

Minutes of the General Meeting July 5th, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by Barbara Leurig, President. There were 17 members and 4
 guests present.
- Barbara Leurig led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- John Derry led the members in prayer.
- Barbara Leurig led the group in singing "America the Beautiful."
- Roy Meyer introduced the guests.
- Program: Barbara Leurig introduced Keri Caruthers, Executive Director, and Michael
 Bradshaw from Interfaith Ministries in Denton. Keri gave a brief update on the happenings at
 Interfaith since she last spoke to the club. She presented the club with a wooden plaque
 recognizing the ongoing support from our club. Barbara presented Keri with a donation from
 the club. Keri will return in the fall for a longer briefing.
- Barbara introduced Jeff Frick, one of our club members, for his presentation on Poetry. Jeff shared how his career led him to enjoy poetry writing as a part of his daily activities. Jeff has written over 3,000 poems and has published many. Jeff provided an overview of how he goes through the writing process in preparation to convert thoughts and feelings into words in a poem.

Jeff explained the types of poetry forms –

- Free verse
- Rhyming
- Narrative
- Sonnets

Jeff then led the members in an exercise to collectively write a poem, as follows.

THIS OLD HOME

Times have passed and here we are

The lovely things I've seen over years by far

The future beckons to who will come

To see this house that could have been our sons'

This boarded up house still stands

Could have been a home built by many hands

To be preserved by those of our sacred land

And always prayed for those all at hand



Club Business Items

- Barbara Leurig updated the members about the social event for July 10th at the Grill. She will need a final count by July 8th.
- Ed Ahrens updated the members that the next volunteer days of July 9th, 10th, and 11th at Our Daily Bread in Denton are filled. The schedule for volunteering in August will be out soon.
- Barbara reviewed the July 4th parade. The parade was the largest ever for Robson Ranch with over 600 participants. The breakfast taco sales went well, with about 200 tacos sold. That appears to be the right number of tacos to order each year. Thanks to Greg, his neighbor, Dave Riddle, Bill Wilson, and Jeff Frick for working the taco sales.

Announcements and Reminders

- Barbara reminded everyone to think about speakers for the next year and let Bill Wilson know.
- Members were reminded to bring hygiene items for the Interfaith Ministries program.
- Comfort Dolls will meet on July 24th at 10:00 am in the Bluebonnet Room at the CATA.
- The next meeting will be on July 19th in the Bandera/Medina Rooms
- Club Member Updates
 - Birthdays Bill Wright July 10th and Roy Meyer July 23rd
- Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Submitted – Ed Ahrens



