

Ames Golden Kiwanis

Meeting Notes from 2/14/2019

This is our first general meeting in 3 weeks, as the last two were cancelled due to severe weather.

Following refreshments and social time, Larry Vallery opened the meeting at 9:25 with the “call to order” bell. Following the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer, he noted that due to the passing of his wife on Tuesday evening, he had missed the Board meeting, but really wanted to attend the meeting to be among friends. Larry then introduced Bob Currie, of the Noon Kiwanis Club, who is here today to sign up workers for the Pancake Days slots. He emphasized that this is the 60th Anniversary of their Pancake Days! They are NOT using online sign up for workers this year, but instead, taking the sign up (with available slots) around to all the clubs for members to volunteer. Bob remained for the meeting while the list circulated and for a while following the meeting as more signed up. He (or another member of their club) will also be at our meeting next week for additional volunteers. (Gene Pollmann noted that he had found a misprint on the pancake tickets – Dates are correct, but the year is still 2018! Bob Currie was surprised!

Gina then took over for a moment and noted that we had started a sympathy card around for Larry. She also noted that we all extended our thoughts and prayers to Larry and his family during this time of loss and announced the dates and times for Rita’s visitation and funeral. Larry then continued with the introduction of Brent Peterson, Linda and Dick’s 2nd son.

Larry then showed all the GREAT article that Don Muff had gotten published in this week’s Sun, along with an article in this issue of the District’s Kiwanian. He also noted that Don had had recent surgery for a heart pacemaker and hoped to be back in another week or so. Also, Bob Farr has been absent the last several weeks due to a fall, and probably will not be back until the weather straightens out and the snow and ice melt!

The program was then begun by Bob Sperry with his presentation on Membership. Handouts for each person were on the tables already, along with the business cards and membership recruitment and member guest reminder towers that Bob has made. Following Bob’s presentation, two members spoke and urged members to keep asking and re-asking candidates. Both of them had been re-asked for a year or so before they came to a meeting. It was there that they actually realized that the club was for them! Ron Skrdla presented the financial portion of the revised I plan and there were no questions. Bob continued with Larry’s portion of the program about service and projects. The opportunity to possibly work with an SLP (AKTION Club) was mentioned and Bob asked anyone that has ideas and/or is interested in helping with this effort to talk to one of the officers as soon as possible. Kent finished the I-Plan presentation with a brief explanation of the Web update and the ongoing project to add a recruiting slideshow/video to the site. One suggestion was to possibly put this on U-tube, where a link could be included on our website.

An announcement was made to all in attendance that the paper trailer is FULL and LOCKED, but John Slaughter said that since we had not had a meeting for so long, he and the crew would be opening it up after the meeting and doing their best to get everyone’s stockpiles depleted before closing it up again before sending it off. Bob Sperry will try to send out a notice to all members via e-mail about the closed trailer and the re-opening IF it occurs before Larry Trede returns in a week.

After announcing the duties for next week and that the meeting will be here at FUMC, Larry adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.