



Dell Rapids Lions Club

We Serve

**DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING
6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Pizza Ranch**

President Tom Ludens called the meeting to order. Special guest was Nate Sommerfeld, Dell Rapids Ambulance Service (DRAS).

PROGRAM: Lion Darrell Williams introduced Nate Sommerfeld. Nate has been an EMT since 1994. In addition to covering ambulance calls, Nate assists with billings and other administrative needs. DRAS has two ambulances housed at the Dell Rapids Fire Station. The staff numbers about 25 people, consisting of EMTs and Paramedics. Paramedics can administer drugs and do invasive procedures. Total calls in 2022 were 524. As of March 2nd, calls totaled 100. The increased population is one reason for the increase in services. The service area is defined in relationship to other ambulance services in the county. Mutual aid agreements between ambulance services provide additional resources as needed. Shifts run from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm, staffed by one EMT and one Paramedic. The patient selects the hospital of service. Funding is provided by insurance payments and funding received from the county, cities and townships. DRAS also does the billing for three other services. Some of the new medical technology at DRAS is E-Care which is on-board telemedicine with a doctor. New equipment allows for data transfer of a patient's vitals directly to the hospital so they are ready upon arrival of the patient. A new device performs chest compressions (CPR) better than a person can. Radios are encrypted for security and privacy. A new program is Community Health Workers, allowing staff to follow up on discharged patients to prevent readmission to the hospital. And a new ambulance today will cost about \$200,000!

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Motion to approve by Lion Christine Snyder and seconded by Lion Darrell; m/c.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Peg Nelson provided a treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Lion Ron Snyder and seconded by Lion Virginia Miller; m/c.

Activities Account: \$5,105.07

Business Account: \$2,983.95 less the Lion Tamer's Drawing of \$354 = \$2,629.95.

CORRESPONDENCE: 5SE District Wide Service Project: Create "Cake in a Box" and bring to Spring Forum.

OLD BUSINESS: KidSight vision screenings at DR Public & St. Mary; April 30th Pancakes.

NEW BUSINESS: Spring Forum April 1st, Brookings; MD5 Youth Camp, Medora, ND, in July; information to be sent to DR Public & St. Mary; 5SE Raffle Tickets at \$20, purchase by April 14th; Officer Slate for 2023-2024 selected; Pinewood Derby March 25th; Can trailer scheduled for update and repair per Lion Wayne Coffaa.

LION TAMER'S DRAWING: The drawing amount is \$354. Lion Connie could only come up with the 9 of Hearts and 2 bucks! We have 22 cards left in the deck!!

Motion by Darrell to adjourn, seconded by Christine; m/c.

Tom Earley (for Sue Hovey, Sec'y.)