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From the President: February is more than half over already and spring is just around the corner. Time went by so fast it seems winter never arrived. Actually, reviewing the overall temperatures we have had, maybe winter really did forgot to show up this year.

There is much to look forward to in the coming months. We have NRCA elections, city and state elections and national elections.

There will be several items on the ballot to vote on, including Amendment D, sponsored by State Senator Bill Napoli.

The NRCA will hold elections at this month's meeting. There will be 4 offices open.

I am not running for President and Lee is not running either. That means the NRCA will have new leadership in the coming years.

I have been an NRCA member since the early 1980's and served about half those years as an officer in one position or another. I began the newsletter 19 years ago.

I served as President for the years 1996, 1997, 2001, 2002 and 2005. I served as Vice President in 1999, 2000, 2003 and 2004. I was Secretary for 1988 and 1989. During every year I served on the board I also edited and printed the newsletter.

I have had a great time serving my community, but now it is time for someone else to do so.

I would like to thank all the people over the years who helped the community and offered support in so many different areas.

I hope you will all support the new president and board.

NRCA OFFICERS

- President**
Richard Dlugosz.....718-9173
- Vice-President**
Lee Dennison.....721-7585
- Secretary**
Mary Parker.....718-9292
- Treasurer**
Florence Chisolm.....343-4215

REPRESENTATIVES

- Ward 2 Alderman**
Sam Kooiker.....721-6282
Deb Hadcock.....343-1247
- Ward 4 Alderman**
Ray Hadley.....342-8899
Ron Kroeger.....348-6195
- Ward 5 Alderman**
Malcolm Chapman.....716-6210
Bob Hurlbut.....484-5856
- County Commissioner**
Mark Kirkeby.....391-6282
- School Board**
Leah Lutheran.....342-0719
Sheryl Kirkeby.....343-4003
- State House Representatives**
Jeff Haverly.....390-5839
Alice McCoy.....716-6814
- State Senate**
Bill Napoli.....341-2370

**North Rapid Civic Association
ELECTIONS**

February 26, 2006 7:00 p.m.

**** DAV Hall ****

Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

North Rapid Civic Association

North Rapid Civic Association January 26, 2006 Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by our president, Richard Dlugosz. Board members present were President Richard Dlugosz, Vice-President Lee Dennison, Secretary Mary Parker, and Treasurer Florence Chisolm.

Pledge Of Allegiance: Pack 31 presented the American flag and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Presentation: Lazarus, the Drum Line from Central HS, presented a rousing representation of its member's talents. The group is fundraising for a drum line competition to be held in Denver, CO this coming 3,4, and 5 March.

Pack 31 also presented a display and sale of their popcorn 'goods'.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report for Oct. 05 was approved. There were no minutes for Nov./Dec. as a social was held in lieu of a business meeting. A thank you was received from one of the families who received a Christmas basket from NRCA. A receipt and note of thanks was also received from The Corner Stone Mission for the cash donation we made.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. Balances were as follows...**Nov. 2005**

Checking: \$1154.83

Savings: \$4290.69

Dec. 2005

Checking: \$599.83

Savings: \$4294.32

Old Business

Membership Drive: It was noted that attendance, other than for a social, is poor at best. Any suggestions to improve this situation would be most welcome.

Holiday Baskets: All 10 food baskets provided by NRCA were delivered after some 'searching' for a couple of the recipients. It was suggested that we find a different approach to assist those in need.

Christmas Get-Together: Good food, good conversation, and a good crowd proved to be a winning combination for our Christmas Get-Together

held at the new Y&FS building. A special thanks goes out to Jim and Jeannine Albers and Darcy Dennison for all their work in setting up and cleaning up for this event. Thanks also to all those who brought the delicious food we enjoyed. The door prize winners were numerous...winners of 1 year paid NRCA dues were Craig Mathieson, Ron Kroeger, and Mickey Snook; turkeys were won by Alice McCoy, Mac McCracken, and Linda Meyers; a 2006 calendar was won by Bill Napoli; holiday centerpieces were won by Deb Shelton and Marion Swanson; a Thanksgiving candle holder was won by Bev McCracken; Jay Beyer won a Super 8 coffee mug; Lynn Loomer won the Red Roof gift basket; a plate set for Santa was won by Janet Dlugosz; Peggy Napoli won a Taco Bell gift certificate; and a gift certificate from Zayner's was won by Reeva Matheson.

New Business

Elections in Feb.: Doug reminded us that NRCA elections are scheduled for next month. All current officers have served in their positions for two years and cannot run consecutively for those same offices. Anyone interested in running for any office can contact one of the current officers.

Donations: It was moved and seconded that we make a donation of \$250.00 to Lazarus.

Reports

Weed and Seed: Jim Albers reported that the next meeting would be toward the end of Feb...watch for a specific date. He also reported that Patricia Pummel has located grant funds for a work-release program for the county/city.

North Rapid Business Community: Lee Dennison reported that the NRBC was working on a "Welcome to Rapid City" banner program to enhance 'our' entrance to Rapid City and the Black Hills.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of NRCA will be on Feb. 23 2006. Everyone is encouraged to bring ideas for beautifying ALL areas of North Rapid...from hints for individual yards to possible city projects. Again...seriously consider serving **YOUR** civic association.

Meeting Adjourned – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM
Respectfully submitted, Mary Parker

From The Vice-president: Greetings! Another month has passed and it is time for our annual elections. It is time for a change and I hope that someone will step up and serve the NRCA and our North Rapid community. I have not heard from our Nominating Committee on the future candidates. There is little time left, so don't be shy just step up and serve. If you missed the last meeting you missed the presentation from the Drum line at Central High School. It was awesome, I can't hear very well anymore, but I for one really enjoyed it. Thanks to Pack 31 and the popcorn they offered for sale to us. It was very tasty! Reasonably priced too!

I am glad we got some snow/moisture. Did you enjoy it? We really needed it and I hope we get more. I don't enjoy the wind though. Last week I saw some of the neighbors watering the lawns. I wonder if we all should do a little watering? My lawn is very brown, more than normal. Well, I just hope we get some rain/snow.

In your travels around North Rapid, did you notice the Church was removed from LaCrosse and Anamosa? The Walgreen's should be going up soon and it will be nice to have a Drug Store in our area. Things are changing in Rapid City and in Saturday February 11 edition there was an article regarding the priorities for Rapid City. Did you read it? Sean Duffy hit the nail on the head. Quote: "The city has some social problems, ills and injustice, some being met and some not. Some of the cities priorities ought to address civic problems, whether or not we're willing to classify them as such. For these may be remedied by a commitment to the very idea of a city"

Our next meeting will be held February 23rd 7:00pm at the DAV. Please plan to attend. Your vote is needed and so is your input. See you there!

What You Missed

January began with a great performance by a group called "Lazarus" from Rapid City Central High School.

This group of young men and women have resurrected Drum Line, and they are dedicated and good.

We enjoyed the musical presentation prior to the January meeting. It was a real treat for everyone.

Billy Huffman is the group instructor. He is a graduate of Central and attended the University of Wyoming. He is a **volunteer!** He is giving back to his community and should be commended for doing so.

We also had some popcorn to sample and a wide selection of products for those who wanted to purchase them.

Pack 31 has met their goals in sales and offered members of the NRCA a special deal on some really great varieties of popcorn.

Suggestions for Community Enhancement

We discussed ways to enhance or beautify our neighborhood areas at the January meeting.

We had some constructive ideas and comments.

We would like everyone to think about how we can do this and to bring some constructive ideas to the February meeting for some intelligent discussion.

NRCA Election of Officers

February is our month to elect NRCA Officers for the next year. All newly elected officers assume their duties at the end of the February meeting.

If you are interested in running for office, please contact me or Lee as soon as possible.

Everyone running for office will be given 2 minutes to explain why they wish to run and some insight as to what they feel should be accomplished in the coming year. No one will be "required" to speak, but it would obviously be nice to hear from candidates.