



THE COG

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Call to Order

President Jeff Squire opened and Charles Ritchmeyer offered the invocation.

Guests included Kateland Keene (Bev Wilker), Jenny Shellabarger (Kathy Sampson), Dr. Stephen Jacquemin & Dr. Greg Homan (speakers), Teresa Schultz & Jake Dowling (Evening Leader), Dave Regnet (Rebecca Regnet) and Ed Gephart (Daily Standard)

Kevin Lawler led the singing of "Moonlight Bay" & there were no birthdays.

Happy Dollars

Pres. Jeff was happy about Kalida HS production, Randy Elsass was happy about the debate and his trip to the Masters, Charles

Ritchmyer for planting trees on Arbor day, Kraig Noble for guest Kateland, Dave Regnet's career change and his speaking event, Robbie Burke was happy about Gears and Cheers last week, Ellen Hunter was happy about Family Audiology's Spring promotion, Mike Makely was happy about scholarship committee, Zach Ferrall was happy about the Day of Caring and had \$20 tickets for this event, Alex Pittman was happy about Painting for Polio and the WSU speakers, Sue Pittman was happy about the Arts Place event on Friday from 6 – 8 p.m.

Finemaster Phil Schumann fined everyone for a \$2 limit. Fines included some trivia questions, tax day fines, badges, mowers & snowblowers, hospice Gala, & carp derby.

Announcements

- Gears & Cheers on 4/26/18
- Still collecting for Victor House (see Ellen H. if questions)
- Administrative Professionals Day program on 4/25/18
- Family of Rotary at Wes Protsman's house on 5/5/18
- Paint for Polio event planned for 5/11/18
- Dues are Due

Program

Bev Wilker introduced the 2018 4 way speech contestants as 3rd place Clara Caywood – not present (\$50), 2nd place Jenny Shellabarger (\$75) and 1st place Kateland Keene (\$150). Bev Wilker then gave the floor to Kateland Keene to present her 4-way speech on the Opioid Crisis which she had memorized and did a fantastic job presenting. She also took a moment of silence

to remember the families/students involved in the recent tragic auto accident in St. Marys this week.



Zach Ferrall then introduced our speakers Dr. Stephen Jacquemin and Dr. Greg Homan from Wright State University Lake Campus.

Dr. Greg Homan started the presentation by speaking about the Ag culture and economy in Mercer & Auglaize Counties and the impact it makes in our lives. Mercer County has \$500-\$600 million in Ag sales and Auglaize has about \$300 million. Dr. Homan spoke



about his former concerns of the brightest students/future leaders leaving for college and not returning but he feels the Lake Campus Ag program gives us a way of keeping the talent local. The program started in 2007 with approximately 18-20 students and has grown to 60-65 students for their Associate and Bachelor's degrees. Dr. Homan also spoke about the Ag and Water Quality building and the labs and hands on classrooms that continue to improve the Ag program. The program continues to grow and will be adding a new faculty member.

Dr. Jacquemin then took the podium and spoke about the water quality and environmental issues that we encounter locally. Dr. Jacquemin spoke about the relationship between the Ag industry and the water quality and how their program is assisting to improve water quality and educate the students on both Ag as well as conservation. He believes that our goal should be to have a healthy ag economy as well as a healthy environment and WSU Lake Campus is helping to bridge this gap. Dr. Jacquemin spoke about the clean water shortage and how the improvements are making a difference. They have seen a 20-60% drop in phosphorus and nitrogen in the water from 10 years ago due to conservation efforts. He feels that the current students and future students will be the legacy to fix our quality water concerns.

Queen of Hearts

Alisher Khudaykulov drew for the Queen and found her!

Upcoming Programs

- 4/25 Sarah Kelsey, (Rhinestone Lipgloss--Admin. Prof. Day)
- 5/2 Marissa Lewis (Glitter & Gold)
- 5/9 Alyssa Putman (JTDMH Clear Passage Program Director)

Upcoming Greeters

- 4/25 Phil Schumann
- 5/2 Gayle Masonbrink
- 5/9 Larry Hammond

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

