

# Minutes of the General Meeting, July 18th, 2025

Bill Wilson, President, called the meeting to order. Twenty-two members, two visitors, and two guest speakers were present.

Bill Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Gwyn Rucker led the members in prayer.

Bill Wilson led the group in singing "This is My Father's World."

### **Program**

Bill Wilson introduced WeBu Carroll and Dr. Randy Parks from Life Works Community in Denton. Life Works Community was established to focus on assisting individuals with intellectual disabilities in our community.

WeBu introduced the Life Works Community and its activities. Dr. Parks founded Life Works in 2016 as a family-focused organization, and it has since grown to serve 80 clients. In their early years, individuals with these disabilities are often cared for by their families or government-funded organizations. When they turn 21, new challenges emerge for them. Addressing these new needs is the primary focus of Life Works Community. Life Works offers a variety of individual services to help clients with special needs find support services and navigate agencies that can assist them. The goal is to help these individuals develop essential life skills, pursue employment opportunities, and adapt to and enjoy their community. The program gives instruction and guidance to help clients achieve a personal level of independence in these key areas through their day care program:

### Life

- Self-care
- Menu planning
- Food preparation
- Healthy exercise
- Positive entertainment choices
- LWC offers classes in daily living skills, meal preparation, laundry, exercise, art, and music

#### Works

- Enables clients to participate in the workplace
- Fosters independence
- Job coaching
- Skill set training



# Community

- Enhance socialization.
- · Going places in our community strengthens community
- Activities list includes bowling, attending movies, shopping, and swimming

Life Works also has group homes, one for males and one for females, to help clients enhance their life skills by taking responsibility for household chores and developing social skills needed to communicate with others. This learning environment is an important step for clients as they transition to new living arrangements or even independent living.

Life Works Community has numerous community partners that support the programs. There are many opportunities for Robson Ranch residents to volunteer time to help work with the clients on their craft projects, travel assistance, and funding to help offset the costs of daily operations.

Life Works Community is excited to return to its original office location in partnership with the city.

The Kiwanis Club appreciates WeBu and Dr. Park for taking the time to enlighten us about their incredible dedication to helping these clients live fulfilled and enriched lives.

Please see their website for further information – https://life.works.community/

### **New Member Introduction**

Bill Wilson introduced Larry Knutson as a new member of Kiwanis. He presented Larry's life journey to get to Robson Ranch and his activities here now. We welcome Larry!

#### **Election of a new Board Member**

With Megg Galloway accepting the Secretary role, a vacancy was created on the Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch Board. Timothy Munz served one year of the term of a previous member and offered to be considered for the new term. Bill asked for other nominations from the floor. There were none. John Derry moved, and Chris Laffey seconded a motion to approve Timothy Munz for the board position. The motion passed.

#### Club Business Items

- Ed Ahrens reported that July's Our Daily Bread volunteer days will be Monday, August 4th, Wednesday, August 6th, and Friday, August 8th. Members signed up to volunteer. Ed also reviewed the changes Our Daily Bread will make to focus on clients who are transitioning to finding work and a place to live. These changes will not affect the volunteer work our members are doing. Thanks for the outstanding member support for this program.
- Comfort Dolls will meet on July 23rd at the CATC.
- K-Kids meeting will be on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Bill Wilson read a report of the last Bingo from Janice Quick



Trivia tickets go on sale August 6<sup>th</sup> for the August 21<sup>st</sup> Trivia Night.

# **Announcements and Reminders**

- Bill Wilson reported on the donations for July
  - Life Works Community \$1,000
  - o Dental Bags for Kids at DISD \$2,500

# **Club Member Updates**

Birthdays for July – Bill Wright, July 16<sup>th</sup> and Roy Meyer, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

### **Submitted – Ed Ahrens**



**New Member Larry Knutson** 



Bill with Dr. Park and WeBu