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Monday, August 16, 2020

ATTENDANCE: 16

INVOCATION: Thanks to Al Brown for leading us in prayer.

GUESTS: Al Brown brought his lovely bride who wanted to hear from our honorable Mayor.

JACKPOT: Derry Anderson - this was rigged for sure. Mayor Paul asked if Derry was going to claim his winnings on his taxes.

QUEENS DRAWING: Barb DiSanto drew the Joker and won 12 bucks.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 24, 2020

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

UPCOMING MEALS: Meatloaf is the special but there are many other choices as well.

UPCOMING COD:

August 24	Bob Whitmore
August 31	5 th Monday – Evening Social
September 7	Labor Day – No Meeting
September 14	Lou Rensch
September 21	Ken Fisher

BIRTHDAYS:

- Don Platt August 13
- Barry Solomon August 13
- Tom Loonan August 16
- Steve Mix August 30

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- Joe Spader August 29, 2011 9 years

HEALTH REPORT:

COSMO OF THE DAY: Mr. Jerry Priebe (retired)

- Jerry mentioned that he and Dana have been married for 33 and 1/3 years here shortly.
- Children – Megan (30) works for Sanford in Fargo and happens to be in town today working with a new recruiter.
- Brett is an Engineer in Omaha and was recently named VP.
- Jerry worked for State Farm for 34 ½ years and retired last December. He says retirement is great. He just wakes up, drinks coffee and golfs (136 rounds this year).
- Has a new 5 week old Grandson, Collan, who is in the nicu and has some neuromuscular issues, but is doing better is now smiling and is gaining weight.

PROGRAM: Mayor Paul Tenhaken

- Has 3 children who really need to go back to school. This is his most important job, being a husband and a Father.
- Goes to Haiti every year and says he would love to be back in Haiti right now.
- It has been 5 months since our first case of COVID and it feels like 50 years.
- This has been a very challenging time and people are just angry about everything and this makes it a difficult time to be in office.
- Despite COVID, the city has been open since May with no restrictions and we are one of few cities our time taking this approach.
- We have seen a recent rise in COVID cases but a lower number of hospitalization.
- Our numbers say we are doing pretty well, but the next few weeks will tell a lot.
- Tough job for school boards and superintendents.
- Reminder to keep the virus in perspective.
- In July of 2020 our sales tax revenue was 3% higher than in 2019. Our economy is resilient and doing well. Part of this is that our on-line sales tax is going well. Thank you Marty Jackley for championing this bill.
- The city is working on their budget and the City Council will vote on it next month.
 - One of the biggest parts is the \$250,000 waste water facility project, which is a 5 year project. Very critical for any growth and development in our city.
 - Public safety is an important place to put money and pressure to cut this, but this is not in the Mayors administration he is not buying this as people want to feel safe.
 - We are equipping all officers with body cams. It is very expensive but both the public wants it and the officers want it. It tells much more of the story than a clip from a cell phone.
 - Adding 15 firefighters to staff the new station at 57th and Faith. It will open this coming year.
 - We are getting lots of calls and interest from people and companies wanting to move to Sioux Falls. We need to be careful about growth.
- We have won a lot of awards in the last 6 months:
 - Best place to retire. Forbes
 - Wallet Hub award – one of the 10 most well run city in America.
 - High ranking in cities for young professionals. Low cost of living.
- Mayor Paul has been working on collective bargaining on 3 different agreements.
 - He recognized that culture has a huge impact and we have 1300 employees in the city and has worked to improve the culture.

- 25% of the cities employees will retire in the next 5 years.
- We need to develop leaders in our city employees. They are working on developing employees and making a lot of progress.
- He is working on mentorship programs for youth to attempt to change the trajectory of kids who are at risk. Sioux52 is the program and they are in need of mentors. Sioux52.org to learn more. Goal to get 5200 new mentors by 2026.
- Crime has risen with COVID. Domestic issues, drug use (meth), shootings related to narcotics.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Board meeting August 18 at The Alliance.
- International Convention meeting moved to Monday August 24th at The Alliance at 11:00 am.

BRAGS & FINES: SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

- Jerry – golfed last Friday at Madison because, well it was Friday. Gerry was picked on for only having 3 birdies.
- Matt Smith spent last Thursday – Sunday in Knoxville for his “redneck weekend”. He ran into Lanny and they talked about all the million dollar rigs that the rednecks stay in so a different class of redneck. He was happy to come to club to listen to Mayor Paul who he spent his best week of the year with in Haiti in January, which was the highlight of his year.
- Scott Wheeldryer, a couple weeks ago he went to Gull lake with their granddaughter and spent time swimming, bike riding, go cart riding, gym and other things and had a great time.
- Barb DiSanto bragged she finally got new flooring.
- Derry fined Rick for making Barb wait so long for new flooring.
- Derry paid a fine for Al for his wife having to put up with him for so many years.
- Derry fined our substitute President for making a few mistakes on the agenda, insisting that Ludene never makes mistakes.