



Dell Rapids Lions Club

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DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING
6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Dell Rapids City Park Picnic Shelter

President Dean Hammer called the meeting to order with 11 members present; special guest Brittany Moeller.

INSTALLATION OF 2022-23 CLUB OFFICERS: Tom Earley conducted the installation of new officers. Present were: Robert Wiarda, Membership Chr.; Sue Hovey, Sec.; Peg Nelson, Treas.; Jody Morrow, Tail Twister; Connie Earley, Lion Tamer; Robert, 1st VP; Tom E., 3rd VP; and Tom Ludens, President.

PROGRAM: Tom E. introduced Brittany Moeller, Director of the Dell Rapids Carnegie Library. She worked at the library as a high school student and through college, becoming director in 2013. "The quiet library no longer exists," said Brittany. "It's now a place that hosts speakers, a place to congregate and learn new skills." The summer reading program for children has grown, and monthly programs for adults, such as bourbon tasting, have been introduced. A unique section was added: books and materials about South Dakota and by South Dakota authors. This library does not belong to the Siouxland Library system because the city can provide funds to operate it, unlike smaller towns in the county. In 2015, the library moved into the newly-expanded, handicapped-accessible facility that allowed for more materials and computers. Looking ahead, Brittany hopes to expand again as they have already outgrown the space and want to increase the size of programs. She believes public meeting and private study spaces are needed. The building could be expanded to the west, and she envisions the open space to the south becoming a "parklette," with small sensory displays and activities. This library is one of seven original Carnegie library buildings in South Dakota still being operated as libraries, and is one of just 30 in the nation.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Sue thanked Tom E. for taking the minutes of the June club meeting during her absence. Motion to approve by Dean, seconded by Marlowe Hovey; m/c.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lion Peg reported the new fiscal year started July 1st and dues notices were sent out. Two pancake breakfasts kept our Activities Account in good shape even with a drop in aluminum can and meat raffle income. The new budget shows that she has restored our donations to pre-COVID levels. She sent the \$1,200 donation to Red Rock Trails (half of the proceeds from our last pancake breakfast.) Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the 2022-23 Budget by Tom E., seconded by Connie; m/c.

Activities Account: \$5,235.35

Business Account: \$2,684.97 less the Lion Tamer's Drawing of \$286 = \$2,398.97.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank-you from Linsey Duffy, RED ROCK TRAILS Project Coordinator, for our \$1,200 donation.

OLD BUSINESS: HOSTING DISTRICT 5SE CABINET MEETING: August 6th at the Dell Rapids Reformed Church. Robert and Tom E. will coordinate; Tom will line up the catered lunch. — **CLUB SHIRTS:** Sue will send out order info to club members. — **KIDSIGHT:** Tom E. reported that the van was in the Quarry Days parade and at the baseball game; the Earley's, Hoveys, and Chuck and Barb Littel tested 45 children on Saturday and 55 on Sunday, referring 9 for follow-up with an eye care professional. — **TRASH PICKUP:** Tom E. reported that Darrold and Dianne Williams handled the chore on Saturday when attendance was high and the undersized dumpster needed emptying by mid-afternoon; the Hoveys had the duty on Sunday and the dumpster again overflowed; Tom E. to attend the upcoming Chamber meeting to request heavier-duty trash bags and a much larger dumpster for next year; bungie cords to hold bags in barrels are recommended, too. — **BRANDON CLUB VISITATION:** Sue reported on that club's method of gaining new members: the club belongs to the local Chamber of Commerce and calls on other member businesses to sponsor one or more employees to Lions Club membership (paying a year's dues) to encourage local civic involvement.

NEW BUSINESS: MEAT RAFFLES: Sue to talk to Deb Brobjorg at Norby's about the possibility of conducting just one Meat Raffle per month, October through April. — **FALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Discussion showed great interest in doing it again; Dean to check with St. Mary's to see if October 2nd is available. — **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:** Sue proposed our club head up an effort to recognize a "Citizen of the Year" at Quarry Days; involve other community leaders in vetting nominations from the public; lots of info and forms are available online to use as a model; Tom L.: the idea merits further thought and discussion. — **HOMECOMING SNACKS:** Robert will contact the schools and make arrangements for the food and drink; dates are Sept. 19th and 23rd. — **AUGUST CLUB MEETING:** Robert invites everyone to his home August 4th for a potluck and games; he and Alinda will supply dishes, etc., and he will grill burgers and brats; motion by Sue, seconded by Blaine, that Robert purchase hamburger, brats and buns and the club's Business Account will reimburse him; m/c. Robert will send out an email to club members, asking for others to volunteer

salads, desserts, etc. — Blaine Beck reminded members of the inurnment the next day of former Dells Lion OSCAR EMLY and his wife Arlene at the Dells Cemetery.

LION TAMER'S DRAWING: Connie had the lucky ticket, but her luck ended with the 3 of Hearts. Only 29 cards are left in the deck!

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Blaine, seconded by Dean; m/c.

Sue Hovey