

**Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting  
Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club  
Thursday, February 26, 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; **Foundation Treasurer:** Loretta Lafley; **Administrative Treasurer:** Beth Newton; **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Mary Lou Ambrose; **2nd Vice President:** Teresa Wisniewski; **Tamer:** Ann Turner; **Temporary Tamer/Director:** Emily Florence; **Tail Twister:** Nicole Pappas; **Membership:** Pat Licata and Barbara Tomayko; **Directors:** Caroline Collantes, Claire Donohoe and Emily Florence; **Immediate Past President:** Darcy Jennings

**Absent: Secretary:** Gloria Bishop Oliveri; **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** Arlene Rich; **Tamer:** Sharon Corner; **Director/Tamer:** Nicki Buell.

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

1) **Motion** to approve Minutes from the **January 22, 2026, BOD meeting**, which were previously submitted. **Motion** made by Nicole Pappas and seconded by Teresa Wisniewski. **Motion** passed.

2) **Monthly Reports** from Committee Chairs for: **January 2026**

**PS= 3,081      L= 131      H= 6614      \$= \$545.00**

**\*Book Sale: \$278.00      \*White House Ornaments: \$500.00      \*Vintage Ornaments: \$45.00**

1) **New Members:** Susan Haynes, previously approved by the BOD is being sponsored by Julie Phend. Two more applicants will be discussed by the Membership team.

5) **Resignations:** None for February.

6) **Old Business: BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

The Board of Directors reviewed Club documents regarding the timeline for annual Board elections and the procedures for nominating and voting at the dinner meeting of Lioness members. The chair of the nominating process is the Immediate Past President.

Nominations begin in February, followed by a nomination committee meeting in March to create a ballot, and elections are held at the April meeting. Allowing for time to notify the members at the monthly dinner, the Board determined that the Immediate Past President should present a preliminary roster of candidates at the March meeting and ask for any interest in unfilled positions as well as nominations from the floor. The nominating committee will present a ballot of candidates for member approval at the April dinner meeting if possible, or at the May dinner meeting if a complete roster takes longer to assemble. Once the final ballot is presented for a vote, no new nominations may be taken.

This process is intended to provide all members with the opportunity either to be nominated or to submit their own names for consideration, and to guarantee a fair and inclusive nomination process for all members.

**Foundation Treasurer, Loretta Lafley:**

**January 2026 Report:**

- 1) **Total Income:** \$545.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$0.00
- 3) **Adjusted Bank Balance:** \$49,632.91
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$30,261.44

**Administrative Treasurer, Beth Newton**

**January 2026 Report:**

- 1) **Total Income:** \$0.00
- 2) **Total Expenses:** \$2,377.64
- 3) **Cash Balance Checking:** \$9,700.92
- 4) **CD Balance:** \$10,000.00

The Board discussed the timeline of our agreement with the Clubhouse for the monthly dinners, including pricing, menus, and whether it was necessary for the Clubhouse to continue to provide the "to-go" meals. Ann Turner will follow-up with the Clubhouse staff to extend the current arrangement through June.

**President's Report: Heidi Brown**

- 1) The Club will hold its spring yard sale as part of the Community Yard Sale on April 18. Mary Lou Ambrose has reserved a 20-foot x 20-foot booth. The Community Yard Sale provides us with free advertising and should attract more customers. Darcy Jennings offered her garage as a site to collect donations. Barb Tomayko will coordinate times to drop off items and dates/times for volunteers to meet and price the items.
- 2) On Saturday, April 11, the Lions are hosting a presentation about the *Listen Up Roadshow* program. The presentation will be at 3:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Clubhouse, and last about 90 minutes. Heidi recommended that Board members attend and many are interested.

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

- 1) Teresa provided an update for the Shimmery Shamrock Dinner Dance on March 14. Almost all tables have sponsors and only 6 tickets remain. She added that the baskets are complete, fine wines acquired and a wonderful selection of items were donated. The evening should be a great time!

**Directors: Nicki Buell, Caroline Collantes, Claire Donohoe, Emily Florence**

- 1) The Directors have multiple events planned; more information to come as they finalize details. On March 31, they plan a visit to Mary Washington University's Great Lives speaker program. The author, Tim Greiving, will discuss his biography of John Williams, the famous film music composer (Star Wars). Future events include reviving the small group get-togethers at member homes (from a few years ago) and attending one of the Culpeper Concert series programs.

**Tail Twister: Nicole Pappas**

- 1) Nicole visited the Ferris Building to explore storage options and learn about the Used Book Sales. Because the building is shared with other organizations, extra storage is currently unlikely.
- 2) Nicole has not heard from the DECA sponsor. She shared a letter from the Orange County Schools Director of Bands, asking for support in purchasing much needed instruments for the Middle School Band. The expense was quite large. After discussion, Nicole offered to investigate other options to help the schools raise funds. One suggestion was to help sponsor a student concert.

**Membership:** Pat Licata and Barbara Tomayko

- 1) Barbara has two inductees for the March meeting. Susan Haynes was previously approved by the Board. Barbara presented an application for Danielle Pilon, sponsored by Emily Florence. Danielle has completed her dinner and service requirements. She is interested in helping with the Eyeglass donations, Food Pantry, School Supply Drive and the Yard Sale. **Motion** to approve Danielle's membership was made by Heidi Brown and seconded by Darcy Jennings.  
**Motion** passed.
- 2) Charlene Fines is in the process of sending in an application and her induction is still pending.
- 3) Pat proposed that the Club consider supporting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The program supports literacy for children under five years old. Enrolled children receive a free book every month until they are five. A new county non-profit, "Orange County Books and Beyond," is coordinating with the Imagination Library for our area. Pat suggested inviting a guest speaker from the program to provide more information.

**Past President:** Darcy Jennings

- 1) Darcy discussed the status of nominations for the 2026-2027. She will present the updated list at the March dinner meeting.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Lions Board of Directors at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Newton* for Gloria Bishop Oliveri LOW Lioness, Lions Secretary

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