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July 1, 2020

Call to Order

Prior to the official start of the meeting, Travis Elsass won best face mask (just to spite Kraig) and Wes Protsman won best lunch box.

President Wes called the meeting to order, and Alex Pittman offered the invocation.

The sole guest was Jake Dowling (*The Evening Leader*).

Kraig led the singing of happy birthday to John Coe, Ellen Hunter and Sue Pittman.



Happy Dollars

Wes is happy to be chairing first board meeting. Beth Noneman was happy for daughter getting married, for a future grandchild, and for new role at YMCA. Rick Green was happy for the upcoming gold outing, Travis was happy to be done with presidency, Kraig was happy for new kayak, trip to Rhode Island to see the granddaughters, birds visiting new bird feeder, and playing piano for first time in 30 years. Mike Lee was happy for upcoming wedding anniversary, and Randy was happy for finishing a 30 year project by completing a fence. Via zoom, Brian was happy for a Rotarian supplied meal on his trip.

Fines

Julie Kraner doled out fines related to Independence Day.



Paul Harris

Paul Harris awardees in attendance were: Rick Green sponsored Jim Hearn, Marcia Hearn, Cathy Markes, Kathy Murphy, Pam Tenyak, Stephen Tenyak. The Elsass': April, Bennett, Jason, Karen, Randy, and Travis. Keith Fledderjohann and Julie Kraner

Announcements

- Golf Outing July 18th

Program

Donna Grube from Greater Grand Lake Visitor's Region was today's speaker.

2019 Recap: It was a record year for tours and spending, based on hotel rooms income. 4,456 jobs were supported by local tourism. Was a record year because of strong economy, Moon landing anniversary, and lake was busy with boat traffic.

2020: Started Brews and Vines Tour in January, and over 1,000 people signed up for the passport in January and February. Have been enhancing social media presence.

Grand Lake has been re-discovered by many during the pandemic, including boaters, walkers, and kayakers. Celina Moose has put on a large deck. Boardwalk Grille has put in a large patio. Campgrounds has been full for the last four weeks. Armstrong museum has been open for a week, and it is seeing an increase in visitors.

Some events are still 'on' but changed: Grand Lake marathon has been shortened to a half marathon, St. Joe's festival will have fireworks, food trucks, and chicken dinners. Moeller Brew Barn is bringing back tractor square dancing on July 4th since Countryfest was cancelled.

High points for 2020: Armstrong Museum hoping to hopes to have a Learjet 28 permanently on site. (Only 5 were ever build, and Neil Armstrong flew one.) "Shop Small Crawl" passport started today (July 1). Auglaize County historical

society hopes to earn a historical marker as home of Jim Tully.

Donna put \$5 of Happy Dollars on Kraig's account for being happy to be the first speaker post-shutdown.



Queen of Hearts

Wes' number was drawn, and he drew a joker and split the pot with himself. Wes donated the money back. The Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 7/8: TBN
- 7/15: Jarret Webb, My*la's Frozen Yogurt
- 7/22: Mark Schemmel, County Wildlife Officer
- 7/29: Sherriff Al Solomon

Upcoming Greeters (Brad Seitz)

- 7/8: Mark Ashman
- 7/15: Linda Haines
- 7/22: Trisha Barnes
- 7/29: Tim Benjamin

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

** Please note: Rotarian who is serving as 'Greeter' should be in place by 11:30 AM*

