Minutes for the Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Lake of the Woods Lioness Lions Club
Thursday, October 22, 2026
LOW Clubhouse Oak Room following Club Meeting

Club BOD Meeting was called to Order by President, Mary Lou Ambrose at 6:11 p.m.

Present:
President: Mary Lou Ambrose
1st Vice President: Caroline Collantes
2nd Vice President: Nicole Pappas
Administrative Secretary: Charlene Fines
Administrative Treasurer: Beth Newton
Foundation Treasurer: Loretta Lafley
Membership: Pat Licata
Directors: Nicki Buell; Claire Donohoe and Emily Florence
Tamers: Sharon Corner and Diane Wiard
Tail Twister: Darcy Jennings
Immediate Past President: Heidi Brown

Absent:
3rd Vice President: Teresa Wisniewski
Foundation Secretary/24L Liaison: Gloria Bishop Oliveri
Membership: Barbara Tomayko
Director/Membership: Kathy Merritt
Tamer: Ann Turner

Secretary's Report: Charlene Fines on behalf of Gloria Bishop Oliveri

1) Motion requested to approve Minutes from the **September 24, 2026, BOD meeting,** which were previously submitted.
   A **Motion** to approve was made by Loretta Lafley and seconded by Pat Licata. The **Motion was carried**.

2) **Monthly Report:** Committee Chairs reporting for September 2026 will be provided in the November report.

Foundation Treasurer, Loretta Lafley**:**

September 2026 Report	
Total Income	$6,577.00
Total Expenses	$5,443.27
Adjusted Bank Balance	$22,399.33
Savings	$300.61
CD Balance (matures 11/15/2026)	$30,782.48
Total Assets	**$53,572.90**

1) Filed Federal Tax Return.
2) Darla Curnutte conducted an audit of the Foundation books in October 2026. Ms. Curnutte determined the books to be clean and offered minor recommendations. Loretta will provide a copy of the resultant letter and recommendations to Gloria and Charlene for the file.
3) The Lioness received notification from the University of Virginia that one of our Scholarship recipients is not enrolled for the fall semester. Loretta will send the recipient a letter to inquire as to her current status.

President's Report: Mary Lou Ambrose

1) The **Fall Fling** chaired by Mary Lou Ambrose and Nicki Buell on October 10, 2026, was a tremendous success, raising $2,500 for the Lioness Foundation (includes $200 donated back from raffle winners). A special thank you to Nicki Buell for spearheading this amazing event! A **Spring Roll** is planned for Spring 2027.

2) The **Christmas Treasures** fundraiser, chaired by Carol Greeney is Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. (Donation drop-off/Setup is Friday, November 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.). We will be selling new and like-new holiday items, Thanksgiving Christmas décor, ornaments, dishes and tableware, as well as jewelry and jigsaw puzzles. A bake sale is also planned.

   Additional volunteers are needed. Lionesses are encouraged to Contact Val Protiva (703-447-3926, valprotiva@verizon.net) or Susan Haynes (571-243-2811, Shlibrary1009@gmail.com) with availability.

3) The Lioness will sell the **2026 250th Commemorative White House Ornaments**, as well as vintage White House Ornaments at the **Chrirstkindlmarkt** on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center. A special thank you to Nancy King for her help in facilitating our participation in this community event.

4) The Lioness BOD wishes to support the non-profit **Orange County Books and Beyond** affiliate to manage Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for our community. A $1,000 donation has been requested.

   A Motion to approve the $1,000 donation was made by Darcy Jennings and seconded by Sharon Corner. The **Motion was carried**.

5) **The next BOD Meetings** will be held **November 19, 2026**, and **January 14, 2027** (combining December and January), due to Holiday conflicts.

1st VP's Report: Caroline Collantes

1) Lioness participation in the **LOW Fall Festival,** chaired by Caroline Collantes on October 3, 2026, was a great success. In addition to supporting the community with games, giveaways and helping to judge the costume contest, we raised $140 for the Lioness Foundation through basket sales.

2) Plans are underway for the **Shamrock Gala** scheduled for Saturday March 13, 2027. Caroline has secured Clubhouse pricing for the event and plans to meet with the Gala Team after the November 12th dinner meeting to further review and discuss. The Board discussed seeking Dinner Sponsors from the local business community in addition to traditional Table Sponsors. Heidi will share sample letter to consider for use in communicating with the community.

   Caroline is seeking a volunteer to chair the Silent Auction for this special event.

Immediate Past President: Heidi Brown

- Heidi provided Mary Lou with a Thank You card from St. Jude's for the Lioness' September 2026 $1,000 contribution to the LGA St. Jude Fundraiser, which raised over $50,000.

There being no further business to come before the **LOW Lioness Lions Club Board of Directors** at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Charlene C. Fines, LOW Lioness, Lions Administrative Secretary for Gloria Bishop Oliveri, Foundation Secretary

Next Foundation BOD Meeting: November 19, 2026, at the Community Center, Conference Room 2 (Room to be confirmed by Charlene).