

# Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Community Center, Room 2

BOD Meeting called to Order by President, Heidi Brown at: 5:33 p.m.

**Present:** **President**, Heidi Brown; **Secretary**, Gloria Bishop Oliveri; **Foundation Treasure**, Loretta Lafley; **Administrative Treasurer**, Beth Newton; **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**, Mary Lou Ambrose; **Tamers**: Sharon Corner and Ann Turner; **Temporary Tamer/Director**: Emily Florence; **Tail Twister**, Nicole Pappas; **Membership**: Pat Licata and Barbara Tomayko; **Immediate Past President**, Darcy Jennings

**Absent:** **Director/Tamer**, Nicki Buell; **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**: Teresa Wisniewski; **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**: Arlene Rich; **Directors**: Claire Donohoe; Caroline Collantes

**Guest speakers** Lynne Kovach and Deborah Raines provided a detailed walkthrough of the newly upgraded Lioness website. During their presentation, they highlighted several new tabs and described the changes and additions that have been implemented to improve user experience.

#### Key Features and Additions:

- 1) Integration of links to several helpful related sites, making it easier for members to access useful resources.
- 2) Introduction of a new calendar feature to keep members informed about upcoming events and activities.
- 3) Addition of a Shutterfly digital book allowing members to view and contribute to a shared collection of photos and memories.

#### Member Contributions:

Deborah Raines encouraged all members who have activity pictures or announcements to contact her directly. She will ensure that submitted content is posted on the Lioness website. The Board of Directors expresses its gratitude to Lynne Kovach and Deborah Raines for their hard work and dedication, and thanks them for their valuable service.

**Secretary's Report:** Gloria Bishop Oliveri

- 1) **Motion** to approve Minutes from the **December 18, 2025, BOD meeting**, which were previously submitted **Motion** made Darcy Jennings and seconded by Barbara Tomayko. **Motion** passed.
- 2) **Monthly Reports** from Committee Chairs for: **November 2025**  
PS= 3,766      L= 203      H= 674      \$= \$278.00  
\*Book Sale: \$278.00
- 3) **Monthly Reports** from Committee Chairs for: **December 2025**  
PS= 1767      L= 115      H= 685      \$= \$80.00  
\*Director's Wreath Making: \$80.00  
**NOTE:** Currently, this compilation of numbers and totals remains incomplete. I am still waiting for a few Committee Chairs to submit their report.
- 4) **New Members: Motion** to approve made by Nicole Pappas and seconded by Pat Licata for **Susan Haynes**. **Motion passed.** Susan is being sponsored by Julie Phend. Susan's formal induction will be on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at our dinner meeting. Susan has lived in Lake of the Woods since 2010.

- 5) **Resignations:** **Ellen Bearden** has moved out of our community and, as a result, has resigned effective December 31, 2025. Ellen was just recognized with a **Chevron Award** by Lions International for her 20 years of dedicated service and firm commitment to our community and our club. Ellen, you will be greatly missed, and we wish you nothing but the very best in your future endeavors!

**Motion** to approve Ellen's resignation made by Emily Florence and seconded by Barbara Tomayko. **Motion** passed.

6) **Old Business:**

- 1) Bylaws and Constitution update: Heidi will be meeting with our attorney, Walter Dierks and will update us upon completion.
- 2) Lioness Service Chair: Heidi is still looking to appoint a Lioness to this position.
- 3) Last month Nicole Pappas requested our participation in subsidizing costs toward the high school DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America). This is an organization that mentors and prepares students for various fields. Loretta spoke with Carol Greeney and Carol would be thrilled to have the balance (\$800.00) of the money donated in Ray's name to be given to the DECA team. We are still waiting for more information from the school coordinators. Nicole will continue will to follow up.

**Foundation Treasurer, Loretta Lafley:**

**November 2025 Report:**

- 1) **Total Income:** \$0.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$3,315.00
- 3) **Adjusted Bank Balance:** \$42,935.80
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$30,000.00

**December 2025 Report:**

- 5) **Total Income:** \$8,039.00
- 6) **Total Expenses:** \$1,886.89
- 7) **Adjusted Bank Balance:** \$49,087.91
- 8) **CD Balance:** \$30,173.09

**Administrative Treasurer, Beth Newton**

**November 2025 Report:**

- 1) **Total Income:** \$1,724.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$3,410.90
- 3) **Cash Balance Checking:** \$12,182.05
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$10,000.00

**December 2025 Report:**

- 1) **Total Income:** \$2,904.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$3,007.49
- 3) **Cash Balance Checking:** \$12,078.56
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$10,000.00

**President's Report:** Heidi Brown

- 1) Pricing for Dinner Meetings: The cost for meals at our dinner meetings will remain at \$30.00 per person. Heidi will share further details and information as soon as she receives it.
- 2) We still need volunteers for the Shimmery Shamrock Gala. Please contact Heidi for details.
- 3) We are currently seeking a Lioness who is willing to accept the position of Committee Chair for the upcoming **Spring Yard Sale**, which is scheduled to take place in April 2026. An official announcement regarding the Committee Chair position will be made at our February dinner meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report:** Teresa Wisniewski

- 1) Gala dance tickets are still on sale. We currently have six tickets remaining. We are continuing to offer them to Lionesses first, and then they will be released to the public. Please contact Nicki Buell at nbuell113@comcast.net. If you or friends want tickets.
- 2) We are still looking for table sponsors. A table sponsorship is \$125 and includes your name displayed with an attractive sign on a dinner table at the dance. Your name will also be listed in the Shimmery Shamrock Gala program.
- 3) Anyone interested in being a table sponsor, please give your check to Teresa. Checks should be made payable to LOW Lioness Lions Club, with "Shimmery Shamrock Gala" written in the memo line.

**Tail Twister:** Nicole Pappas

- 1) 2026 Winter Conference Report for District 24L: Emily Florence, Gloria Bishop Oliveri and, Nicole Pappas attended the Winter Conference held in Winchester, VA representing LOW Lionesses Lions Club. Nicole shared that this was a highly valuable experience. She found the event to be both very informative and exceptionally well organized. They had great speakers addressing Mental Health, Disaster Response and Hunger Awareness. She also recommends and encourages others to attend these functions in the future.
- 2) Nicole will continue to follow up with schools for DECA Program.

**Membership:** Pat Licata and Barbara Tomayko

- 1) Barbara had approved application for Susan Haynes. She has two additional applications in process and looking to induct all three in March 2026.
- 2) Pat gave a brief update on Scholarships for 2026. She will be in contact with Guidance Counselors. It was suggested we eliminate a specific mandatory GPA and instead request in the applicant to provide their individual GPA. This way we can have a higher number of applicants and thus include vocational applicants. Nicole Pappas made **Motion** to approve this change and seconded by Sharon Corner. **Motion** approved.

**Past President:** Darcy Jennings

- 1) BOD Nominations for next year. Darcy will put together a Nominating Committee and will begin the process to elect the new BOD for 2026-2027.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at: 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gloria Bishop Oliveri*, LOW Lioness Lions Secretary

**Next BOD Meeting:** Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 2