



The Cog

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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order followed by Alex Pittman offering the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. We were visited today Janice Longsworth, guest of Sue Pittman, and John Meinerding brought Deanan Lauth, Kyle Wagner, Jordan Fisher, Kaili Heitkamp, Elisabeth Ruth, Shelby Kanorr and Justin Nedderman with him as our Memorial High School visitors.

Song

Kraig Noble led us in "Home on the Range." There were no birthdays.

Happy Dollars

Randy was happy for a good board meeting, Kraig for Janice being with us today, Dan Burke for the baseball season starting and selling ball drop raffle tickets,

Hodge Drake for his son being on fire on TV and for Otterbein raising money for a pontoon boat, Ellen Hunter for Henry's second birthday and for announcing that she is pregnant again!!! (I hate April Fool's Day), Alex Pittman for the library levy (along with a happy dollar from Kevin Lawler for the levy), Sue Pittman for Janice being with us and for the Business Person's Breakfast tomorrow at the library, and Bill Maki for Holy Week and for Michigan State Basketball.

Fines

Bill Maki did fines today. He did trivia, mostly on April Fool's stuff. Kraig, Ellen, Beth Noneman, Bob Leugers, Pat Cogan, Robbie Burke, and Rick Green all guessed wrong, but Jeff Squire and Mike Makley guessed right. He group fined anyone not graduating from a final four school.

Announcements

- Randy announced 52% attendance for March which is actually good.
- A sign-up sheet for Administrative Professionals Day is going around. Invite you staff to lunch on April 22nd.
- Sign up for Krogers rewards.
- Randy announced the resignation of John Wale from the club.
- Paul Harris Foundation +1 Recognitions were presented to Don Hinckley and Beth Noneman.

Program

Kathy introduced Sue Pittman as our speaker today. Sue is the Director of our public library. She received her BS from Wright State and her Masters from Kent State and has been in St. Marys since 1986. One of her many achievements was being recognized as an outstanding alumni from Wright State in 2011.



This May there is a renewal levy on the ballot for the library. Sue told us about some of the specific programs that the library provides, such as Babies, Books and More, the Summer Reading Program (which last year had 193 adults, 195 teens and 1017 children participating), the Friday morning Craft Circle, the Art Show, the Garden Swap and Share, and Author Visits, among other things.

The library also has extensive technological resources. The computer lab had over 11,000 users logging in over 4,000 hours of computer time. The library offers classes on computers and can work with

your personal Kindle or other ereader to help with that tech.

She went over the funding for the library. Now, 66% of their budget comes from the state. It used to be 90% and they are currently receiving 1996 levels of support from the state. The current levy provides 32% of the funding. This replacement levy will continue that.

Sue introduced Janice Longsworth, who is with the levy PAC, who encouraged us all to get out and vote for the levy.

Queen of Hearts

Jim Heinrich won the daily drawing but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Program

4-8 Michaella Huber
4-15 Abby Balster

Upcoming Greeters

4-8 Kathy Sampson
4-15 Tami Sanford

** Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

