

## **LIONS EYE BANK OF WISCONSIN**

### **January 22, 2017 Cabinet Meeting Report**

#### **Your LEBW – growing, growing, growing!**

This past year we have given the “Gift of Sight” to over 1,500 individuals which is a 30% percent increase in just one year. We are establishing a Call Center “in house” which will give us more control over our field operations and will allow us to better serve both our hospitals partners, and our donor families. We will also be expanding our cornea processing services in 2017, to include DMEK processing, as DMEK grafts are quickly becoming the preferred type of graft by many of our corneal surgeons. This good fortune has caused congestion inside a busy building with no room for expansion.

We have evaluated adding on to the existing building or purchasing an existing building which would require many expensive modifications. Neither of these are good financial investments for now and the future.

The LEBW has been planning and saving, knowing that our growth will need a new facility someday. Our board has approved the design phase of a new facility to meet our expanding needs for the future. We are proud to tell that there will be NO Capital Campaign for building Funds.

The process of determining final design, location and builder is underway. It will be approximately a 12,000 sq. ft. building on 2 acres of land located within 15 minutes of where we presently are located. Our thanks go out to all the Board members, Clubs, Lions and Lioness from previous years that helped make this all possible.

We hope you are excited as we are and Thank you for your continued annual financial donations and Transporter support now and in the future.

Please watch for regular updates on our progress and if you have any questions please contact me and I will do my best to answer them! Past President Jerry Wille, [jtwille@wi.rr.com](mailto:jtwille@wi.rr.com) 414-418-1104

**Giving the Gift of Sight, now and in the future!**

**Board of Directors, LEBW**

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