



## Dell Rapids Lions Club

### We Serve

#### **DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Pizza Ranch**

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First VP Tom Earley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with 14 other Lions in attendance: Allen Brown, Carolyn Drew, Connie Earley, Norene Frederickson, Dean Hammer, Marlowe & Sue Hovey, Chuck & Barb Littel, Tom Ludens, Virginia Miller, Peg Nelson, Kathy Rindels, and Robert Wiarda.

**PROGRAM:** Tom E. introduced the program speaker, Katie Gauthier, manager of Orchard Hills. She had been employed there as a registered nurse for over three years, and now oversees a staff of 25-30, mostly local people, and occasionally fills in as a nurse. She explained that the facility has 24 apartments on each side, independent- and assisted-living wings. It is at 100% capacity and has a waiting list. It's a concern that baby boomers are aging while nursing homes are closing down, mostly due to low Medicaid reimbursement. The facility provides five levels of care on the assisted-living side, and also provides meals and activities to enhance the quality of life for residents.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Peg reported that two members have yet to pay their dues. She purchased a \$200 Pizza Ranch gift card, to be used for paying guest meals. It was pointed out that the last Secretary's Minutes incorrectly noted (under "Lion Tamer's Drawing") that there was \$73 in the pot; it should have read \$54. Aluminum can recycling brought in \$252.72. Motion to approve by Marlowe, seconded by Chuck; m/c. Activities Account: \$8,239.76 Business Account: \$3,109.20 Less Lion Tamer's Drawing: \$ 54.00 = \$3,055.20 Less New Member Account: \$134.14 = \$2,921.06

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Tom E. presented (see attached.)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** HOWARD FALL FESTIVAL: Request from SD Lions Foundation for vision screening help at this event, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Tom E. planned to volunteer.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 80th ANNIVERSARY: Members were encouraged to help with dining room set-up at 3:00 p.m. on Oct. 5th.

**NEW BUSINESS:** CLUB POTLUCK/MEETING: It was decided to have a club potluck/meeting during our regular meeting time on Thursday, Dec. 5th. Kathy said she'd check to see if the date was open at the Senior Citizen Center. — SKI FOR LIGHT: The club received a request for a donation to the event's transportation fund. The bus with wheel-chair access costs \$4,000. Motion to donate \$250 by Carolyn, seconded by Tom L.; m/c. — MEAT RAFFLE: The first one to be held Friday, Oct. 4th, at Norby's. — ORCHARD HILLS: Motion by Marlowe, seconded by Barb, to donate \$200 to the facility's Activities Acct.; m/c. Discussion on presenting and funding an activity at OH. Carolyn to check on an available date. Robert has wood he can use to cut out Christmas tree shapes to be painted by participants. Norene also has wood that could be used.

**LION TAMER'S DRAWING:** Connie drew the King of Hearts, leaving 49 cards in the deck, including the Joker.

Motion by Carolyn to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Tom L.; m/c.

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Sue Hovey, Secretary