



Dell Rapids Lions Club - #3380

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DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING
6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Pizza Ranch

President Tom Earley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with 15 other Lions in attendance: Blaine Beck, Carolyn Drew, Connie Earley, Dean Hammer, Marlowe & Sue Hovey, Barb & Chuck Littel, Tom Ludens, Virginia Miller, Christine & Ron Snyder, Robert Wiarda, and Darrold & Dianne Williams.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Motion to approve by Marlowe, seconded by Ron; m/c.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to approve by Christine, seconded by Chuck; m/c.

Activities Account: \$2,041.63

Business Account: \$2,851.48 Less Lion Tamer's Drawing: \$214.00 = \$2,637.48 Less New

Member Account: \$335.89 = \$2,301.59

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Christine reported following up on several prospective members.

PROGRAM: As the planned program speaker, Lion Jon Gill, was unable to attend, Tom E. presented interesting information on the connection between Helen Keller and Mark Twain. Though 45 years separated the two in age, they became friends after meeting in 1895, he age 60, she age 14. Twain's three daughters had died young, so his initial interest in Helen may have stemmed from her youthful intelligence. However, over years of correspondence and meetings, they developed a deep understanding of and fondness for each other. It was a very interesting presentation. Who'd have guessed?

NEW BUSINESS: FINANCIAL UPDATE: Barb opened discussion of our club's Activities Account budget, explaining (1) we don't have much income during the summer; (2) our \$1,500 scholarship is paid in late summer; (3) our standing donations totaling \$1,750 are traditionally paid out in October to SDFL, LCIF, DLSH, and Leader Dog. It was noted that these amounts and date of distribution are subject to change by club vote. (4) Barb will set up a meeting with club officers to consider the budgets; (5) The Dells Chamber has increased their Non-Profit Membership from \$50 to \$65; motion by Carolyn to join at the \$65 level, seconded by Ron; m/c. — SDSBVI FOUNDATION: Motion by Sue, seconded by Blaine, to donate \$50; m/c.

OLD BUSINESS: LCI's "HUNGER WEEK OF SERVICE" FOOD KITS: Club members assembled 20 meal kits at the end of the meeting. They consisted of ingredients to make four different meals: chicken and rice casserole, chicken soup, tuna and noodle casserole, and spaghetti and meat sauce. Each also included a canned vegetable or fruit. Carolyn delivered them to The Storehouse Food Pantry. — PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Club support expressed for a spring pancake breakfast. Dean will check with St. Mary's for an available Sunday date. — CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT: Tom E. explained the Chamber's program to encourage networking events every month for Chamber members. Our club could work with another member or two to sponsor an event, i.e. with the Senior Citizen Center, at LaDelle &

4th Coffee Shop, etc. Tom and Sue to flush out ideas and possible dates. — USED EYEGLASSES: The SD Lions Foundation is no longer collecting these for VOSH, and recommend they go to Walmart for distribution; Tom E. verified that Walmart on S. Louise accepts them, boxed and labeled. — Robert presented 16 wooden eggs and stands that he had cut out, to be adopted by members to take home and paint, ahead of our craft project with Orchard Hills residents. Carolyn arranged that event for Tuesday, March 3rd, at 2:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank-yous received from DG Christopherson and the Dell Rapids Museum. Request from Glory House, tabled from December meeting: Motion by Robert to donate \$50; died for lack of a second. Virginia personally thanked the club for its financial support for Ski for Light (transportation fund.)

LIONS TAMER DRAWING: 16 tickets sold. Jackpot = \$230. Drum roll.....Christine found the 9 of Clubs. 😞

Motion by Ron, seconded by Christine, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; m/c.

Sue Hovey, Secretary