



Dell Rapids Lions Club

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**DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING
6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 3, 2022, at Pizza Ranch**

President Tom Ludens called the meeting to order with 16 members present.

PROGRAM: Darrold Williams introduced the speaker, Sheldon Jensen, from the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance which Dell Rapids joined in January 2022. Sheldon works with city leaders to attract businesses that will help communities grow, bringing jobs and wages. He explained that economic growth is all about partnerships within communities with grants and other support from State government. A facade improvement effort for our downtown area is in the future.

Dell Rapids Cubscout Master Paige Thompson spoke to the club, asking for our support as Pack Sponsor. Thirty children, K-5 boys and girls from both local schools, participate in monthly pack meetings, including community service. Paige was accompanied by her 7-year-old daughter, Maddy, who wanted to be a Scout, but there was no leader at the time. "I looked Mom right in her eye," said Maddy. "Why don't YOU be the leader?" Motion by Christine to sponsor the Pack at an annual cost of \$50, seconded by Robert Wiarda; m/c. Motion by Sue Hovey to sponsor the older Scout Pack at an annual cost of \$50, seconded by Christine; m/c.

Paige shared a personal family story about the Lions KidSight screening. During Quarry Days last summer, their 2-year-old son Garrison wanted a pair of the KidSight sunglasses being given away, so his parents took him and their two older daughters to the KidSight van in the park where our club members were conducting vision screenings. Garrison's scores indicated a vision problem and his parents were urged to take him to an eye care specialist. Soon, Garrison had glasses and was seeing clearly for the first time in his life. "The doctor said that before glasses, Garrison could see trees," explained Paige. "With glasses, he can see the leaves on the trees." She thanked Lions for providing this excellent, free service.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom L. reported for Peg Nelson: The pancake breakfast netted \$1,340.47. Half was promised to go to the Dell Rapids Community Food Pantry - The Storehouse, but Peg suggested we consider raising that amount. Motion by Tom Earley to donate \$1,000, seconded by Darrold; m/c. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Sue Hovey, seconded by Christine Snyder; m/c.

Activities Account: \$7,876.05

Business Account: \$3,701.45 less the Lion Tamer's Drawing of \$314 = \$3,387.45.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: STATE LIONS CONVENTION: Tom E. and Connie attended the event Oct. 7-8 in Rapid City, bringing back a Certificate of Appreciation from the SD Lions Foundation for our financial support, and a Certificate of Recognition from the SD Lions Foundation for our participation in the KidSight Program in 2021-22. Tom reported: the KidSight program has been a huge success across the state; Lions Clubs International dues will increase in 2023, 2024, and 2025; LCI has donated \$4 million to Ukraine Lions; LCI is making Hunger Grants for local food banks; PDG Tom Grimmond of Sioux Falls was inducted into the SD Lions Hall of Fame; the Multiple District 5 (MD5) (SD, ND and Saskatchewan) Youth Camp will be held this summer in Medora, ND, but due to COVID restrictions, no foreign students will attend; this year's MD5 Convention will be held in Spearfish. — CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD: Sue asked club members to consider making available some working capital from the Business Account, for photo copies and other incidental expenses; no action to be taken at this time. — CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER: In the past, the committee consisted of Blaine Beck, Dianne Williams and Virginia Miller. Dianne will check out sites available for Saturday, January 14, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: DELL RAPIDS MUSEUM: Motion by Tom E., seconded by Ron, to donate \$75 to the Museum's Christmas event. — CHRISTMAS FOR OUR KIDS: Motion by Blaine, seconded by Christine, to donate \$500 for their Christmas effort.

LION TAMER'S DRAWING: Connie had the lucky ticket, but turned up the 7 of Spades instead of the Joker. Just 26 cards remain!

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Darrold, seconded by Ron; m/c.

Sue Hovey