739-0580 (H) or 256-426-3207 (C). Lion Don can be reached at 256-737-7433 (H) or 256-426-7722 (C).