



Dell Rapids Lions Club

We Serve

DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 7, 2024, at Pizza Ranch

President Darrold Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with 21 other Lions in attendance: Ruth Coffaa, Carolyn Drew, Connie & Tom Earley, Norene Frederickson, Dean Hammer, Marlowe & Sue Hovey, Chuck & Barb Littel, Tom Ludens, Virginia Miller, Jody Morrow, Peg Nelson, Kathy Rindels, Carmen & Zach Rogen, Ron & Christine Snyder, Robert Wiarda, and Dianne Williams.

PROGRAM: Dianne introduced the program speaker, Joan Rasmussen. Joan explained that she has for years followed a bit of random, but important, advice she received from an acquaintance: “Do what you love.” In her case, those passions included history, architecture, and antiques. From 2005 to 2009, she renovated the Opera House on Main Street. The Odd Fellows complex on West 10th Street, which originally housed orphans and later served as a nursing home, was her next project, beginning with the laundry building (c. 1923.) It took four years to complete the main building, originally constructed in 1910 out of local rose quartzite blocks. It now contains several loft apartments. She said there were many surprises along the way, from raccoons and bats to beautiful windows and arches covered up by previous construction projects, newly discovered and preserved by her contractors.

SECRETARY’S MINUTES: Motion to approve by Tom E., seconded by Ron; m/c.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion to approve by Christine, seconded by Zach; m/c. Activities Account: \$7,941.26 Business Account: \$2,196.05 Less Lion Tamer’s Drawing: \$ 68.00 = \$2,128.05 Less New Member Account: \$134.14 = \$1,993.91

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Christine reported the DeBoers will be inducted at a future meeting; five Lions are working to achieve the Proud Lion Award. Christine has had the honor of being invited to present her membership plan to the Brookings Lions clubs in March. (see attached.)

CORRESPONDENCE: Invitation to the LENNOX LIONS GOBBLE WOBBLE ROAD RACE November 9th. — Request from SD Lions Foundation for participation in its annual BUFFALO HUNT fundraising event; tickets are \$100 each; only 500 to be sold; need not be present to win. — LIONS 5SE SPRING FORUM: April 11-12, 2025, Crossroads Convention Center in Huron. — STATE LIONS CONVENTION: Oct. 3-4, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: 80th ANNIVERSARY: Final report submitted (see attached.) — ZONE 4 MEETING: Oct. 17th in Dells. Well attended by all clubs. Committee formed to further discuss club cooperation in KidSight vision screenings in area schools. — ORCHARD HILLS CRAFT PROJECT: Nov. 19th, 2-4 p.m., meet there at 1:30. Robert cut out 16 wooden Christmas tree shapes from wood he and Norene had on hand. They need to be painted green; contact Robert if you can help. Any kind of decorative materials and hot glue guns will be needed that day, too. — CLUB POTLUCK/MEETING: Reminder of our club potluck/meeting during our regular meeting time on Thursday, Dec. 5th. Correction to November minutes: Norene said she’d check to see if the date was open at the Senior Citizen Center. Sue to email a reminder and members are encouraged to sign up for what food they’d like to bring.

NEW BUSINESS: DELL RAPIDS MUSEUM: Letter received, asking for support of the Museum’s annual Christmas auction. Motion to donate \$100 by Sue, seconded by Carmen; m/c.

LION TAMER’S DRAWING: Carmen drew the Three of Hearts, leaving 48 cards in the deck, including the Joker. Without fanfare, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

_____ Sue Hovey, Secretary