

December 7, 2015

Co-chair person, Vern Rausch called the December 7, 2015 Hoven Service Club meeting to order at the Hoven Senior Nutrition Site after the noon meal. Supt. Bob Graham was asked to present a Hoven Schools report. He wanted to stress to all community members that we are welcomed to visit the schools at any time. The schools need our support in all areas, whether it is in attending a sporting event, academic event, music presentations, or any special school event. He is impressed with the Elementary and High School level teachers and students. Mr. Graham also presented an updated report on the new school structure. The contractors feel as though everything is right on schedule, if not a little ahead, of completion for the 2016 school term.

Vern asked for a reading of the previous minutes, which Sue read. As there were no corrections nor additions, the minutes stood as read with a motion to approve them from Tom Garrity and a second to that motion from Joann Rader. Royce then presented the treasurer's report. That report also stood as read with a motion to approve from Carole Stoecker and a second to her motion from Jeanette Schaefer.

Vern asked to address any old business. A short report was given on the Harvesting Hoven's Potential for the Future community meeting. There were about 230 persons in attendance at the November 7 event. Five groups have been designated as the more important concerns of persons in the community. These groups are categorized as Health, Housing, Business, Youth, and Daycare. About January 6 or 7, persons will gather from each group to discuss and prioritize these needs.

New business was then discussed. The Club was asked to help sponsor the local Snow Queen contest and contestants, and to help fund the registration fees of the candidates and the local talent winner. After discussion, a motion was entertained by Don Seurer with a second to his motion from Francis Karst that our Club will contribute \$200 toward the registration fees. The motion was carried by all present. We wish to congratulate our local winners, Jr Snow Queen Kayla Sautner, Sr Snow Queen Autumn Simon, and talent representative Callie Kaiser. There was some brief discussion on the Annual HSC Meeting and Banquet date, as well as entertainment. With a motion from Diane Sevigny and a second to her motion from Lorraine Hoffman, Royce will visit with Mrs. Liz Bengs, director of our music department. We would like her to coordinate a musical presentation for our Banquet entertainment. We would compensate the music department for their time.

Vern Rausch and the local Hereford Ranch and families were commended on the recent article which appeared in the ABERDEEN AMERICAN NEWS. Dr. Tom Garrity mentioned he will be looking into a new web site program and the possibility of going to Aberdeen to receive some helpful information on creating web sites and other programs. He was awarded monies from the Rooster Rush program to help with the expenses of keeping our web site current. Thanks, Tom, for the great job you do in creating our local site. Compliments come from many persons, many from out of state, on how valuable the site is. Vern reviews the hits on the local site by checking the counter which is on the various pages. Dr. Garrity is willing to create a new site, which will be a listing of ads for jobs available in Hoven and also positions wanted. This is a project of 'a work in progress'. Tom also lists homes for sale or rent, as well as rental apartments.

Sue read Thank You notes from the Hoven Elementary School, as we contributed Hoven Centennial books to their library and a note from the Swan Lake Sportsmen Club, as we contributed door prizes to their recent event. The Service Club wishes to commend Faith Thorn, Jan Seurer, students Alex Seurer and Riley Ladwig for the great mural painted on the former Vilas Drug windows. These mural painters racked up 25 hours of donated

time on their creation. It looks great. Thank you! Faith Thorn shared an idea with the us of initiating a "Bark in the Park" event in the Fall of 2016. Persons would bring their dogs for showing, for skills and possibly other contests. There are other ideas to be discussed for the event. We asked Faith and Heather Fine to bring more detailed ideas to the January meeting. These ladies would coordinate the event.

The weekly Christmas Yard winner for Week #1 is Eugene and Nola Schmidt. Santa will be in Hoven on Friday, December 18 to visit area children and school students, as well as a stop at the Senior Center. Watch the HOVEN REVIEW for scheduled times. The local promotional drawings for holiday hams and Hoven spendable bucks are scheduled for December 11 and 18. Winners will receive a phone call.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Hoven Nutrition site. Come for lunch, stay for the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was entertained by Sue with a second to her motion from Royce. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Sue Petersen, secretary