



Dell Rapids Lions Club

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**DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING
6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2021, in the City Park**

Lion Vice President Tom Ludens called the meeting to order with 9 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary’s Report: Motion to approve by Lion Allen Brown, seconded by Lion Marlowe Hovey; m/c.

Treasurer’s Report: Lion Peg Nelson reported that we had provided a full scholarship (\$750) to Camp Gilbert, \$250 from our Activities Account and \$500 from an anonymous donor. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Lion Darrold Williams, seconded by Marlowe; m/c.

Program: Darrold introduced former South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard who spoke about the Dell Rapids Tree Rebate Program. While the emerald ash borer hasn’t yet appeared locally, 70% of trees in town are green ash and thus susceptible to the insect’s spread and devastation. The City of Dell Rapids is taking a proactive approach by removing 100 to 200 boulevard trees per year, free of charge to adjacent property owners. In a visit to City Hall, Daugaard learned that the City had established the Tree Rebate Program with \$5,000, providing property owners \$50 to help cover the cost of planting new trees (a maximum of \$100 for two trees per applicant.) Daugaard offered to increase the program’s reach with a personal donation of \$20,000, raising the amount of the rebate to \$200 per applicant for two trees, and providing land owners with more incentive to plant replacement trees. The Lions thanked Daugaard for his generosity and his passion for trees that will be enjoyed and appreciated for generations to come.

Correspondence: Key Awards for Lions membership were received from Lions Clubs International: Tom Ludens, 35 years; Lion Alberta Smith, 25 years; and Lion Christine Snyder, 10 years.

Old Business: Meeting place: Lion Tom Earley will talk to Pizza Ranch about resuming our meetings at that location, and will request the larger meeting room for our fall and winter meetings. — **Pancake Breakfast:** Back by popular demand, our club’s first pancake breakfast since 2018 is set for Sunday, October 3, at St. Mary’s hall. We’ll need all hands on deck for this fund-raiser, so please mark your calendars and plan to help if at all possible. Lion Dean Hammer will have work assignments out to everyone in September. If you prefer a different job or cannot be there that day, please let Dean know as soon as possible. — **September Program:** Rylee Rinehart and Bev Rieck will report on the FCCLA national conference.

New Business: Dakota Gives: Peg reported no success in accessing our donation link for this statewide fundraising event. She will contact Christine about having our Web provider fix it. — Reminder of the **Lions State Convention October 1-2 in Sioux Falls.**

Lion Tamer’s Drawing: Peg drew the Nine of Spades and got her \$2 back.

Motion by Lion Sue Hovey to adjourn, seconded by Allen; m/c.

Lion Sue Hovey, Secretary