



Friday, December 16th, 2022

Introduction

The meeting was called to order by President Carrie Dreifurst. The blessing was given by Ron. There were 5 guests in attendance. Ed shared sunshine news: please keep Oscar in your thoughts as he has been out with a stomach bug. Paul and Kristin shared an update on the website; it should be up at running in January. Please send photos to Kristin for the new site. There was a member induction ceremony: welcome Bruce Mace back to the club! Carrie passed thank you notes from First Tee-Quad Cities, Hand in Hand, Mississippi Valley Quilt Guild, City of Davenport for Halloween Parade, and Birdies for Charity.

Membership Initiative this quarter (thru 12/31/22)

- 5+ new members= \$75 Casey's gift card
- 3-4 new members= \$50 Casey's gift card
- 2 new members= \$25 Casey's gift card



Business

Roland introduced speaker, Morgan Penrod from Hope at the Brickhouse. Morgan is a senior at St. Ambrose and became a long-term volunteer since starting her college education. Hope at the Brick House is located at 1431 Ripley St. in Davenport. They are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to give hope to individuals and families through spiritual, educational, and community based support. Hope at the Brick House offers Christmas gifts, meals, summer programs with both educational and recreational activities and field trips. They collaborate with St. Ambrose Speech Pathology Department as well as local churches and individuals throughout the community to serve meals Monday-Thursday. Currently, the organization is serving roughly 30 families and 50 kids. Funding comes from grants and local donors. Monetary and non-monetary donations are always welcome, and there are many volunteer opportunities available which include: tutoring and mentoring, serving meals, transporting kids from school, and many more. Rick thanked Morgan and Hope at the Brickhouse. The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

upcoming events

Friday December 23rd & 30th: NO MEETING
(holidays)

Friday, January 6th: Tom and Jerry Party @ 11:30 at
River Center followed by Armored Gardens
Please RSVP to Kate