



Dell Rapids Lions Club

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DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB — OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 1, 2021, in the City Park

Lion President Dean Hammer called meeting to order with 15 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Program: Darrold introduced Michelle Majeres, a certified addiction specialist at Southeast Prevention Resource Center, who spoke about opioid addiction. According to the information she presented, the U.S. has 5% of the world’s population yet accounts for 80% of worldwide opioid use. Current statistics show 22M Americans use opioids, 23M are recovering from addiction to them, and 70,000 die each year from opioid overdoses — more than the number of Americans who die annually from vehicle accidents and gun shots combined. The SE Prevention Resource Center seeks to educate the public about the dangers of opioid use, as well as aid those who are addicted.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve by Lion Darrold Williams, seconded by Lion Christine Snyder; m/c.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Quarry Days garbage detail: Lion Tom Earley reported that the project went well, thanks to the work of the Hoveys, Williamses and Earleys. — **Meeting place:** Following discussion, motion by Christine, seconded by Lion Virginia Miller, to continue meeting in the City Park, but at a shelter in the center section where we hopefully will encounter less traffic noise, through August and September, and October if the weather remains warm; m/c. — **New Club President:** The club thanked Tom for his year of service leading the club, and commended Dean for moving up to the presidency one year early. (Dean: “It’s like ripping off a bandaid; I figured I could just as well get it over with.”)

New Business: FCCLA: A local FCCLA student qualified for competition at the organization’s national conference. In the past, our club has contributed to the student’s cost to attend. Motion by Christine to donate \$200, seconded by Tom E. and enthusiastically thirded by Lion Brant DeKruif; m/c. — **Pancake Breakfast:** Tom E. has reserved St. Mary Hall for Sunday, October 3rd, for our long-awaited, over-due, pandemic-postponed Pancake Breakfast. He also spoke with Lion Blaine Beck who promised to have his homemade brats ready for the occasion. Despite concerns about the new COVID delta variant, fall flu season, and this being the day after the Lions State Convention, the general consensus was a resounding YES to the breakfast! An effort will be made to have our event announced at the State Convention; attendees heading home that morning may choose our pancakes and brats to fortify themselves for the road. — Reminder of the **Lions State Convention in October in Sioux Falls.**

Lion Tamer’s Drawing: The Queen of Hearts was drawn by Lion Ron Snyder who got his \$2 back.

Motion by Lion Tom Ludens to adjourn, seconded by Ron; m/c.

Lion Sue Hovey, Secretary