



DAVENPORT NOON OPTIMIST CLUB

"FRIEND OF YOUTH"

Friday July 7, 2023

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by our President Carrie Dreifurst and our prayer was led by Ron Gunnare. Welcome back to a meeting Ruth Ahnen, it was good to see her at a meeting again! Wayne gave an update on Flags over the 4th of July! First we need two new members for next years Flag Committee! If interested talk to Wayne or Carrie! It was another successful holiday for flags, however some routes were apparently not picked up in a timely fashion! Also, we have several positions available for next years board! We have 2nd VP, 3rd VP, and Secretary available. Talk to Carrie or anyone on the board if you have questions. We will be celebrating the Optimist Patio at Big Brothers Big Sisters on Tuesday July 25th. We will be having a ribbon cutting from 4:30 to 5:30. We would love to have you in attendance at BBBS. At the board meeting on July 6th the board approved \$1,000 for the Hispanic Food Pantry, Common Cord, and the Army JROTC. Also \$500 was approved for the DPD Youth Program.

INFORMATION

Our program today was both our Business Meeting and the Hispanic Food Pantry (Banco de Comida Hispano). We had John Cooper from Saint Anthony's and Mauricio Diaz from the Hispanic Food Pantry to talk about their program. The club approved a \$1,000 grant for the food pantry. John discussed the history of the McAnthony Window at Saint Anthony's parish. It started gradually as a food pantry, and they have morphed into helping the less fortunate in plenty of ways. They offer meals, food, last year gave out over 25,000 bus tokens. They will feed over 60,000 people through their food bank, and 36,000 hot meals this year. The Hispanic Food Pantry portion of their food pantry is designed to help and provide more traditional ingredients for Hispanic families that other food pantries don't traditionally provide. It allows families to cook traditional Hispanic dishes at home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 14 - HOBY Awards
- July 21 - HOPE at the Brick House
- July 28 - Family Resources
- August 4 - Business Meeting
- August 11 - Fostering Crossroads

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