



Dell Rapids Lions Club

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DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING

6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Dell Rapids City Park

President Tom Ludens called the meeting to order. 13 Lions in attendance: Blaine Beck, Ruth Coffaa, Tom & Connie Earley, Dean Hammer, Marlowe & Sue Hovey, Tom Ludens, Virginia Miller, Peg Nelson, Carmen Rogen, Christine & Ron Snyder.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS: Tom E. installed new club officers for the 2023-24 Lions fiscal year: Darrold and Dianne Williams, Directors and Program Chrs.; Tom Ludens, Immediate Past President and LCIF Coordinator; Connie Earley, Lion Tamer; Tom Earley, Tail Twister; Christine Snyder, Membership Chr.; Peg Nelson, Treasurer; Sue Hovey, Secretary; Darrold Williams, 1st VP; Tom Earley, 2nd VP; Tom Ludens, 3rd VP; Robert Wiarda, President. Tom E. reminded everyone that our club will celebrate our 80th anniversary in 2024.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER: Tom E. conducted the induction ceremony for our newest member, Carmen Rogen. In the absence of her sponsor, Robert Wiarda, every Lion in attendance vowed to support her as she learns about membership in our club and Lions International. Tom also commended Carmen for her interest in joining, as well as her earlier service as a Leo youth member.

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

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

Activities Account: \$5,570.70

Business Account: \$4,497.62 less the Lion Tamer's Drawing of \$404 = \$4,093.62.

Dean noted that he had filed Form 990, tax return information for Lions International.

CORRESPONDENCE: A request for financial support from End It Dell Rapids, which works to combat human trafficking. Motion to donate \$50 by Sue, seconded by Blaine; m/c. — A thank-you note from Past District Governor Robyn Tyler for our donation towards her Melvin Jones Fellowship. — Information about the upcoming State Lions Convention in Sioux Falls Sept. 28 and 29.

OLD BUSINESS: QUARRY DAYS: Tom E. reported success in our trash pick-up and KidSight vision screening; 99 children were screened and 9 were referred for follow up with an eye care professional. Peg noted that the \$500 from the Chamber for our trash service had already been received. — **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:** Tom L. and Sue reported: The first COTY is Norene Frederickson. She was nominated by Carolyn Drew, who called Norene a true "unsung hero" for her quiet service and leadership in her church, the museum, senior citizens center, and garden club. Norene was honored with special appearances during Quarry Days, beginning with throwing out the first pitch at the "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" on Friday evening. Lion Tom Schwebach treated Norene and her husband Lyle to a chauffeured ride in his classic Cadillac convertible at the head of Saturday's parade. That afternoon, they attended the wedding of one of their granddaughters, an event that ensured that lots of extended family members were back in Dells and available to share COTY events with Norene. On Sunday evening, before the stage show in the amphitheater, COTY committee members presented Norene with her engraved star-shaped award. The band played "Dancing Queen" in her honor and she and Lyle danced in front of the stage. Sue thanked club members for their early support of the project's mission to honor those who serve the community in special ways, much like we do through our annual scholarship for a high school senior.

NEW BUSINESS: PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Tom E. reported on further discussions with Father Shane: Changes made by the Bishop regarding Mass schedules means that parking would become a serious issue if we hold a Sunday morning breakfast at St. Mary's. With only a half-hour between Masses, people from the 8:00 service, who attend a breakfast, would still be taking up parking space needed for those who would attend the 9:30 service. Father's first priority, of course, is seeing that people can conveniently attend Mass. Sue made a motion to skip our fall breakfast and see how the schedule is in the spring; seconded by Christine; m/c. — **NEW MEMBERS:** Covering the cost of dues can be a problem for some who consider joining Lions, according to Membership Chr. Christine. She will prepare a proposal to present at our September meeting with ideas for addressing this, including the establishment of a club fund to contribute towards new members' dues.

Virginia reported that her guide dog Alioto died. Wiggles, another guide dog, had a diseased eye removed and has subsequently gone blind in the other eye. She's waiting for news about receiving another guide dog.

LION TAMER'S DRAWING: Dean drew the 5 of Diamonds, leaving \$416 in the pot. Only 18 cards remain in the deck! Motion by Marlowe to adjourn, seconded by Carmen; m/c.

Sue Hovey, Secretary