

# WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

**DATE:** Thursday, November 19, 2009

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Dennis Button, Bill Carpenter, Bill Cashman, Clarence Diekman, Gary Duneman, Steve Egli, Kevin Fiene, Jim Hurley, Len Jentz, Brian Larson, Jim Lee, Ron Leibold, Jason Leonard, Louis MacDougall, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Dennis Peterka, Mike Siberski, Stu Thorson, Jerry Vallem, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Clark Wilharm, Steve Willemssen, Gary Williams, Ken Winter

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Bob Brunkhorst, Fred Ribich, Dan Meyers, Julie Meyers

## **MEETING RECAP:**

- President Duneman called the meeting to order with prayer (Carpenter) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Announcements/Reminders:
  - Gary Duneman will be gone on December 3 so if you need something please contact Dennis Button or Kevin Fiene.
  - Reminder that we need everyone's assistance on Saturday, December 12, for the basketball tournament fundraiser. There are various jobs available so members not present at this meeting are asked to email Dave Arns about your availability to work.
  - We will be participating in tonight's One Nation Under God Banquet at the Waterloo Elks Club, along with the other Cedar Valley Exchange Clubs.
  - Several thank you cards from funded agencies were passed around.
- Ken Winter introduced the November Student of the Month, Dan Meyers. Dan is the son of Jeff and Julie Meyers. Dan has been very successful and involved at W-SR High School:
  - Ranked 3/164 with a cumulative grade point average of 3.993
  - Honor Roll and Academic Award for every semester in school, as well as being named a National Merit Scholar Commended Student
  - Participant in History Day, All State Speech, State Mock Trial, band, and orchestra
  - Active member of the Lutheran Youth Organization and is involved in local Bible studies
  - Enjoys reading, music, and movies
  - Has been accepted as a Page at the State Capitol this spring
  - Plans to major in music at college at a not yet determined collegeCongratulations to Dan ... and you too Jeff!
- Bill Carpenter introduced today's program, Waverly mayoral candidates Bob Brunkhorst and Fred Ribich. Highlights of their presentations included:
  - Bob Brunkhorst
    - Got his start in politics by interning with Senator Grassley
    - 14 years experience as a State Representative and Senator
    - Issues in the mayoral race: flood response, open governance, fiscal responsibility (focus on needs not wants)
    - Key jobs of mayor are to facilitate discussion on issues, program review, economic development (including taking care of current businesses), taking care of Main Street, outreach and promotion
    - Wants to get new people involved in local government
  - Fred Ribich
    - Mayor needs to be flexible and adaptable to work with various constituencies
    - Grew up in Cleveland, attended college in Ohio, worked in Washington D.C., then moved to Carbondale, Illinois to pursue his doctorate
    - Came to Wartburg and Waverly in 1977

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- What about Waverly has kept him here? ... top notch health care, vigorousness of church community, interesting mix of retail and services, diverse commercial/light industrial base, recreational facilities, municipal utilities, strong support for non-profit ... Waverly was the whole package
  - Ran for City Council in 1997 and has been serving since
  - A lot of issues ,e.g., flood mitigation, moderate priced housing availability, road projects, etc.
- We also had a question/answer session with the candidates. Thanks Bill for an excellent, timely program!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Thursday, November 19 -- One Nation Under God banquet in Waterloo @ 5:30 p.m. (social)
- Thursday, November 26 -- No meeting - HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Thursday, December 3 -- Meet the Members
- Tuesday, December 8 -- Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church)
- Thursday, December 10 -- Business Meeting
- Saturday, December 12 -- Basketball Tournament fundraiser @ W-SR High School
- Thursday, December 17 -- Bill Cashman program
- Thursday, December 24 -- NO MEETING
- Thursday, December 31 -- NO MEETING
- Thursday, January 7 -- Meet the Members
- Tuesday, January 12 -- Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church)
- Thursday, January 14 -- Business Meeting
- Thursday, January 21 -- Chad DeBoer program
- Thursday, January 28 -- Steve Egli program

Responsibility for inviting guests/prospective members:

- November – Gerrietts, Hildebrandt, Jentz, Johnston
- December – Cashman, Leibold, McKenzie, Meyers
- January – Brandau, Carpenter, Knudson, Westendorf
- February – Meyers, Siberski, Thorson, Vallem
- March – Leonard, Vyverberg, Wilcox, Wilharm
- April – Larson, Williams, Willis, Winter
- May – DeBoer, Hurley, Janssen, Willemsen

**Respectfully submitted,**

Kevin Fiene

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