



## **Dell Rapids Lions Club**

### **We Serve**

DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2023, at Pizza Ranch \*\*\*\*\*

First VP Darrold Williams called the meeting to order. 17 Lions in attendance: Allen Brown, Ruth & Wayne Coffaa, Connie Earley, Dean Hammer, Marlowe & Sue Hovey, Barb & Chuck Littel, Tom Ludens, Virginia Miller, Jody Morrow, Peg Nelson, Christine & Ron Snyder, Darrold & Dianne Williams. Guest: Dr. Donovan DeBoer.

PROGRAM: Dr. Donovan DeBoer, Superintendent of Dell Rapids Public Schools, recently left the Parker school system for his position here. Growing up in Chamberlain, he said he was part of a loving farm family. They weren't rich, but they all learned, from an early age, how to work. "Time is currency" meant they all worked hard, but also took time to help others. After graduating from Northern State in Aberdeen in 1999, Donovan and his wife both taught in Las Vegas, before returning to South Dakota. He said the enrollment is 980 "great kids" and he enthusiastically endorsed the teachers and staff. His main focus this year is on student mental health — which must have gotten quite a boost when he road his motorcycle into the gym during the student homecoming rally.

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

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

Activities Account: \$4,688.60

Business Account: \$4,114.54

Less the Lion Tamer's Drawing of \$445 = \$3,669.54

Less the New Member Account of \$500 = \$3,169.54

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Christine: Kathy Rindels is a new member. Procedure: Completed applications go to Sue who reports them to International. Dues money or dues pledge info goes to Peg. Christine will track action on new members' pledge agreements. If current members have questions regarding how to proceed with a prospective new member, contact Christine. Other committee members are Ron and Carmen. Carmen is researching establishing a local LEO Club for teenagers. On Carmen's suggestion, Sue made name badges for members so new people will feel more comfortable at meetings and events. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: HOMECOMING: Serving snacks at the dances went well. Barb and Chuck assisted Robert. — Sue reported on the STATE CONVENTION: She, Marlowe and Carmen attended. An especially interesting session was put on by VOSH, who thanked Lions for collecting used eyeglasses that their members distribute to those in need in Mexico. Motion by Sue to donate \$100 to VOSH, seconded by Christine; m/c. District Governor LeeAnn Haisch announced her second quarter goal was for clubs to collect hats, mittens, and gloves for their local elementary school children. Our members agreed to participate and will bring items to our November and December club meetings. Sue will send out reminders.

NEW BUSINESS: MEAT RAFFLE: First one Friday, Oct. 6th; Snyders and Hoveys for sure to be on hand. — AWARDS BANQUET: Thursday, Dec. 7th; Sue to chair the planning committee, joined by Dianne, Ruth and Virginia. They will choose a location and caterer. DG Haisch will present awards to club members. — Virginia announced that she has a new guide dog, Tahoe! Best wishes to them both!

LION TAMER'S DRAWING: Wayne drew the Three of Diamonds (or Squares, depending on the interpretation of the Secretary's bad drawing) which got him his \$2 back. The deck has dwindled to a mere 15 cards. No motion to adjourn, no second, no one left to care.

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Sue Hovey, Secretary