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THE VILLAGER

Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month at noon and 3rd Wednesday of Month at 7:30 a.m. Board Meeting on 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. All meetings held at Culver's St. Anthony, 4004 Silver Lake Road

Dave Abrahamson	
Bill Behrenbrinker	X
Bonnie Brever	X
Tom Brever	
Mark Casey	
Mike Cylkowski	
Mary Dierbeck	X
John Dierbeck	X
Carol Dunn	X
Rick Dunn	X
Dennis Fagerlee	
Linda Foster	X
Mary Gaspers	
Dale Gunderson	X
Michael Hamann	
Todd Hanson	
Jay Hartman	
Ted Holsten	X
Sue Holten	
Dayton Hultgren	X
Carol Jensen	
Jan Jenson	
Joan Jurichko	
Joe Kasel	X
Jack Kiefner	
Michael Kirschling	
Chris Ledbeter	
Cyndi McReavy-Seitz	
Cyndy Mezzenga	
Tim Mezzenga	
Tom Miller	X
Kari Page	
Kim Pavelka	X
Joan Petersen	
Glenn Puncochar	
Tom Rapacz	
Paul Redlinger	X
Dianne Sparks	
Randy Stille	
Paul Stroom	
Barry Tedlund	
Wayne Terry	
Derek Theis	X
Gene Uhlenhopp	X
Wendy Webster	
# PRESENT:	16

MEETING DATE/ START TIME: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 12:02 pm by Mary Dierbeck.

SONG/PRAYER: We sang God Bless America, Prayer by Paul Redlinger.

ELIMINATE PROJECT: Members present contributed a total of \$14.26. Tim Mezzenga matched donations in October, Glenn Puncochar is matching in November, and Joan Jurichko will match in December. If you are able to match donations for a month in 2018, please contact Michael Kirschling.

GUESTS: None.

PROGRAM: Mary Dierbeck introduced Eddie Estrada, Advisor for the Dare To Be Real club at St. Anthony Village High School. In turn, Eddie introduced six members of Dare To Be Real (DTBR), who presented the bulk of the program.

Dare To Be Real is a student-led racial equity group that started in 2011 at St. Anthony Village High School (SAVHS). Eddie's goal is to teach DTBR students how to be leaders, and to have them work for equity, both in the high school and in the community. The group is also working to get a Racial Equity class included in the high school curriculum offerings. They also told us that there was significant overlap of membership between the Key Club and DTBR.

The students described the 2016-2017 school year as "crazy" after the Philando Castile shooting in the summer of 2016. In response to the aftermath of the shooting, DTBR hosted community meetings that included members of the St. Anthony Police and Fire Departments and the St. Anthony-New Brighton school board. As a part of the U.S. Department of Justice's review of the St. Anthony police department, DOJ staff also reviewed the efforts of the Dare To Be Real group.

During the 2016-2017 school year, DTBR members and other students at the high school went from just talking about racism to actually doing something to make things better for students of color in the high school. The DTBR students said that the community meetings described above were a huge turning point in their attempts to change the racial equity culture at the high school.

A Q&A session followed the presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Dale Gunderson reported that the Key Club would be bagging groceries at the Cub Foods store at the Quarry later that day. 16 students have signed up for this service project, which benefits Eastside Meals on Wheels.

Carol Dunn reported that, at their meeting earlier in the day, 35 K-kids had made a total of 10 blankets for dogs and cats that have been rescued by Rescue Pets Are Wonderful (RPAW).

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Linda Foster reported that 41 students had attended the Builders Club meeting on Tuesday, November 21. Builders Club will be working with the St. Anthony Fire Department to conduct a drive for Toys for Tots during the holiday season.

Mary Dierbeck reported that Aktion Club had made Veterans Day cards at their November meeting, and would be playing bingo with residents of the St. Anthony Care Center at their meeting in December.

BIRTHDAYS: Dave Abrahamson—December 1, Dale Gunderson—December 8. Dale was present at the meeting, so we sang Happy Birthday to him.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Members present contributed a total of \$32.00.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

December 6—Board meeting at 7:30 am	All club members are welcome to attend.
December 13—Club meeting at 12:00 pm	John Dierbeck is responsible for the program.
December 20—Club meeting at 7:30 am	Carol Jensen is responsible for the program.
December 27—Club meeting at 12:00 noon	TBD

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS:

Third Wednesday each month (from 11:05 until noon) – Deliver Meals on Wheels

Most days of the week – Readers are needed in a number of classrooms at Wilshire Park

Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm--Building dressers at Bridging, Inc. in Roseville (SAVE THE DATE!)

Mary Dierbeck adjourned the meeting at 1:02 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rick Dunn, Club Secretary**