



Clark Co. Sight Committee Notes

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The Clark Co. Sight Committee is made up of volunteers from 13 Lions Clubs in S.W. Washington and has a mission of meeting the vision related needs of those in need.

This evening was a very busy meeting with 69 applications that needed to be reviewed for eye exams and glasses. Of the 69 reviewed, three were denied - because they were not residence of S.W. Washington and one application was placed on hold until more information could be gathered. Resulting in 65 individuals being approved for appointments and/or glasses, based upon the needs of individual applicants.

Our club is one of three of the 13 that have not made a donation to Clark Co. Sight this year. Typically the Ridgefield Lions have donated \$1,500 to \$2,500 per year. This should be in the budgeted area as an annual donation and needs to be acted upon, hopefully at our next meeting. The balance in the Sight Committee account as of February 7, was \$4,609.79 with pending payments of \$6,180.08. [Pending payments are dependent on those provided grants for exams and glasses following through and billing coming from the various medical providers.]

Clark Co. Sight also has an endowment, which has to be tapped periodically to help cover expenses when donations from clubs and private donations and grants can't cover the immediate needs. The Endowment currently has \$47,788.95, which includes the \$489.49 in gains this past month from investments. The hopeful goal is to not dip into the principle of the endowments and only use interest. However, this has not always been possible.

Currently Clark Co. Sight Committee members are working on grants to help meet operating expenses. However, donations from clubs and individuals still is the key to helping provide 300 - 400 individuals with eye care per year. ***NOTE: This committee does amazing work and if you would like to attend a meeting, I would be happy to pick you up and have you ride along to the next meeting which will be on March 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the School for the Blind. 360-887-0824 or stonehome13@comcast.net***