

WAVERLY EXCHANGE CLUB

Waverly, Iowa

DATE: Thursday, April 29, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Arns, Irv Bettenga, Jim Brandau, Dennis Button, Bill Carpenter, Bill Cashman, Chad DeBoer, Clarence Diekman, Steve Egli, Kevin Fiene, Dewey Hildebrandt, Jim Hurley, Al Janssen, Len Jentz, John Johnston, Brad Knudson, Brian Larson, Jim Lee, Ron Leibold, Jason Leonard, Louis MacDougall, Dan McKenzie, Jeff Meyers, Dick Miller, Linda Miller, Mike Siberski, Stu Thorson, Jerry Vallem, Kasey Wadding, Bill Westendorf, Roger Wilcox, Clark Wilharm, Steve Willemssen, Gary Williams, Ken Winter

GUESTS PRESENT: Dean Mitchell (speaker), Faithe, Trent and Carla Guyer

MEETING RECAP:

- President-Elect Button called the meeting to order with prayer (Johnston) and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Announcements/Reminders:
 - Dave Arns sent around a card for Pastor Don Feuerhak who is retiring
 - Final assignments for the setting up and working Saturday's golf tournament were reviewed. Additional assistance would be helpful Friday night to set up at the Country Club. Also we are currently at 102 hole sponsors with several additional still to come in! This will likely allow us to exceed the projected budget for the tournament.
 - The Chamber is sponsoring an art show at Kohlman Park Saturday afternoon ... stop down after the golf tournament.
 - Reminder of the upcoming Memorial Day weekend events.
 - Saturday, May 29 @ 9:00 a.m. ... Putting up the flags at Harlington Cemetery
 - Monday, May 31 @ 10:15 a.m. ... Meet to carry the flag in the Memorial Day parade
 - Monday, May 31 @ 4:00 p.m. ... Assist in taking down the flags at Harlington Cemetery
 - The program schedule for the remainder of the fiscal year (ends June 30) will be confirmed at next Tuesday's Executive Committee meeting, e.g., see highlighted areas below.
- Ken Winter introduced the Waverly-Shell Rock April Student of the Month Faithe Guyer, daughter of Trent and Carla Guyer. Faithe is currently ranked 5/161 in her senior class with a 3.981 cumulative grade point average. Other highlights include: A Honor Roll for four years, Academic Award recipient, Regional Math Competition qualifier, band, choir, Masquers, Spanish Club, and also has been active in her church. Faithe loves to read, listen to and play music, and hanging with friends. She plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to major in mathematics and music. Congratulations Faithe!
- John Johnston introduced today's speakers, Dean Mitchell and our very own Dan McKenzie. Dean and Dan (sounds like a morning radio show doesn't it ☺) have been and are heavily involved in the planning for a new softball/baseball recreational facility. Highlights of their presentation include:
 - Fair-Diamond Development Committee (FDDC)
 - The city initially purchased 24 acres north of the soccer complex for new ball diamonds ... but there was some resistance due to traffic flow concerns
 - In July 2007 the City Council put together a task force regarding baseball and softball facilities, as well as investigating partnership with the Bremer County Fair Board
 - There are a number of partners making up the guiding committee
 - Missions of the various constituencies (City of Waverly, Waverly Leisure Services, Bremer County Fair Association, Ball Diamond Task force) are all in alignment
 - Preferred location is off of Highway 3 just west of CUNA Mutual
 - Fair has a goal of improving and increasing attendance/opportunities at the fair, as well as being able to host various other activities because the space is available
 - Shared parking between the fair grounds and ball complex
 - Diamonds would have their own concession stand and rest room

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- Goal of the ball program is to increase playing space and support growth of programs, including hosting regional baseball and softball tournaments
 - This combined project has the possibility of greatly increasing economic impact on the community
 - Discussions are taking place on purchasing needed land to accomplish this project
 - Asking the city to assist with this project in various ways
 - Work continues on developing organizational structure
 - Asking the community to help both financially and in-kind support
- A very interesting project and presentation! Thanks John, Dan, and Dean!

UPCOMING SPEAKER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS: (new additions are highlighted)

- Saturday, May 1 -- Tee Off Against Child Abuse Golf Tournament
- Tuesday, May 4 -- Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church)
- Thursday, May 6 -- Business Meeting and Meet the Members
- Thursday, May 13 -- Peace Officer of the Year presentation (meet at Law Enforcement Center)
- Thursday, May 20 -- **Brad Knudson program (tentative)** / W-SR A.C.E. Award / Bremwood Student of the Year Award
- Thursday, May 27 -- **Brian Larson program (tentative)** / W-SR Student of the Year / Proudly We Hail
- Saturday, May 29 -- **Putting up Avenue of the Flags @ 9:00 a.m. (Harlington Cemetery)**
- Monday, May 31 -- **Memorial Day parade @ 10:15 a.m.**
- Monday, May 31 -- **Remove flags at Harlington Cemetery @ 4:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, June 3 -- **Program to be determined**
- Tuesday, June 8 -- Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 a.m. (Grace Baptist Church)
- Thursday, June 10 -- Business Meeting
- Thursday, June 17 -- Jim Lee program
- Thursday, June 24 -- Ron Leibold program

Responsibility for inviting guests/prospective members:

- May – DeBoer, Hurley, Janssen, Willemsen

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fiene

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