

Clark County Sight Note from March 7th Meeting

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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 42 applications that needed to be reviewed for eye exams and glasses. Of the 42 reviewed, five 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 37 individuals being approved for appointments and/or glasses, based upon the needs of individual applicants. In addition, an individual was approved for a CCTV [electronic enlarger for people with low vision]. Clark County Sight will purchase a machine, but first Dean S. wanted to check to see if we had access to a free machine to give to the person through the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children (PFBC), which is periodically given machines which the foundation likes to get out to the public (children and/or adults).

Treasurer's report: Balance pending warrants issues for glasses/appointment: (\$4,61.21) this negative number will be partially offset by donations coming from Lions Clubs and if necessary pulling from the Clark Co. Sight Foundation. CCSF currently has a balance of \$48,748.31. It is the goal of Committee to utilize interest off these funds if possible, therefore providing a backup funding source for those months where the Committee has more request than funds available. The Committee is also exploring grant opportunities and also looking at once again putting in place a fundraising event.

The Committee is also looking for a secretary, since Peggy Lansverk and husband Duane (both Lions) will be moving to Colorado. Both of these individuals have been very active in Lions and the local community since 1958.