

Lake Gaston Association Members Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023, at Lake Gaston Baptist Church

Attendees: 24 Members/Participants with Directors and Co-Chairs
Directors: Jeff Zimmer, Eric Wooster, Brian Goldsworthy, John Cataldo,
Jane Stringer, Shannon McAllister, Patricia Price
Chairs and Co-Chairs: John Franz

Call to Order by Jeff at 9:30 am
Pledge of Allegiance

Updates from the Chairs of Committees

- Jeff provided an update for the Treasurer.
 - The new budget developed by Anne will be in the 4th Quarter Bulletin and he reviewed reasons for the membership fee increase.
- John F provided an update:
 - On the Vegetation Survey and a shout out with a big thank you to everyone who supported the survey. The information collected will be shared with the Weed Council.
- Eric provided updates:
 - 2024 Annual meeting in June is the First Response at the Lake the first Saturday in June. Come see the Emergency Response Teams who support us on Lake Gaston. Live demonstrations and booths along with food trucks set on four and a half acres of Dominion's Day Use area.
 - Shred Event is scheduled for the first Saturday in May.
 - Daylight saving time is this weekend and remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.
 - Hard freeze tonight. Take care of your plants.
- John C. provided an update:
 - The Forum of County School Superintendents is on November 11th at 9:00 am in the gym room at John 3:16. Come and hear from your Superintendent.
- Jane is Chair of the Nominating Committee
 - She may be contacting you as a potential Board Members.
- Brian provided updates on membership drive.
 - Invoices are going out and you will be able to pay online for a small \$3.00 service fee or mailed in.
 - Help us with our target of 5,000 members.

Intro Speaker/Presentation

First Speaker

Shannon McAllister

Toy Drive - The John 3:16 Center Christmas Outreach 2023

There are nine business locations to donate toys between now and December 6th.

If you have questions or would like to sign up to Volunteer call Jennifer at 252-586-1800 or Holly at 252-541-2420. Please see the flyer for more information.

Second Speaker

Retired General Dave Johnson from the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum in Littleton. Dave provided an entertaining presentation on his background and how the museum started, challenges faced, opportunities, change of locations, and how the museum found its way to the current home in Littleton.

The Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum is open Friday from 10:00 to 4:00, Saturday 10:00 to 4:00 and Sunday 1:00 to 4:00.

The Museum rotates their displays and has a briefing room with informative speakers. The Museum accepts worn or damaged US flags and will properly handle the disposal of them. On Veterans Day the ashes from these flags are sprinkled on the grave sites of fallen warriors.

Please see the presentation for more information on the Roanoke Valley Veterans Museum.

Brian reminded everyone.

- Next LGA Members meeting is December 6th, 2023.
- Free Concert at Lakeland Center on Friday November 10th. Tickets are online.

Meeting adjourned by Brian at 10:36 am