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Cathy opened the meeting at 6:30 PM

Program Next Week: No Meeting July 2

Program Upcoming Meetings:

- 7/9/18 Alex Rapanos from Kivassee will be visiting to give us an update from the International Convention in Las Vegas
- 7/16/18 STEM committee. An astronomer from Delta Planetarium will be visiting to answer all questions about the universe.

Committee Meetings this week: none

Committee Meetings next week: none

Secretary's Report:

- Dick's daughter, Margaret Wagner gave us an update about Dick. He had a fall in his house and was unable to get up. She was able to contact Midland Police and have them check on Dick after she tried to contact him several times. They found Dick on the floor and took him to the hospital. He is still there in room 5108 and can have visitors. Hurry back Dick, we miss you.
- Cathy will be the stand-in secretary until Dick gets back. She would like committee chairs to get end-of-the-month reports to her by July 9.

Anniversary: none

Birthdays: Donna Jo Aiken, Jim Ward

Guests: none

Announcements:

- Cathy: Pink buckets are on the tables. "Give until it hurts", as Earl would say.
- Cal: Let him know if you have any changes to the club directory, such as phone numbers or email.
- Cathy: **Remember that there will be no meeting on July 2.**

Happy Dollars:

- Donna Jo was happy to have celebrated Rick's birthday last Monday. July 9, Rick's mother will be 100 years old. She will not be at our meeting.
- Randy was happy to report that he had a nice visit in Iowa to celebrate his grand daughter's 2nd birthday. He as also happy to have seen his daughter on the way back from Iowa.
- Cal was happy to report that he has passed 420 miles on his bike this year.

Program: John Anderson introduced our speakers, Dave and Marsha Shannon, and Kim McMahan who were here to tell us about how the fifth graders from Adams, Jefferson and Central Elementary were able to make a huge difference in the lives of the elementary students in Saraswati, Nepal.

Kim is an elementary school teacher in Midland. She came to Midland from Cassville and has been interested in learning about different cultures. She started "Culture Clubs" at Adams, Jefferson and Central schools for the fifth graders. Last year they were looking for a small international project where the students would be part of the solution. Dave and Marsha Shannon have been to Nepal several times and with his contacts in Nepal he was able to identify an elementary school in Saraswati that was damaged by the earthquake of 2016 and there were no funds to restore the building. Kim and the students decided that they would like to try to raise \$2,000 from the Culture Clubs to help this school. The fifth graders from Jefferson created a video that that showed the damage to the school and what could be done with any money raised. The video was shown to all the elementary students in the three schools. It was very successful. They were able to raise \$14,000. The school in Nepal was able to do the following projects:

- Pave the floor with concrete. It was a dirt floor before.
- Repair the walls and windows inside and out.
- Repair the roof, which was leaking.
- Bring running water to the school. Before, the students had to bring their own drinking water each day.

- Having water now allowed the students to use the existing toilet. They can now flush the toilet.
- They were able to get a computer and Internet access.
- Purchase some electronic teaching materials for the teachers.
- Purchase some library books.
- Purchase some playground equipment like soccer balls and such.

The project was completed last year and this spring, Dave, Marsha, Kim and another elementary teacher, Karen visited the school in Saraswati, Nepal. It was a 30-hour trip to get there. No money from the fundraising was used to pay for the trip. The money came from personal funds and some help from the Midland Foundation. It was a wonderful visit. The whole town came out in their finest clothes to welcome the Midland folks. All of the town's people presented garlands of flowers to the ladies from Midland. Dave shared the pictures from their visit. The joy of the villagers and students were very evident in the pictures.

Namaste!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.